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## REFUSAL

While Canada is having aggressive immigration policy, entering Canada is not an easy pursuit. Refusal cases have become daunting things to the immigration applicants who hope to be able to live in Canada. As Canada immigration is now in transition of using Chinook and AI systems for the immigration process, refusal cases are reportedly increased, This year's refusal rates even hovering to 82%, particularly to those from some African countries. In addition, the imminent change in NOC codes by the end of this year will potentially disrupt more the approval rates.

Low approval rates mostly are the result of individuals applying on their own without professional help. Moreover, they tried multiple times (2, 3, even 4 times) before seeking professional helps. Unfortunately, after an individual is refused once, any re-application made on their own will just lead to another refusal. At this phase, the only choice to get approval is by seeking professional's help. But this will come with more costs and time.



Individuals from visa-required countries need Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) to come to Canada. This TRV includes visitor visa, student and work visas/permits. The Canadian government ensure individuals are screened properly before being permitted to enter Canada.

The TRV visa application process is a lengthy one. The application asks for plenty of detailed personal and family information. In addition, many documents must be provided to strengthen and support the application. Unlike US visas that have an interview, Canada's screening process is only done by a paper application with no interview. It is

extremely important to prepare a strong application as the immigration officers can make a decision based on the information provided in the application.

Many individuals do not understand the process and there is a high rate of refusal when an individual applies on their own. Normally, when an application is submitted after one or more refusals, it should extensively address all the previous refusal reasons, otherwise an officer may refuse the application again.

Major reasons for TRV refusal:

- Lack of Travel History: If a person has not traveled anywhere outside of their home country before, their visa application mostly will be rejected they apply on their own.
- Strong Family Ties to Canada: having family members in Canada can be a reason for refusal, and individual applying on their own can be refused.
- Length of stay: Individuals who state on the application they wish to stay for a longer period, usually require significant financial funds.
- Lack of funds and personal assets.
- Real Purpose of Visit: there are not enough good explanations of the reason for travel to Canada.
- Lack of Employment Prospects in Home Country
- Current Employment Situation.
- Host in Canada financial situation: lack of documentation
- Documents that do no appear authentic
- History of overstaying status on a previous visit to Canada
- Illegal Status in Country of Residence
- Other Reasons

Individuals from visa-exempt countries do not need TRV, but they need eTA (electronic travel authorization) to travel to Canada. Usually, individuals from these visa exempt countries are refused to come to Canada because of inadmissibility. The reasons are mostly due to:

- Criminality (having previously been charged with a crime)
- Misrepresentation (having misrepresented information to Canada immigration previously and received a ban)
- Previous Deportation: for overstaying visit illegally
- Medical Inadmissibility: have a contagious disease that is a threat to Canadians
- Human Rights Violations: previously served in the military for a country that has been deemed to have participated in war crimes. Additional documents must be provided to overcome this inadmissibility.

Below is the refusal rate table from some countries.

VISA OFFICE	REFUSAL RATE
<u>ABU DHABI, UAE</u>	
TRV	53%
Study Permit	56%
Work Permit	49%
AMMAN, JORDAN	
TRV	41%
Study Permit	64%
Work Permit	19%
ANKARA, TURKEY TRV	28%
Study Permit	27%
Work Permit	12%
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BANGKOK, THAILAND	
TRV	18%
Study Permit	33%
Work Permit	23%
BEIJING, CHINA	
TRV	15%
Study Permit	9%
Work Permit	14%
<u>BEIRUT, LIBANON</u>	
TRV	38%
Study Permit	50%
Work Permit	37%
CAIRO, EGYPT	
TRV	33%
Study Permit	33%
Work Permit	40%
CHANDIGARGH, INDIA	E00/
TRV Study Pormit	52% 28%
Study Permit Work Permit	66%
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COLOMBO, SRI LANGKA	

TRV Study Permit	49% 58%
Work Permit	63%
GUANG ZHOU, CHINA	220/
TRV	22%
Study Permit	19%
Work Permit	18%
HAVANA, CUBA	
TRV	50%
Study Permit	37%
Work Permit	22%
<u>HO CHI MINH, VIETNAM</u>	
TRV	25%
Study Permit	24%
Work Permit	20%
ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN	
TRV	14%
Study Permit	21%
Work Permit	40%
JAKARTA, INDONESIA	
TRV	28%
Study Permit	35%
Work Permit	40%
<u>LIMA, PERU</u>	
TRV	16%
Study Permit	22%
Work Permit	15%
MANILA, PHILIPPINES	
TRV	24%
Study Permit	27%
Work Permit	28%
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO	150/
TRV Study Damait	45%
Study Permit	34%
Work Permit	10%

NEW DELHI, INDIA	
TRV	51%
Study Permit	35%
Work Permit	32%
SHANGHAI, CHINA	
TRV	12%
Study Permit	5%
Work Permit	9%
<u>TUNIS, TUNISIA</u>	
TRV	32%
Study Permit	56%
Work Permit	36%
WARSAW, POLAND	
TRV	46%
Study Permit	50%
Work Permit	41%

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