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Logistical Timeline of PR Application

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Express Entry PR Application Timeline


Submit Express Entry Profile



If no LMIA, you have 30 days to submit a Job Bank Profile



If have LMIA or Provincial Nomination, get Invitation to Apply (“ITA”) in next Express Entry draw (approximately every 2-3 weeks)



Submit complete application for Permanent Residence, immediately and (within 24 hours) get issued Acknowledgement of Receipt (“AOR”) letter

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Timeline cont.

Submit Bridging Open Work Permit (“BOWP”) application including AOR letter

Within 6 months (80% of applications) receive request for photos + passport + envelope

2-4 weeks later receive Confirmation of Permanent Residence (“COPR”)

Land in Canada before expiry of CoPR

PR Card issued approximate *** (56) days after landing

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Ideal Sample Timeline

- Jan. 1 – Submit Express Entry Profile
- Jan. 2 – Get ITA
- Jan. 4 – Mar. 4 – Submit complete PR Application (“APR”) (have 60 days from date of ITA)
- May 4 – Sept. 4 – Request for photos and passport (up to 6 months processing from APR)
- May 19 – Oct. 2 – CoPR (2-4 weeks)
- May 20 – Oct. 3 – Landing (up to client before CoPR expiry)

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Instructions for In-land Landing in Ottawa

- COPR says to call the IRCC 1-888 number to make an appointment;
- IRCC 1-888 number is advising applicants:
 1. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. COPR holders can land at 200 Catherine Street, Ottawa, Ontario, on a first-come-first-served basis.
 2. NO Appointment is necessary
 3. Call Centre advised that you should bring 2 more photos (this is probably unnecessary for clients who have already submitted the second set of photos for issuance of the COPR.

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Landing at a Port of Entry

- COPR holders can also land at a Canadian port of entry after leaving Canada and returning through an international airport or Canadian land border;
- In order to land at a Canadian “land border” COPR holder must be U.S. visa exempt or hold a U.S. visa.

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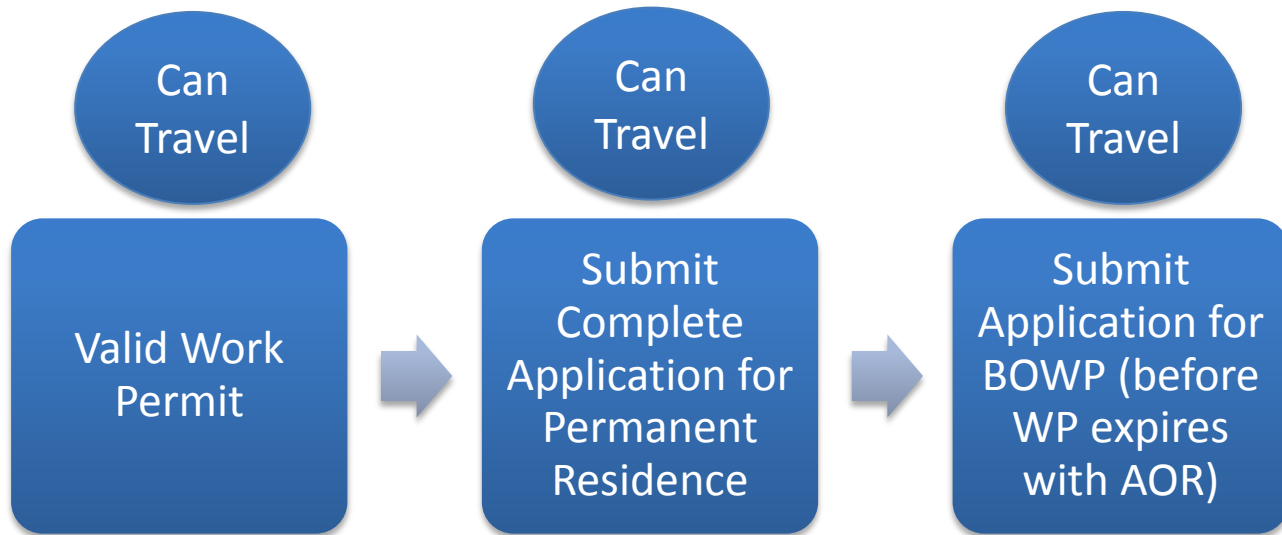
When Can Your Client Travel Outside of Canada During the Immigration Application Process

✓ Or ✗	To Travel
✓ Travel	Before their valid work permit & Multiple Entry Visa (“MEV”) expires
✗ Travel	After the work permit expires and before a BOWP issued (on implied status)
✓ Travel	After the BOWP is received (most likely will be received around the same time as Confirmation of Permanent Residence (“CoPR”) is issued
✓ Travel	With BOWP/WP and CoPR until confirm PR (must confirm before expiry)
✗ Travel	After confirm/validate/ CoPR (“land”) until receive PR Card
✓ Travel	After receiving PR Card
***	New PR Cards taking a long time to process, if visa exempt can continue to travel until eTA rules become mandatory, if not will require a Travel Doc.

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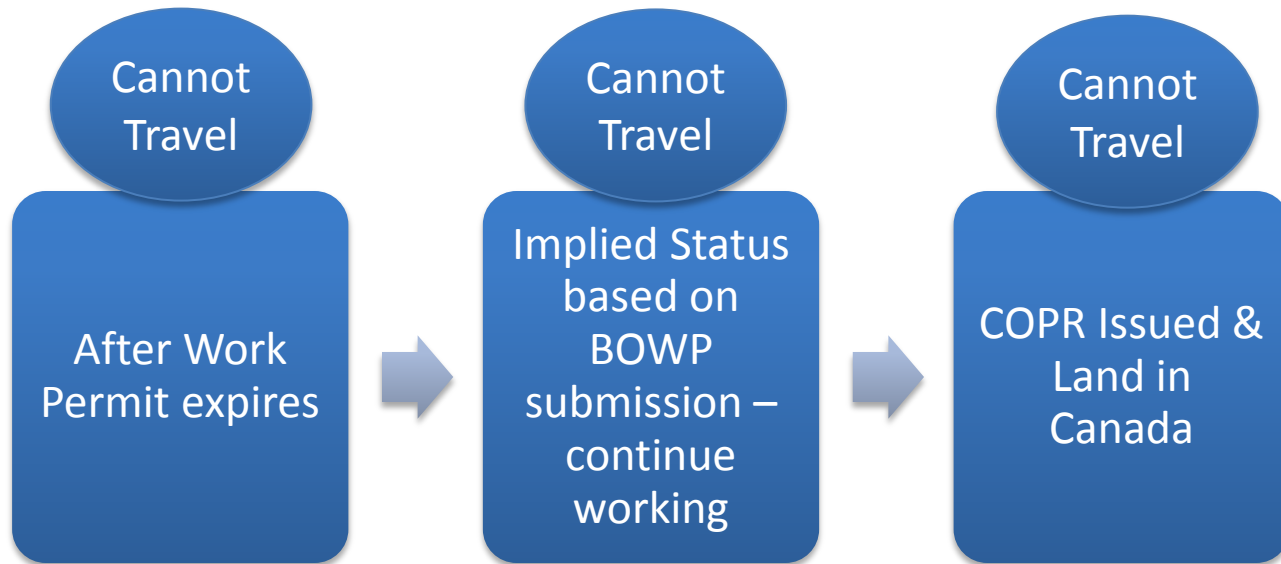
When Can You Travel Outside Canada



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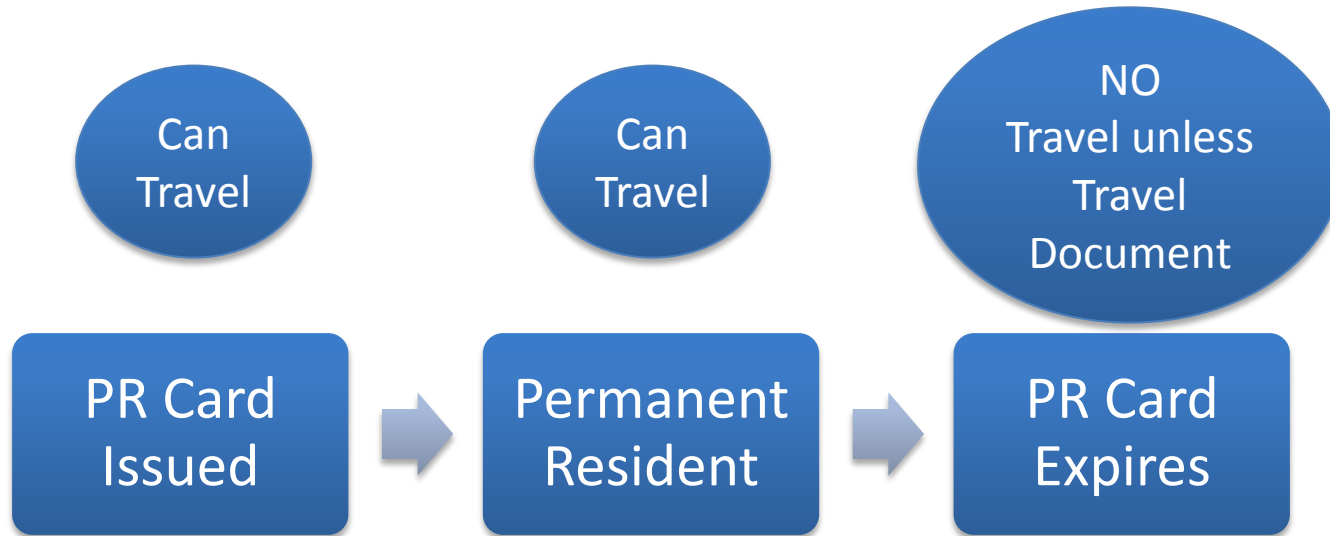
When Can You NOT Travel



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When You Can & CANNOT Travel



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Electronic Travel Authorization (“eTA”)

- Electronic application for visa-exempt foreign nationals to fly or transit through Canada;
- Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travellers with a valid Canadian visa;
- Permanent residents cannot apply for an eTA;
- Supposed to be mandatory as of March 15, 2016, but it has been pushed back until “fall 2016”

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Electronic Travel Authorization cont.

- Many technical glitches with the system;
- Costs \$7 and must be completed online, usually issued immediately so long as there are no admissibility issues;
- Application includes questions regarding prior entries, refusals, medical and criminal history, etc.
- Should advise client of potential dangers in eTA application, clients may require assistance

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PR Card & eTA

- As of “fall 2016” eTAs or MEVs (Multiple Entry Visas) will be required for all foreign nationals flying into or transiting through Canada;
- Only U.S. citizens, valid PR card holders, or Canadian citizens with a valid Canadian passport will be exempt (dual citizens need CND passport);
- After “fall 2016” PRs whose PR cards have expired, will not be able to fly back into Canada, as they are not eligible for eTA or MEV, unless they apply for and receive a Travel Document issued by a Visa office overseas

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PR Renewal

- Currently PR card renewals are taking *** (93) days;
- Advise clients to apply to renew PR card early;
- If PR must travel between time their PR card has expired and the time their new PR card is issued, options include:
 - Case Specific Enquiry to change application to “Urgent” including flight information
 - Re-enter Canada through US land border with proof that PR card renewal application was submitted
 - Apply for Travel Document overseas – can submit paperwork before leaving Canada, but will have to submit passport for issuance

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