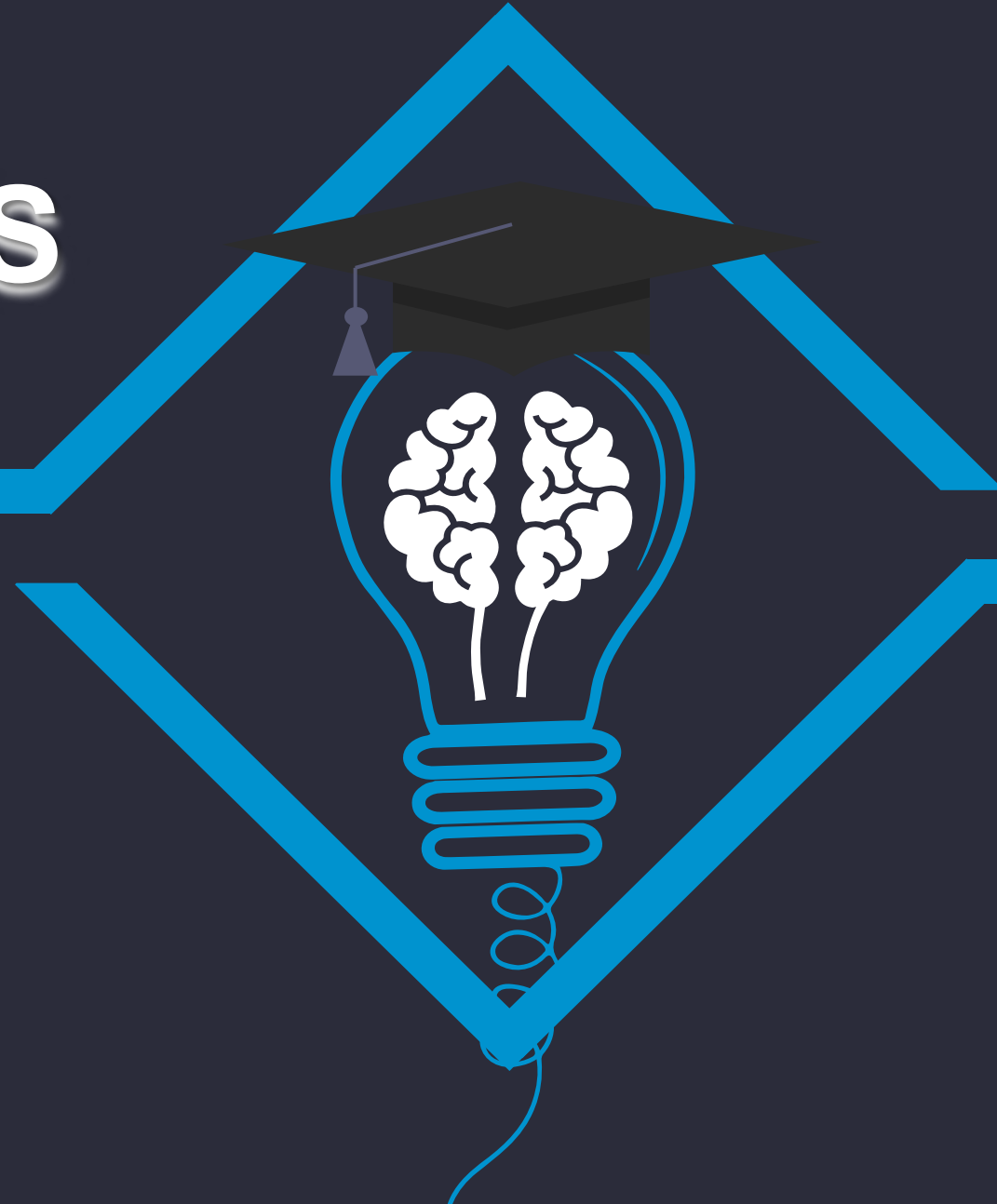


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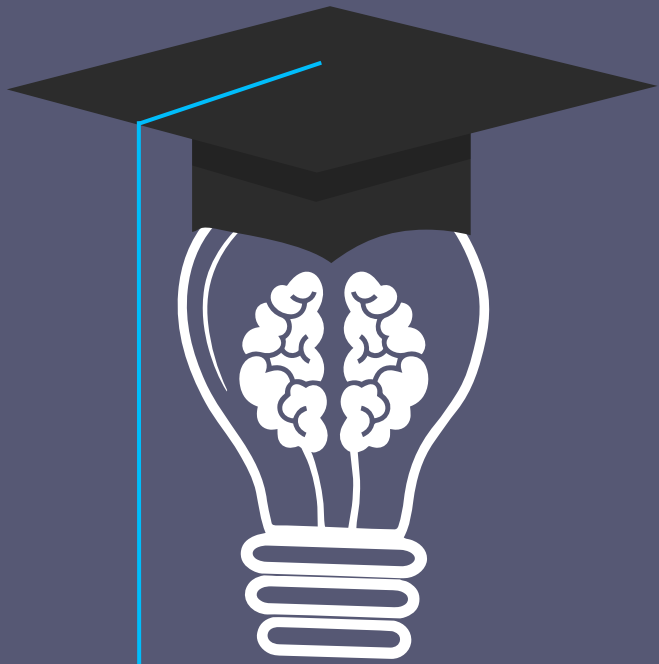
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COVID Situation in Canada



COVID Cases (SEPT 30, 2020)

Canada has reported 158.8K COVID cases (14.5K active cases), of which 135K recovered



Deaths (SEPT 30, 2020)

Canada has reported 9.3K COVID-related deaths



Travel Restrictions (MAR 18, 2020)

Most foreign nationals cannot travel to Canada; some exceptions apply



Social Restrictions (ONGOING)

Each province/territory/city has varying levels of social restrictions



In-class Instruction (ONGOING)

Varies by school – keep informed on your school's website



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What is a Study Permit?



Who?

Most foreign nationals require a study permit



Length

Generally required before travelling to Canada if you intend to study for more than six months



Institution

The educational institution must be a "Designated Learning Institution" (DLI)



Program

Some learning activities are exempt from requiring a study permit





Activities not Requiring a Study Permit

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Pre-school
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General
Interest
Courses

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Audited
Courses

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Employment
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Studies < 6
months



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Virtual Studies (online)

A study permit is required if:

1. You will partially complete your studies virtually as a result of COVID-related closures, and,
2. Your program is > 6 months in duration

You can begin virtual studies if you receive a “Stage 1 Eligibility Letter”

Study Permit vs. Visa/eTA

Study Permit	Visa	eTA
<u>Validity</u> Duration of Studies + 90 days	<u>Validity</u> Varies	<u>Validity</u> Varies
Biometric enrollment required	Biometric enrollment required	Biometric enrollment not required
Long-term studies	Short-term studies (< 6 months)	Short-term studies (< 6 months)
Extensions possible	No extensions possible	No extensions possible
Co-op/internships	No work privileges	No work privileges
Some work privileges	<u>Processing time</u> ≤ 14 days	<u>Processing time</u> Minutes
Visa/eTA included		
<u>Processing time</u> ≤ 60 days		
\$150 + \$85	\$100 + \$85	\$7



COVID-19 Update

General Update

1. Most applications will be assessed by a virtual office
2. Virtually all applications must be submitted online
3. Sufficient time and extensions are granted to submit requested items
4. A shift to two-stage processing
5. End dates for the travel restrictions are unknown



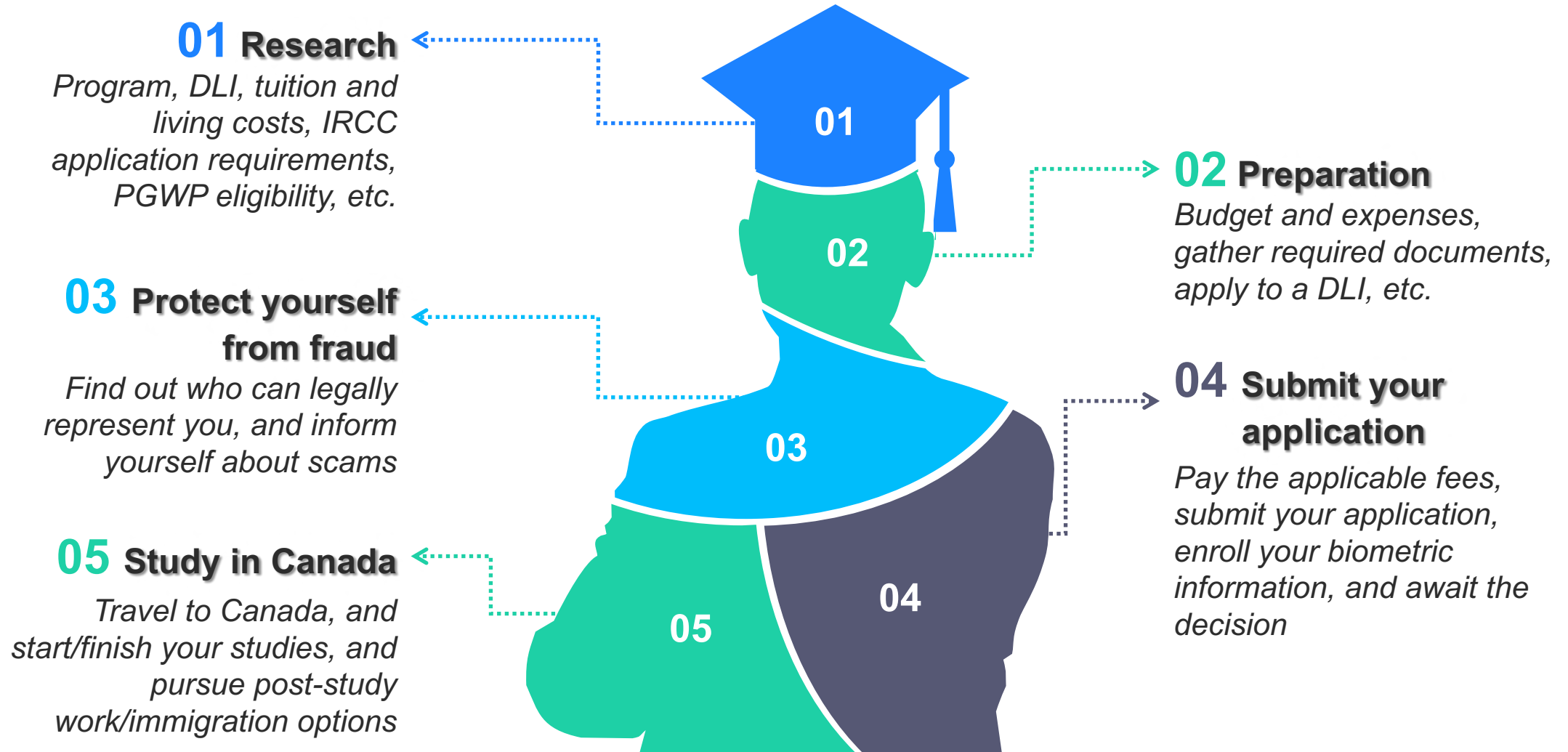
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The Study Permit Process



Global Study Permit Requirements



Application Form

Application for study permit made outside of Canada



Other Application Forms

As applicable: family information, declaration of common-law union, use of a representative, Authority to release personal information, and custodianship declaration



Passport/Travel Document

Photocopy your passport showing the passport number, issuance and expiry dates, photo, name, and place of birth, and, your passport(s) showing your previous 5 years of travel



Photos

Two photos meeting the visa application photograph specifications with you name and date of birth written on the back



Letter(s) of Acceptance

LOA on official letterhead, showing tuition fees, start, end, and registration dates



CAQ

Required if studying in Quebec



Proof of Financial Support

For the first year of studies, including, tuition, accommodation, living expenses, and transportation to/from Canada, and, proof of financial stability/income generation



Fee Payment

For the study permit application, and biometrics fees (if applicable)



Visa Office Requirements

Depending on where you are applying, the IRCC office may have additional office-specific requirements



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Letter of Acceptance (LOA)

Your LOA must state:

1. That in-person presence is required to complete the program upon resumption of in-class instruction, and,
2. The target start date for in-class instruction

You must satisfy the officer that you intend to continue studies in Canada upon resumption of in-class instruction

Detailed Information: Proof of Funds



How much?

Must demonstrate

Sufficient funds for your first year of studies, and accompanying dependents:

1. Tuition,
2. Return flights,
3. Accommodation,
4. Living expenses
 - \$10K for self
 - \$4K for first dependent
 - +\$3K each additional dependent

Documents

Required:

1. Bank statements (4-6 months),
2. Bank certification letter, and,
3. Letter of financial support

Other:

- Canadian GIC,
- Student loan,
- Prepaid fees,
- Scholarships, etc.



Financial Establishment

Must demonstrate

A consistent inflow of funds to support yourself (and dependents) over and above your first year of studies **without working in Canada**

Documents

Required:

1. Letter of employment (name, position, salary, and tenure), and/or,
2. Business registration (date of registration, working capital/value of business), and,
3. Explanation of lump-sum deposits, as applicable

Long-term Assets

In general, less weight is placed on long-term assets.

Documents can still be submitted in support of your application:

1. Land/property ownership
2. Mortgage
3. Vehicle registration

Study Direct Stream (SDS)



Country of Residence

Must be a legal resident of China, India, Morocco, Pakistan, Philippines, Senegal, or Vietnam



Place of Residence

Must be residing outside of Canada



Recent Transcripts

Your most recent secondary or post-secondary transcripts



Upfront Medicals

If required, submitted with your application.



ESL/FSL Test

A minimum score from IELTS or TEF in reading, writing, speaking, and listening



Police Certificate

If required, submitted with your application



GIC

From a designated bank in the amount of CAD\$10K



Tuition Payment

Proof of payment for your first year of studies



Visa Office Requirements

Required upon initial submission, otherwise, your application will not be processed under SDS, and/or faster.

Office-specific Study Permit Requirements



Motivation Letter / Study Plan

Required for applicants pursuing post-secondary studies if you are not coming directly from high school



Civil Documents

A copy of your national ID, birth and marriage certificate, and household registration



Previous Transcripts/Degrees

For previous post-secondary studies, or studies abroad (at any level)



Upfront Immigration Medical Exam (IME)

Recommended, but not required

Preventing Fraud



Representatives

Are not required, do not benefit from expedited processing, and cannot guarantee approvals. Permits and visas are only issued by the Government of Canada.



Application Costs

It only cost \$150 + \$85 to apply for a study permit (+ applicable VAC fees), payable to “Receiver General for Canada” across the globe. Be wary of representatives or individuals charging a fee for supporting documents.



Fee Payment

We will never ask you to provide fees to a personal bank account, private money transfer service, or offer discounts or deals for those seeking to immigrate.



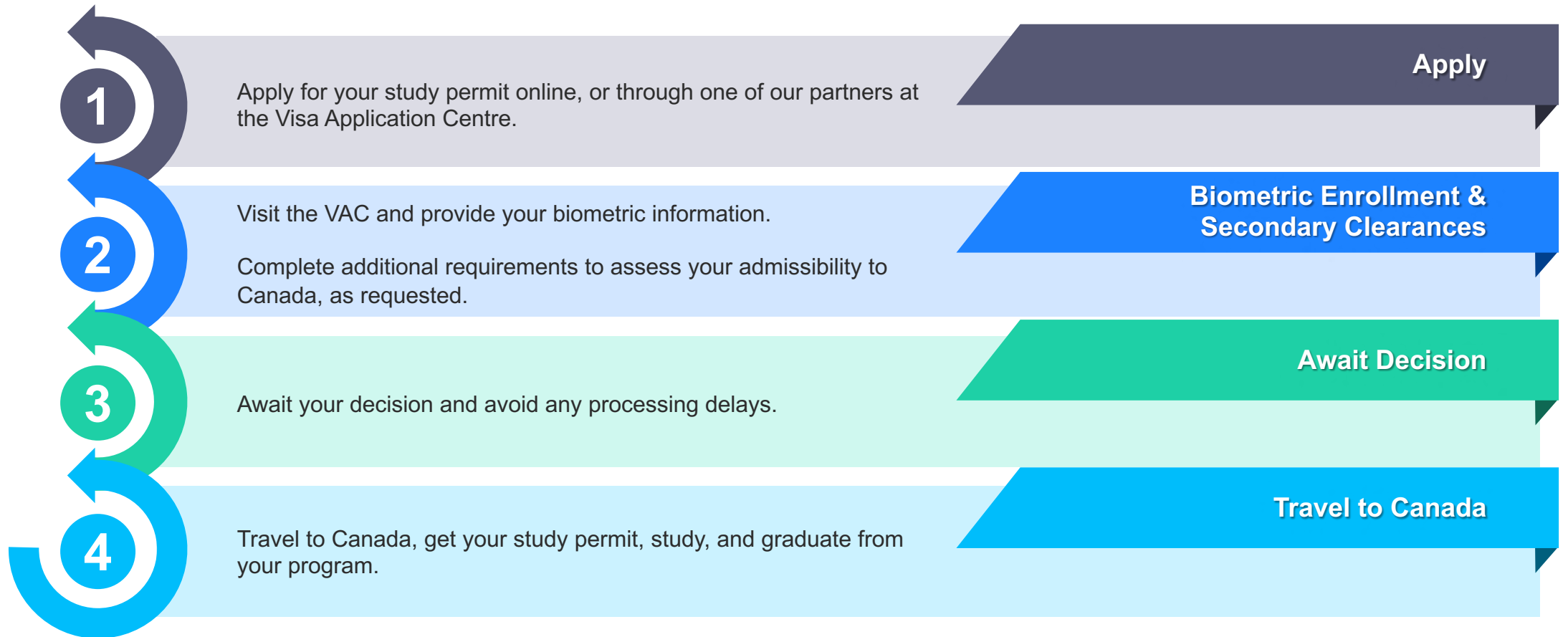
Communication

We will never contact you via social media (IG, FB, Twitter), or by private email services (e.g., Yahoo!, Gmail, etc.)

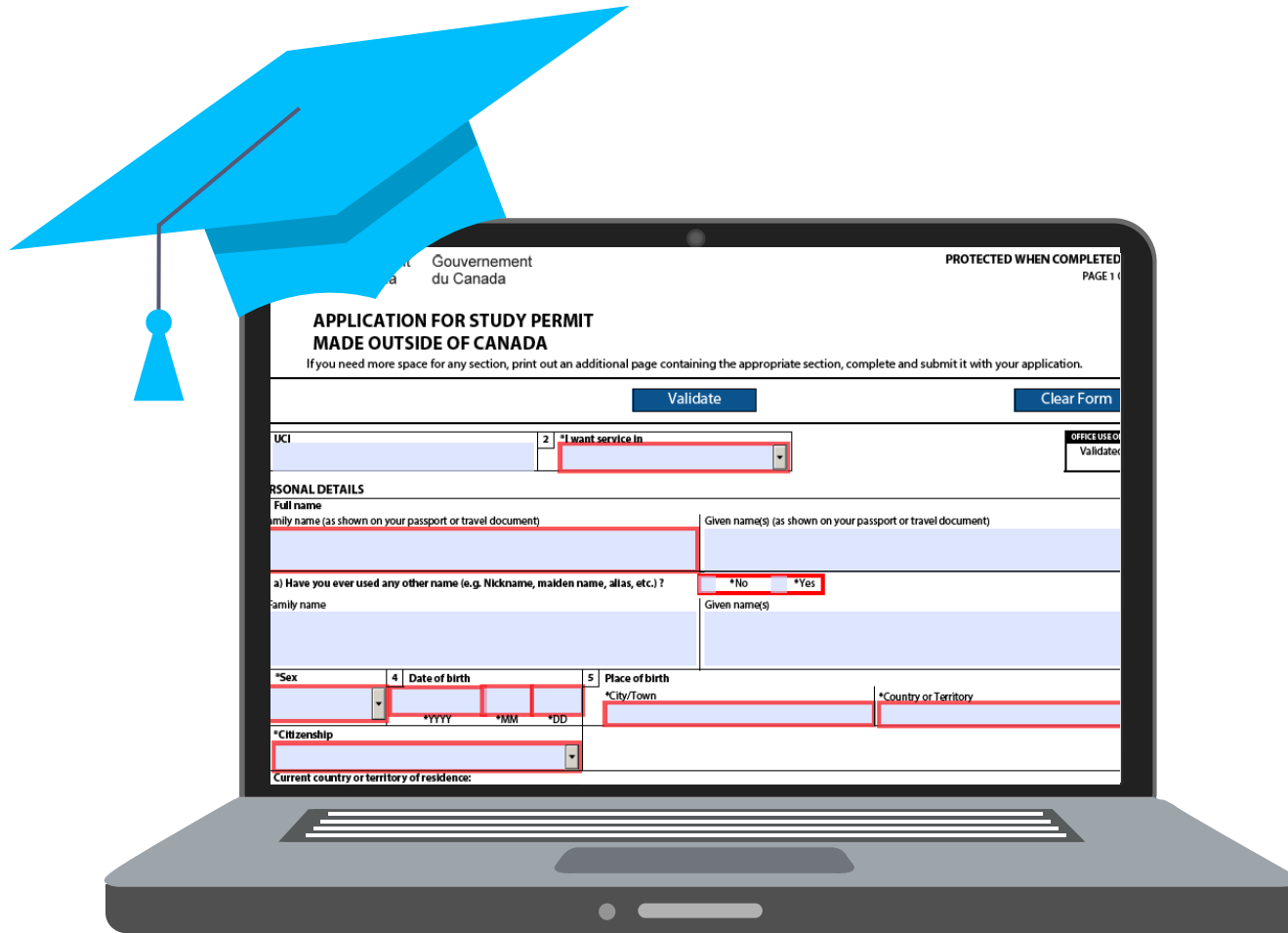


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Application Process



Submitting your Application



You can submit your application online, or by visiting one of our Visa Application Centres (VACs)

Benefits of Applying Online

- ✓ Faster processing
- ✓ Submit your application/passport anywhere
- ✓ Tailored checklist
- ✓ Real-time application updates
- ✓ Retain your passport until requested
- ✓ Easier communication with IRCC
- ✓ Links all subsequent IRCC applications



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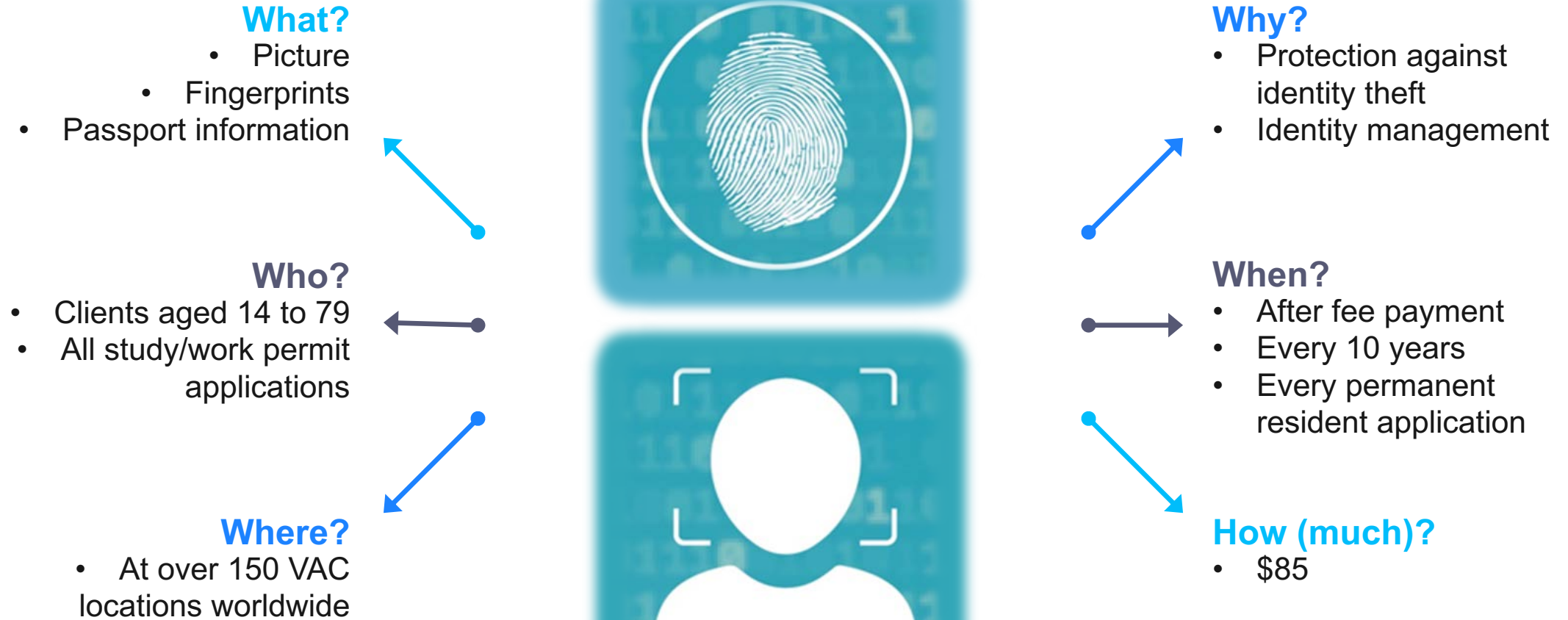
Submitting your application

VACs are currently only providing limited services.

Until further notice, **online applications are the only acceptable form of submission.**

Exceptions can be made in limited cases (e.g., disabilities).

Biometric Enrollment



Other Secondary Clearances



The following documents will be requested when/if required if they are not listed in the checklists:



Police Certificate

For all countries you have resided in for > 6 months since turning 18 years old



Immigration Medical Exam (IME)

From a Panel physician, if not provided up-front



Other Documents

Depending on your background/history



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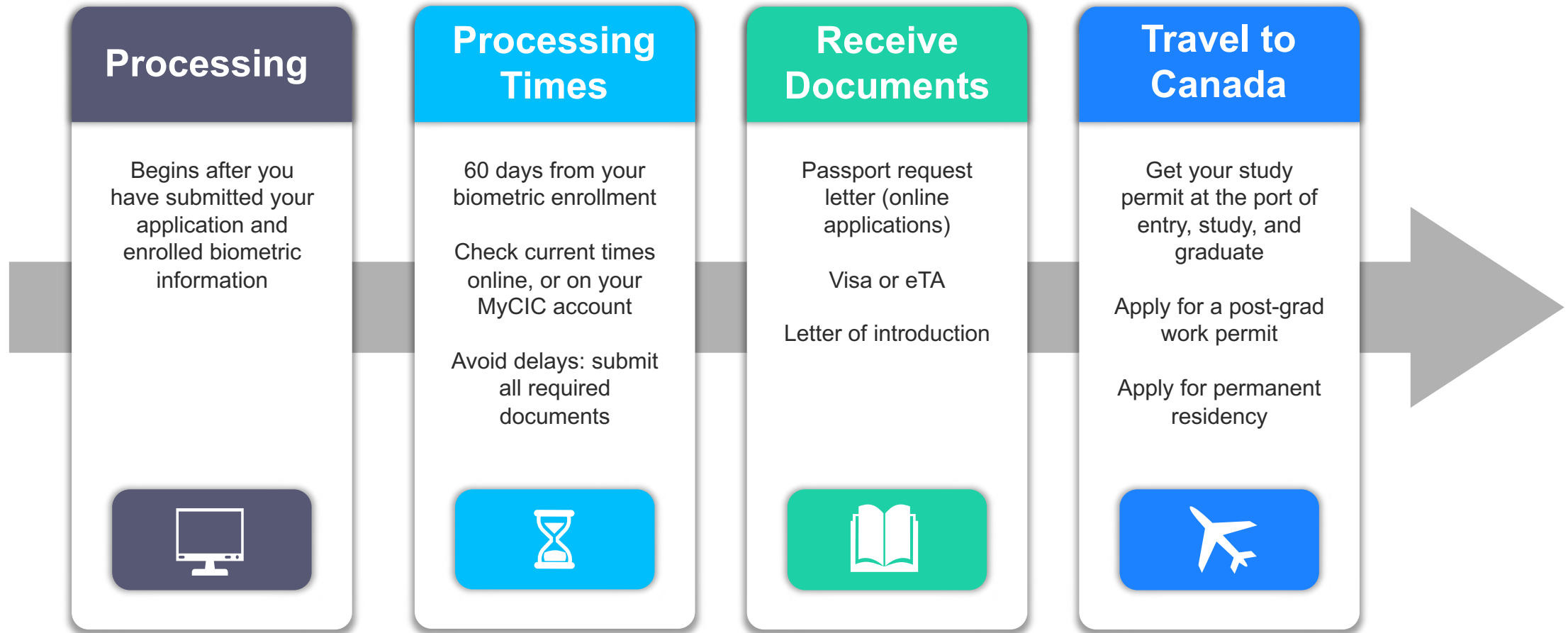
Biometric enrollment & other secondary clearances

Until further notice, processing on your application will begin without biometric information on file.

Extensions to due dates:

- **Biometric enrollment:** automatic
- **Other secondary clearances:** with written explanation and evidence (as required)

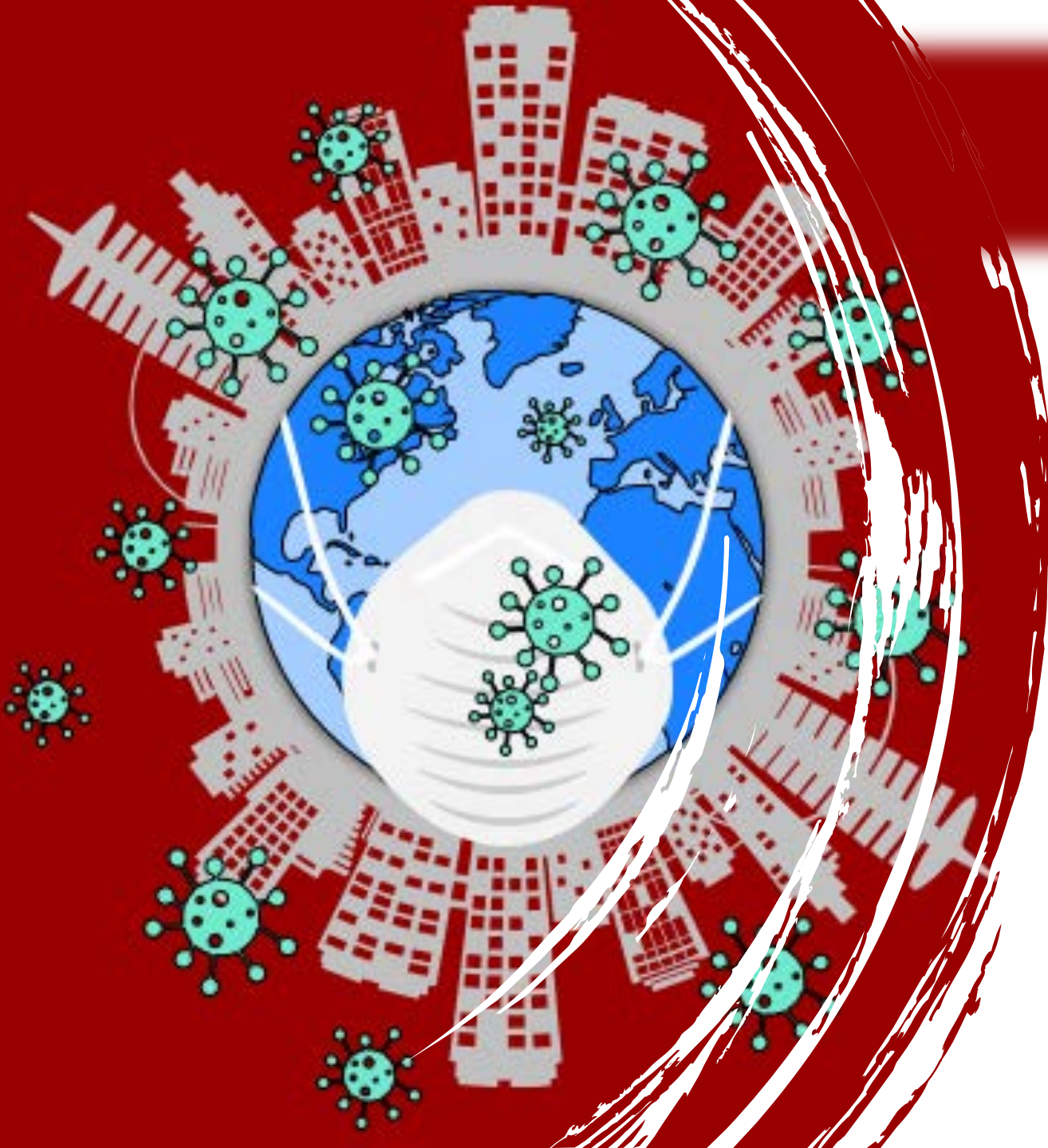
Await your Decision



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Processing

- As VACs are offering limited services, processing will start upon receipt of your application and fees
- Complete applications are prioritized
- If you cannot submit all documents upon your initial application (*as a result of a COVID-related issue*), an extension may be granted if you provide an explanation/evidence
- Processing times are not available, and are inaccurate on our website





COVID-19 Update

Processing: Requirements for two-stage processing

Applies if:

1. You have submitted your application before **September 15, 2020**, and,
2. Your program starts in/before **Fall 2020**



COVID-19 Update

Processing: Stage 1

- Starts before biometric enrollment
- Eligibility review
- Requests for:
 - Medical exam
 - Additional documents
- Automatic extension granted for medical/biometric requirements
- Notification via MyCIC

RESULT

STAGE 1 ELIGIBILITY LETTER

- *Authorization to begin virtual studies*



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Processing: Stage 2

- Submission of requested documents
- Completion of medical exam
- Biometric enrollment
- Re-review of application for continued eligibility
- Final decision

RESULT

Visa/eTA

- *To facilitate travel to Canada **when the travel restrictions are lifted** for continued studies in Canada*



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Travelling to Canada

In exceptional circumstances, you may be able to travel to Canada if:

1. Travel is essential, and,
2. Either:
 - A study permit approved on or before March 18, 2020, or,
 - You are travelling directly from the US

Entry to Canada is not guaranteed. You must satisfy the border officer that you:

- Meet the criteria
- Have an appropriate quarantine plan

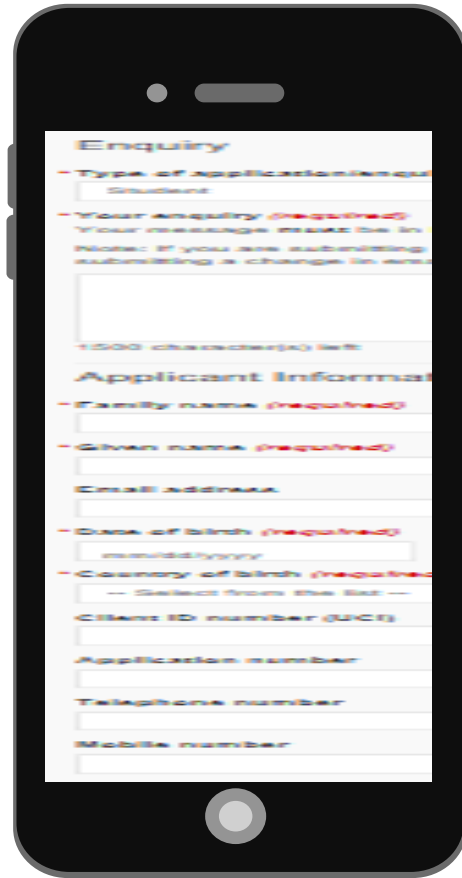
Study in Canada

Your obligations while pursuing studies in Canada:

- ☒ **Make progress toward completing your program**
- ☒ **Respect conditions on your study permit**
- ☒ **Stop studying if you no longer meet the requirements**
- ☒ **Remain in status and leave Canada when your permit expires/you complete your studies**
- ☒ **Notify IRCC of significant changes to your school/program**



Notifying IRCC of Significant Changes



You can change program/school if you are:

1. Enrolled at a DLI, and,
2. Actively pursuing studies (i.e., enrolled and attending classes)

You must contact us if:

1. You change post-secondary schools
 - a) To continue or change programs
 - b) To change your co-op work permit to a new school
2. You require changes to your study permit conditions
3. We request verification of your enrollment

Consequences for non-compliance:

1. Your school will report you as not being registered
2. You will be in violation of your study permit conditions
3. Possible removal from, and inability to return to Canada



Work while Studying

On/off Campus

Authorization to work is noted on your study permit. Not all DLIs/programs allow you to work

✓ 20 hours / week (full-time during holidays) off-campus

✓ Unlimited work on-campus

✓ Spouse or common-law eligible for an open work or study permit

✓ Children eligible for open study permits

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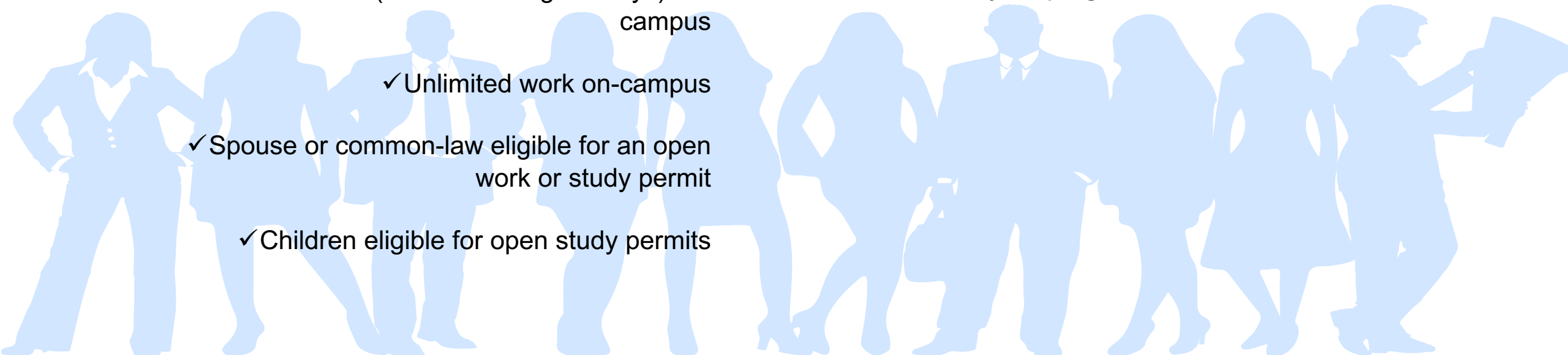
Co-op Placement

Issued with your study permit, unless you are required to complete a pre-requisite (e.g., ESL/FSL)

✓ Work placement must be an integral part of your program

✓ < 50% of your program

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COVID-19 Update

Work while Studying

If COVID-19 has forced you to become a part-time student or take a break in studies, you can continue to work if you:

1. Were previously a full-time student,
2. Were authorized to work during your studies, and,
3. Adhere to the conditions on your study permit



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Essential Services/functions

As of August 31, 2020, you can temporarily work up to a full-time basis if you are employed in an essential service if you meet the following criteria:

1. You are a study permit holder in an academic session,
2. You are eligible to work off campus, and,
3. You are providing an essential service/function.



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Post-graduate Work Permit

REQUIREMENTS

1. Program length > 8 months
2. Maintained full-time status throughout your program
3. > 50% of studies completed in Canada
4. Studied at an eligible DLI
5. Completion of studies
6. Apply within 180 days
7. Complied with the conditions of study permit



BENEFITS

1. Open work permit
2. Any skill level job
3. Up to 3 years of work
4. Ability to work full-time while awaiting decision if you are in status
5. If employed in a skilled job:
 - a) Possibility for spousal employment
 - b) Immigrate to Canada permanently



COVID-19 Update

Eligible time spent studying

1. Online studies will count toward PGWP eligibility if your application was submitted before SEPT 15, 2020 for courses starting between MAY – SEPT 2020.
 - a) In effect until APR 30, 2021
 - b) 8 – 12 month programs can be fully completed online
2. You are not penalized if:
 - a) You are required to cease studies/pursue part-time studies (winter, spring, and, summer 2020).
 - b) You need to delay studies for more than 150 days.

Immigrate to Canada: Express Entry

STEP 1

Create your profile

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**Express Entry
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STEP 2



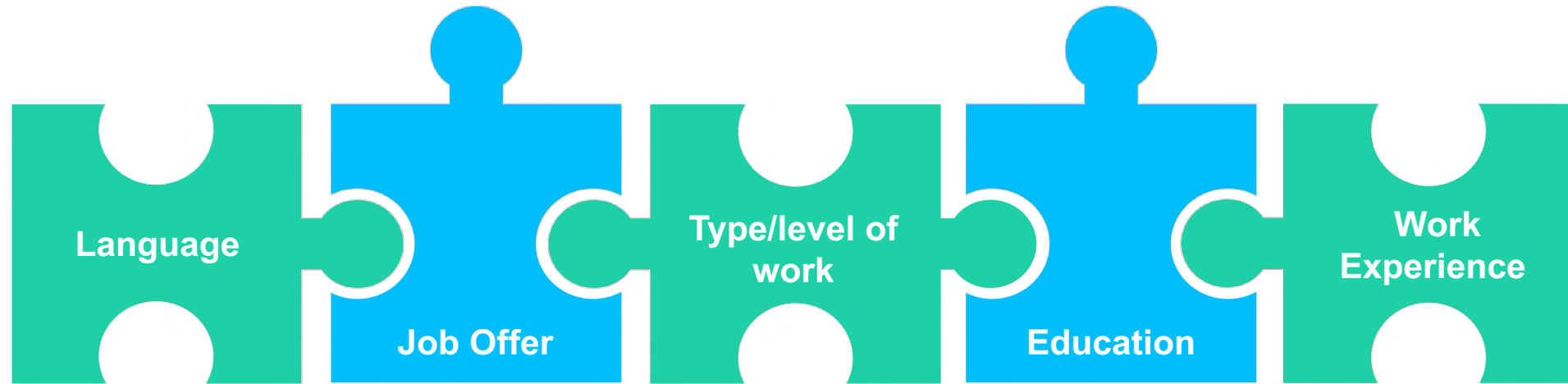
**Invitation
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**Apply for
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Am I Eligible for Express Entry?



				
Language	Provincial Nomination	Job Offer	Professional Experience	Education Credential Recognition
IELTS CELPIP TEF CLB	If you have one	Required for some programs	Generally 1 year (minimum) of skilled work experience	Foreign diplomas only Seven providers

Helpful Tips



Translation

Certified translation required.

Untranslated documents may not be reviewed

English or French



Documents

Provide all required documents in the check lists **before** submission.

Document Checklists



Truthfulness

Being untruthful can have a significant impact on your immigration history

Truth and Omission



Timeliness

It is recommended that you submit your application 4 to 6 months before you plan to depart to Canada

Avoid Delays



Failure to comply or submitting an incomplete application may result in the refusal of your application, the return of your (unprocessed) application, or processing delays.

Need Help?

**Our Help Centre is your best source for
information**

Help Centre

What do you need help with?

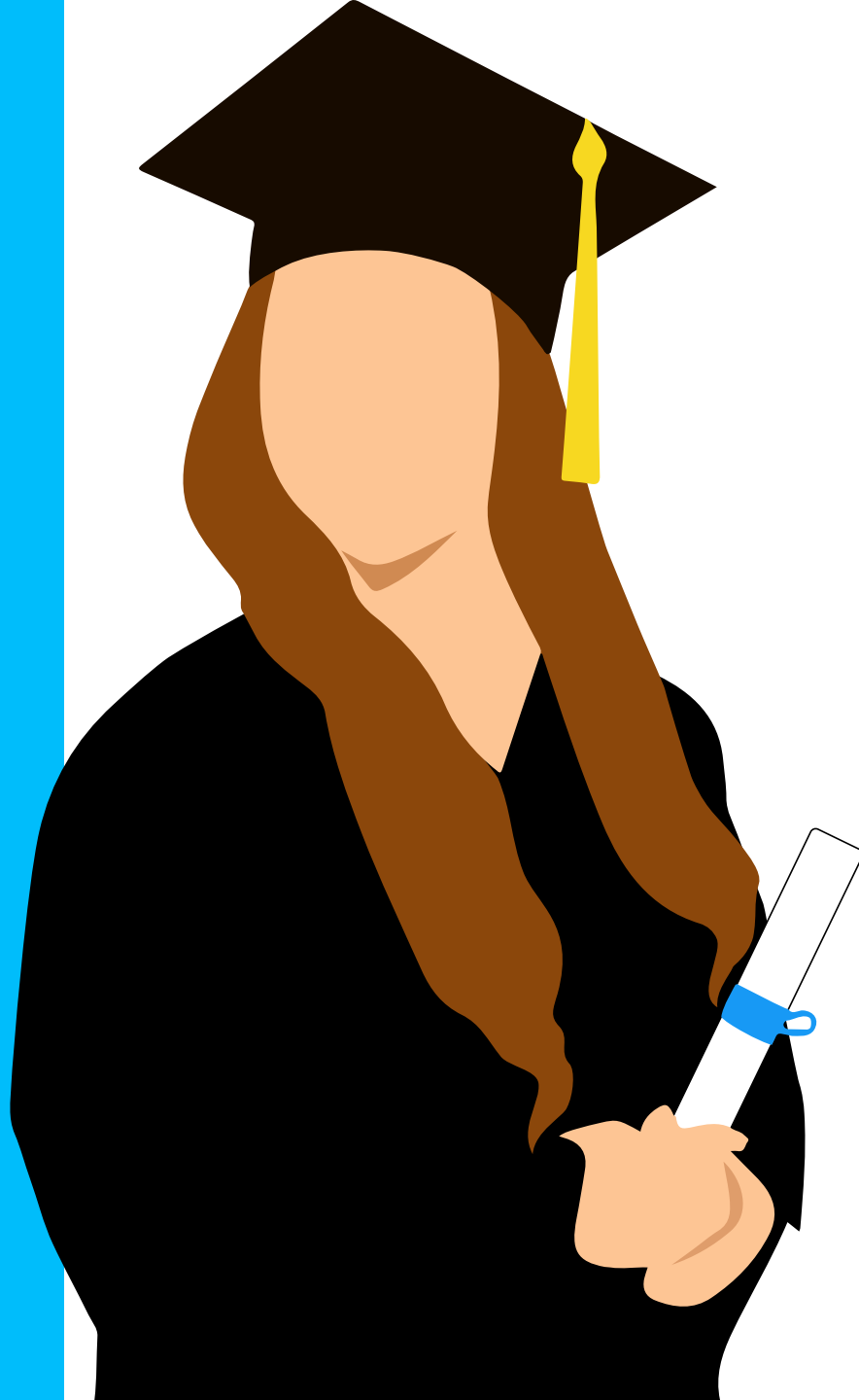


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