

Travelling while in the Temporary Foreign Worker Program

This fact sheet explains the law in general. It is not intended as legal advice for your particular problem. Because each person's situation is different, you may need to seek legal advice. A lawyer at MWC reviewed this information in May 2018.

What documents do I need to travel outside Canada?

Generally, you will need a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) in order to re-enter Canada after your travels. You should apply for a new TRV from within Canada before you travel. Migrant Workers who are from a visa-exempt country such as the United Kingdom or the United States do not have to obtain a TRV. However, visa-exempt foreign nationals may need an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA), which can be completed online. Since TRVs can take a long time to process, it is recommended that you apply at least 2 months in advance of your departure date.

To find out if you will need a TRV or an ETA, visit: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp#exemptions>.

What is the difference between a TRV and a work permit?

A work permit only allows a caregiver to **stay and work** in Canada. A TRV allows a caregiver to **enter** Canada. It is important for migrant workers to obtain a TRV if they travel outside Canada with the intention of returning to Canada. In other words, a valid work permit alone does not authorize re-entry into Canada if the applicant is not from a visa-exempt country.

How do I apply for a TRV if I am applying from within Canada?

If you are applying from within Canada, you can make an online application or submit a completed *Application for Temporary Resident Visa* form (IMM 5257) and other supporting documents and forms.

The application can be downloaded, completed online, validated and printed at:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/IMM5257E.PDF>.

You should also include all supporting documents listed in the *Document Checklist* (IMM 5721). This can be found at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/forms/IMM5721E.PDF>.

A completed document checklist should be included as part of the application.

As stated on the document checklist, you must include the following documents in your application:

- Passport - it must be valid for another 12 months;
- Two recent passport-sized photographs;
- Copy of current work permit - it must be valid for at least the next six months;
- Copy of current employment contract;
- A letter from current employer stating that the employment will not be terminated while the caregiver is traveling abroad; and

- Enclosed proof of payment of the application fee - a print out of the receipt of online payment.

For more information on applying for a TRV, visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/guide-5256-applying-visitor-visa-temporary-resident-visa.html>

My family is travelling with me. Do they need a TRV too?

Family members travelling with you must each complete their own application as well.

How do I make a payment for applications made within Canada?

The Case Processing Pilot office in Ottawa (CPP-O) **only** accepts payment online.

In order to pay the application fee, either follow the instructions on the online application form, or pay separately online if you are submitting a paper application. If you are submitting a paper application, you must pay online at www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/fees/index.asp and print your receipt to attach to your application. You will need a valid email address, access to a printer, and a credit or debit card in order to pay online.