



Graduate Diploma

# Immigration and Citizenship Law

## Why study immigration and citizenship law?

Immigration is at the heart of Canadian culture and industry. Over seven million foreign-born individuals call this country home, and over the next three years, we will welcome many more. Developed by leading immigration practitioners and academics from across the country, the Graduate Diploma in Immigration and Citizenship Law sets a new standard for immigration consultants.

The Graduate Diploma will equip you with the knowledge, practical skills and sound judgment necessary to become an immigration consultant, and to write the mandatory national exam to be a regulated practitioner.

## Why Queen's?

The Graduate Diploma is offered by the Faculty of Law at Queen's University, one of Canada's leading law schools.

Queen's Law is a dynamic, academically acclaimed research and teaching institution with world-class researchers in immigration law and migration theory.



## Courses

- ICL 810 Foundations of Canadian Immigration Law
- ICL 820 Ethics and Professional Responsibility
- ICL 830 Temporary Entry
- ICL 840 Economic Immigration
- ICL 850 Family Class Immigration
- ICL 860 Refugee Protection & Trauma-Informed Client Service
- ICL 870 Enforcement – Inadmissibility, Detention and Removal
- ICL 880 Citizenship
- ICL 890 Immigration Practice Management

## Program Structure

The Graduate Diploma consists of nine courses delivered over three terms in under 12 months.

Part-time options are available on a limited basis. Students who are managing their course load in conjunction with other personal or professional responsibilities have between 24 to 36 months to complete the program's requirements.

*"There are many things I love about being an immigration consultant... variety in the type of work, the sense of meaning, connections to my community, personal growth and the feeling I'm contributing to my community and the entire nation."*

*Peter Veress,  
Regulated Canadian  
Immigration Consultant*

# Program Details

## Who is it for?

This program merges theory and practice to prepare students for a number of vital roles in the immigration sector, as well as functions that support organizations on immigration and citizenship matters. These include:

- Prospective immigration consultants
- Paralegals
- Lawyers seeking specialized training in immigration law
- Advisors and recruitment specialists at universities and colleges
- Human resources professionals
- Leaders in immigrant settlement organizations
- Constituency assistants for members of federal, provincial, and territorial legislatures
- Immigration and border policy analysts and program specialists in government agencies
- Business development leads at law firms

## Requirements

- Students must complete all nine courses with a minimum grade of B- to graduate.

## Cost & Financing

### Tuition

Total tuition for the program is currently about \$14,200. Payments can be prorated throughout terms of study.

### Financing

Queen's Law has partnered with RBC to offer a student line of credit tailored to your needs (subject to credit approval). Visit our website for more details about financing and flexible payment options.

## Study, interact and collaborate - anytime, anywhere.

The Graduate Diploma is designed and optimized for an online learning environment, with live tutorials that feature direct interaction with instructors who are leading experts in the field, as well as digital collaboration platforms to encourage peer-to-peer learning through simulations and discussion forums.

Students will acquire foundational knowledge, build their professional skills, and navigate this rapidly evolving sector in a dynamic, experiential learning setting.

Developed by internationally-recognized immigration law experts and seasoned practitioners, this program integrates substantive academic knowledge with practical skills required for success in 21st century practice.

This program is designed for individuals who are looking to enter Canada's immigration sector, as well as those seeking to enhance their skills and understanding of the immigration system to support and advance in their existing professions.

## Admission Requirements

See website for details

1. A Bachelor's degree from a recognized university (or equivalent institution\*)  
Transcripts are required (unofficial transcripts are acceptable).  
Queen's University graduates do not need to submit a transcript.
2. A minimum of a B average.
3. Language Test Scores: Proficiency in English is a prerequisite for admission. Those applicants whose native languages do not include English will be required to obtain satisfactory standing in an English Language Proficiency Test as part of the application process.
4. Contact information for two references who will submit letters of reference.
5. A 250 word (1450 characters) Statement of Interest.

\*Applicants with a degree from a post-secondary institution that is not a recognized university will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Note:** Queen's University School of Graduate Studies is committed to enhancing diversity in graduate education, which includes ensuring mechanisms for applications from prospective students who may not have had opportunity and advantage equal to others to be considered. Visit our website to learn how to apply as an "access" candidate.

## Application Guide

1. Gather required documents (listed above)
2. Confirm you meet all requirements at <https://immigrationdiploma.queenslaw.ca/admissions>
3. Apply for full- or part-time studies at the School of Graduate Studies: <https://www.queensu.ca/sgs/prospective-students/how-apply>

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