

Subject: Coming to Canada: What to Expect at the Airport

Here's a step-by-step guide to help you with the arrival process at the airport. This guide breaks down each step to make things easier:

Step 1: Arriving at the Terminal

- After you get off the plane, follow the signs to the *Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)* checkpoint. This is also called the *Primary Inspection and Customs Check*.
- A border services officer will examine your *Declaration Card*, your *identification*, and other *travel documents*. The officer can answer questions and help guide you through the process.

Step 2: Making Declarations

- Tell the officer if you have any items to declare. This includes:
 - Purchases you made before arriving.
 - Any food, plants, animals, or related products.
- If you are not sure if something needs to be declared, it is best to tell the officer.
- Remember: Items that are restricted or prohibited in Canada and are not declared can be taken away and may lead to penalties.

Step 3: Secondary Examination for Your Study Permit

- After the primary inspection, you may be asked to go to a *secondary examination area*.
- During the secondary examination, the officer may ask you to provide proof, such as:
 - the *port of entry* [*letter of introduction*](#) the visa office sent you when they approved your study permit.
 - Your *Letter of Acceptance (LOA)* from Canadore College (this is not an enrollment letter).
 - *Tuition payment receipts*.
 - *Financial situation* to show that you can support yourself while you study (you must have enough money for your entire stay).
 - *Proof of English language proficiency* if applicable.
 - Details about your *study plans* and *accommodation arrangements*.
- If all is in order, the officer will issue your *study permit* (and a *Co-op work permit* if you need one for your program).
- Make sure to check all details on your permit to ensure they are correct.
 - If there are errors, **ask the officer to have them corrected.**

Tips for a Smooth Process

- **Have all documents ready:** Keep your LOA, passport, visa, and other documents accessible, in your carry-on bag.
- **Be honest and clear:** Answer all questions truthfully and clearly.
- **Stay calm and polite:** The officers are there to help you. Remaining calm and polite will make the process smoother for everyone.

After Clearing Customs Once you have cleared customs and received your study permit, you can collect your luggage and proceed to your next destination.

We hope this information helps you prepare for your arrival in Canada. Check out your airline's website for more tips and information!

Welcome to Canada, and we look forward to seeing you at Canadore College!

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