

Inviting Family Members, Relatives or Friends to Visit Canada

If your family or friends want to visit you in Canada for either your convocation or just a vacation, they may need to apply for a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). TRV applications can be submitted online or at the [Canadian Visa Office](#) closest to where they live (if they are from a country which requires a TRV to enter Canada). [An eTA can be applied for online.](#)

Countries whose citizens require a TRV or an eTA to enter Canada can be found on the [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada \(IRCC\) website](#).

If your family/friends need to apply for a TRV, you may support their application by providing the following documents.

1. Copy of your passport
2. Proof of your current status:
 - Copy of your study permit (if you are currently a student), **or**
 - Copy of your post-graduation work permit (if you already have the work permit)
3. [Confirmation of Enrolment Letter](#) or [Confirmation of Graduation Letter](#)
4. Letter of invitation written by you

The International Office does not provide letters of invitation; you must write the letter of invitation yourself. Please refer to the guidelines below taken from the [IRCC website](#).

Include the following information about the person you wish to invite:

- Complete name
- Date of birth
- The person's address and telephone number
- Your relationship to the person being invited
- The purpose of the trip (if you are inviting your parents for convocation, you must include the date of your convocation ceremony)
- Duration of the trip (include expected arrival and departure dates)
- Details on accommodation and living expenses

Include the following information about yourself:

- Complete name
- Date of birth
- Address and telephone number in Canada
- Occupation (if applicable)
- Status in Canada (e.g. student, worker, Canadian citizen, permanent resident)

Your family/friends will have to provide **proof of economic and social ties to their home country** as part of their application. The stronger the ties to their home country, the greater the chance that they could successfully prove to an Immigration Officer that they will return to their home country after visiting Canada.

Economic ties include: Bank statements, proof of financial investments, letters of employment, proof of business ownership, proof of property ownership, etc.

Social ties include: Evidence of their relationships to people (e.g. family, relatives, community, etc.)

back home and that they must return to their home country after visiting Canada in order to meet social obligations to these people.

If you state that you will be supporting your family/friends financially during their visit to Canada, you need to show proof of financial support using documents such as a bank statement and/or pay stubs or a letter of employment.

SAMPLE LETTER

The following information is only a guide. Some visa offices may require that your letter be notarized by a Notary Public. Check with the local visa office closest to where your family/friends reside.

The Canadian Embassy
Immigration Section

May 1, 2016

Dear Visa Officer,

Re: Letter of invitation for my parents (Arun Patel and Meera Patel)

This letter is to support the Temporary Resident Visa application for my father, Arun Patel (born Feb 16, 1960), and my mother, Meera Patel (born June 8, 1963). They live at 100 Unknown St, Apt. 100, Bandra West, Mumbai, India 400100 and their home phone number is 400-9000.

It has been one year since I have seen my parents and therefore I would like to invite them to spend some time with me here in Canada. They intend to stay with me at my home for two weeks, from June 5 to 19, 2016. Housing and food costs during their stay will be covered by me; they will cover all other expenses for their trip.

I am currently an international student at Centennial College in Toronto, Ontario. I have attached a copy of my passport, study permit and my confirmation of enrolment letter. My date of birth is April 17, 1990. My address is 10 Unknown Ave, Apt. 10, Toronto, ON, Canada M2S 3D3. My phone number is 416-111-0000 and my email address is unknown@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for consideration of my parents' Temporary Resident Visa application.

Sincerely,

Rani Patel

SAMPLE LETTER FOR INVITING FAMILY TO CONVOCATION

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Consulate General of Canada
Immigration Section

May 1, 2016

Dear Visa Officer,

Re: Letter of invitation for my parents (Hu Chan and Bao Chan)

This letter is to support the Temporary Resident Visa application for my father, Hu Chan (born Feb 16, 1960), and my mother, Bao Chan (born June 8, 1963). Their personal details are as follows:

Address: 10 Unknown Road
Guangzhou, Guangdong
P.R. China
200100

Telephone: (20) 1234-0000

I am an international student in Canada and recently completed my Two Year Business Accounting program on April 27, 2016 at Centennial College in Toronto. I would like to invite my parents to attend my convocation ceremony that will take place on June 10, 2016 in Toronto. They intend to stay with me at my home for two weeks, from June 5 to 19, 2016. They will be booking their flights to leave P.R. China on May 16, 2016. Housing and food costs during their stay will be covered by me; they will cover all other expenses for their trip.

I have attached a copy of my passport, study permit and my **confirmation of graduation letter***. My date of birth is April 17, 1990. I live at 100 Unknown Ave, Toronto, ON, Canada M1D 2W2. My phone number is 647-111-0000 and my email address is unknown@hotmail.com.

Thank you in advance for consideration of my parents' Temporary Resident Visa application.

Sincerely,

Lian Chan

**If you only recently completed your program and have not yet received your confirmation of graduation letter, you may provide a confirmation of enrolment letter.*