
How to Reduce Wait Times for Study Permit if Flying Directly to Vancouver International Airport (YVR)

Vancouver International Airport (YVR) is piloting the new [Voluntary Compliance Portal](#) (VC Portal) in collaboration with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to reduce wait times for **new** VCC international students to be issued a study permit upon arrival at YVR. The VC Portal allows students to voluntarily submit their information online in advance which helps the CBSA review and prepare their study permit documents before their arrival to Canada. This will decrease the time students need to spend at the airport and limit congestion.

To use the VC Portal, the following eligibility criteria must be met:

- Initial entry into Canada **must** be at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR). You cannot connect to YVR through a domestic flight.
- You must have a letter of introduction (pre-approved study permit application) from IRCC.
- You must submit all the mandatory information at least 72 hours in advance through the VC Portal.

Using the VC Portal is optional; however, it is recommended if you meet the eligibility requirements.