



Congratulations! You are now a permanent resident of Canada. As a new resident, you have the same rights as a Canadian citizen, except the right to vote in Canada.

Your residence card will be sent within 94 days (3 months). If you do not receive your card within that timeframe, you may contact Immigration, Refugees Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to enquire on the reason for the delay.

To check application processing times:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/check-processing-times.html>

Until you get your permanent resident card, your Confirmation of Permanent Resident (IMM5688) document is the only proof you have of your permanent resident status. This document can be used as proof of your status while you are in Canada (e.g. to obtain your new social insurance number, extend or obtain health care coverage, to work or study, etc.)

To maintain your status as a permanent resident, you must meet the residency obligations, which is to live in Canada **730 days (2 years) over a period of 5 years**. It is not mandatory that this period be consecutive, but rather cumulative. Be aware that it is your responsibility, upon request, to prove to an officer that you respected your residency obligation.

You must keep the documents we issued to you for your records. These include copy of your original confirmation of residence and a copy of your Personal effects accounting document (B4). These documents must be kept for life, even if you obtain Canadian citizenship in the future.

As stated on the document, it is **not valid for travel**. This is because, as of December 31, 2003, the Permanent Resident card is mandatory for permanent residents wishing to re-enter Canada aboard any commercial carrier (airplane, boat, train or bus). If you are returning to Canada from abroad and do not have a Permanent Resident card, you should visit a Canadian visa office to obtain a limited-use travel document at a cost of \$50CAD.

In order to work in Canada, you must apply for your Social Insurance Number (SIN) by filling the online application on the Service Canada website. Internet links and contact information are attached.

If you have any questions about your application, please call the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada call center at 1-888-242-2100.

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