



## #Welcome Ukrainians

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### Enrolling your children in school

In Canada, primary (elementary) and secondary education are managed by each province or territory. Children must attend school by law. This is so all children get an education.

#### When your children need a study permit

Depending on where you arrive in Canada, there are organizations that have set up information desks at the airport to help connect you to supports and services in the local area.

Your children will need a study permit to go to school if

- they travelled with you **and**
- you have a visitor record under the Canada-Ukrainian authorization for emergency travel (CUAET)

In some provinces or territories, children need a study permit to get certain social services.

#### How to apply for a study permit under CUAET from within Canada

If your children don't already have a study permit, they can apply online for one from within Canada until March 31, 2023.

They don't need to pay the processing fee, and their application will be prioritized. To receive these benefits, make sure to select the following options in the tuition payment section of the online application:

- **Other** in the expenses paid field
- **UKRAINE 2022** in the other description field

If your children are attending school in Quebec, you'll also need to get a [Quebec Acceptance Certificate \(CAQ\)](#).

Learn more about [applying for a study permit](#) under CUAET from within Canada.

#### Vaccinations

Some provinces require children to be vaccinated against some common diseases in order to go to school. Check with the local school board or ministry of education if you're not sure.



## **Types of schools**

Most children go to public schools, which are free.

- Depending on where you live, you can enrol your children in an English or French school.
- You can also enrol them in a school that offers an immersion program, where children learn in both languages.
- There are also private schools, which parents pay for themselves. They're not usually funded by the government.

Some provinces and territories have separate Catholic public schools. Some communities also have private religious schools.

In most schools, boys and girls learn together in the same classroom. Some private schools offer schooling for boys or girls only.

## **When school starts**

Children can start primary (elementary) school as young as 4 years old, and usually start secondary school (high school) at around 14 or 15 years old. They usually finish secondary school when they're 18 years old.

Quebec is a little different. Children start high school when they're 12 years old and finish secondary school around age 16. Students usually then go to college, known as CEGEP.

The school year starts in late August or early September and finishes in June.

## **During the school year**

School is normally from Monday to Friday. However, schools close on public (statutory) holidays. There are also several holiday breaks during the year.

Many schools have settlement workers to help children and parents who are new to Canada. Ask your school about this if you're interested.

Learn more about [education in Canada](#), including [how to enrol children in school](#).

## **Get involved in your children's school**

Getting involved is a great way to meet people, become a part of the school community and support your children's education. You can

- meet your children's teachers at parent-teacher evenings
- become a member of the school council
- ask the school, or your children's teachers, for more information on how you can get involved

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## Get help in different provinces and territories

Learn more about how to get different kinds of help in

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- [British Columbia](#)
- [Manitoba](#)
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