

People who arrive to Canada as visitors can not “switch” their temporary status and apply for work or study permits in Canada from within Canada. The application needs to be submitted to a visa office in their country of nationality or legal residence or to the nearest designated visa office, should their country of nationality or legal residence not have a Canadian visa office. They may be asked to an interview at the visa post where the application was made to. Only American or Mexican citizens can apply from within Canada, due to the NAFTA agreement between Canada, USA, and Mexico.