

Thank you for your interest in our English Language Programs. If you need to apply for a visa and/or a study permit, we want to make sure that you are aware that since July 31st, 2018, the biometrics screening program expanded to include foreign nationals from countries in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and as of December 31st, 2018, it expanded more to include foreign nationals from Asia, Asian Pacific and the Americas will need to provide biometrics (fingerprints and a photo) when they apply for a visa or a study permit. You can go to one of these official locations ([click here](#)) to give your biometrics.

What this means for students is that the visa application process **will take longer**, and they should account for that by giving themselves **extra time to apply**. For students who apply for the [EAP Program](#) or register for the [Summer Programs](#), once students have completed the application/registration, we will provide the students with a Letter for Visa Purposes, and then students can start the visa application process. The sooner students start the process, the better. We have outlined the steps in the table below:

Applying online Visitor visa, study or work permit	Applying in person at a Visa application centre (VAC) Visitor visa, study or work permit
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pay the biometrics fee online (CAD \$85) *This fee must be paid <i>when</i> you submit your application. They will only start to process your application after you pay for and give your biometrics. 2. You will get an instruction letter in your account message box within 24 hours of applying. This letter will confirm where you need to go. You must bring this letter with you when you give your biometrics. 3. Go to an official biometrics collection service point. Make sure to book an appointment to give your biometrics in person. 4. Wait for your visa to be approved. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You will need to book an appointment at a Visa application centre (VAC) in advance. Find a VAC close to you. 2. Go to the Visa application centre (VAC) in person. 3. Submit your paper application & pay the biometrics fee (CAD \$85) at the VAC. You do not need a letter for this; however, please make sure you have all the required documents ready to submit. 4. Give your biometrics while you are there. 5. Wait for your visa to be approved.

You can also apply by mail or online at a VAC. We would not advise those options as they might take a lot longer and could involve several trips to a VAC. For more information on how to give your biometrics, please visit the [Government of Canada's website](#).