

Guidelines for applying for a work permit online vs. at a port of entry

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Modes of Applying:	Online	Port of Entry	Details
Visa-required nationals	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visa-required nationals DO NOT have the option to apply for a work permit at a port of entry (POE).• You must apply online and obtain an approval letter called the "port of entry (POE) letter of introduction" that says that you're allowed to work in Canada.• Please bring the "port of entry letter (POE) letter of introduction" with you when you travel to Canada. <p>NOTE: Upon arrival, you will get your work permit at the POE.</p>
Visa-exempt nationals	Yes	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• While we strongly advise to apply for your work permit before you travel to Canada, visa-exempt nationals DO have the option to apply at a POE.• To apply at a POE, you must be a U.S. citizen/ permanent resident, or a national of one of the visa-exempt countries.• You must apply for an eTA before entering Canada. <p>NOTE: Please contact our office in advance for further guidance on whether you should apply online or at a POE.</p>