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# CANADA STUDENT VISA REJECTION GUIDE

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# Introduction

Canada is a popular destination for international students, offering a high-quality education and a welcoming environment. However, obtaining a Canada student visa can be complicated, and students may face rejection. This e-book aims to provide comprehensive information on the reasons why a student visa may be rejected and what can be done to avoid or overcome it.

Once you have secured admission to a designated learning institution (DLI) and received your acceptance letter, you need to seek a study permit that allows you to stay in the country for the duration of your course and a visitor visa to enter the country. For Nigerian students, NSE or the Nigeria Student Express is the most popular route to study in Canada. The authorities issue the study permit simultaneously with the visa to enter Canada for higher studies. One major requirement for you as a student is the upfront proof of funds, which has led to claims that the NSE is discriminatory, however the NSE compares favorably to SDS (the Student Direct System which is used for asian students).

While typically, there are no interviews for study permits in Canada, in some cases, the visa officer may decide on it after reviewing the application. However, you will be informed in advance if you need to come in for the interview. The officer will ask questions about your qualifications, study plans, and finances. Be sure to answer all questions confidently and honestly to avoid a visa rejection.



# Common Reasons for Student Visa Rejection

- **Incomplete or inaccurate information on the application form**

You must crosscheck all the names, spellings, dates, and other info you have filled in the form, as any mistake can be a ground for visa rejection.

- **Lack of proof of financial support**

Students who are successful in their applications typically have financial documentation demonstrating their ability to live in Canada for a specific amount of time without working. The government anticipates that students from other countries will have the financial means to cover their tuition and living costs. It requires credible evidence of financial stability for this reason. Ensure all your supporting evidence is in place.

- **Lack of ties to the home country**

If you cannot furnish credible identity documents that establish your citizenship, it can be a major hindrance to your study permit and entry visa.

- **Lack of proper travel documents or missing academic records**

If the visa application requires you to furnish some medical records and a police verification certificate, ensure that these are not missing. You will not get a nod in light of any missing aspects required. Also, not furnishing properly verified academic records can be a significant reason for visa rejection.

- **Inadequate English language proficiency**

Since you will be migrating to a native English-speaking country, it is essential that you are proficient in the language. Lack of English communication or writing skills will lower your chances of completing the course and make it hard for you to navigate daily life.

- **Criminal record or past immigration violations**

Any criminal incrimination or past immigration violations will make it harder for anyone to secure a Canada visa.

- **Intent to return to home country**

A student visa is a temporary visa with an expiration date. Hence, the visa officials will want to confirm if the international students will return to their home country after completing the course. International students may decide to settle in Canada after completion of the course due to a lack of opportunities in their home country. However, this can be a reason for rejecting a student visa. So, when the intention of returning to the home country is low, the applications are rejected. International students should show their eagerness to return to their home country after completing the course through the application form and visa interview.

- **Letter of acceptance**

The Designated Learning Institute (DLI) should offer a letter of acceptance to every student at the time of admission. Every international student needs to submit this letter of acceptance from their respective DLIs to the visa officials. If, under any circumstance, the students don't receive the letter of acceptance, the visa or study permit will be squarely rejected.

# How to Avoid Rejection



Gather all the required documents and furnish accurate information on your application.



Demonstrate financial stability. For this purpose, one needs to submit proof of full payment of tuition for the applicant's first year of study.



Provide proof of ties to the home country.



Show strong academic performance and language proficiency. Establish your language proficiency through IELTS/TOEFL scores.



Disclose any criminal history and provide a reasonable explanation.



Be prepared for an interview with a visa officer, if required. Be honest, clear, and concise in your answers, and be able to explain why you want to study in Canada.



Produce convincing statements and documents regarding the huge scope of job opportunities in their home country and establish your intent to return.

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# What to Do if Your Student Visa is Rejected

- **Review and Rectify**

Review the reasons for rejection and correct any inaccuracies. Whatever documentation or information was missing, provide it for the next steps.

- **Re-Apply**

If your visa got rejected for the first time, there's a possibility that it will get accepted upon reapplying, given that you have rectified the reason for the initial rejection. Make sure that you don't make the same mistakes that lead to rejection this time. If you appeared for a visa interview, you could ask the visa officer why your visa got rejected. However, if you weren't asked to give the interview, you must have received a document explaining the reason for your rejection.

- **Try Applying to Other Countries**

If your visa has been rejected multiple times by Canadian authorities, you can always explore other options by applying for a visa in other countries that provide the same quality of education.

# Conclusion

Applying for a Canada student visa can be a complex and stressful process, but it is possible to overcome rejection and achieve your goal of studying in Canada. By understanding the common reasons for rejection, taking steps to avoid it, and knowing what to do if your visa is rejected, you can increase your chances of success. Good luck!

Disclaimer: This e-book provides general information and is not intended as legal advice.







### 1. What is the most common reason for getting a Canadian student visa or study permit getting rejected?

There are various reasons behind the rejection of a Canadian student visa. Some of them are inadequate funds and lack of proof to support education abroad, false documents, poor language skills, misbehavior during the visa interview process, failure to explain the reason behind choosing a particular course, university, and country, and not being able to confirm an immediate return to India after completing his education.

### 2. Can I get a Canadian study visa after refusal once?

Yes, you can get a Canadian study visa after refusal by re-applying for the visa and making sure that you have all the necessary documents required to appear for the new visa interview. Confirm your finances before reapplying for the visa, and practice your answers for the interview.

### 3. What do Canadian visa officers check for student visas?

They check all the information furnished, your intent to come to the country, your connection to the home country, and financial means to successfully complete your course and live there for that duration.

#### **4. What can you do if your visa is rejected?**

If your visa is rejected, you can always re-apply, provided that you don't make the same mistakes that denied your visa in the first place. If you receive several rejections, take your chance at visa application to other countries.

#### **5. What is the age limit for a student visa in Canada?**

Canada has no upper age limit for obtaining a student visa. However, universities may have some age criteria depending on the course.

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