

Step-by-Step Guide: International Students Applying through Nigeria Student Express Process

How To Apply

Are you eligible?

Determine if you are eligible for the Nigeria Student Express (NSE) program. You must be a Nigerian citizen or legally reside in Nigeria who has been accepted into MacEwan University and can meet the program's language and financial requirements. The processing time takes up to 20 calendar days. However, some applications may take longer.

Get a MyBank Certificate

Obtain a MyBank certificate that will demonstrate you can afford the costs of studies and living expenses for the first year in Canada, which is equivalent to a minimum of \$20,635 CAD, plus the tuition cost listed on the LOA for the first year of study. If you are planning to come with family members please refer to [IRCC](#) website for required funds. The certificate should show at least 12 months of banking history.

Take the Language Test

Take the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) academic or general training test and achieve a score of 6.0 or higher in each skill (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) or take the Test d'évaluation de français (TEF) and achieve a score that is equal to a Canadian Language Benchmark score of at least 7 in each skill.

Get a Medical Exam

Get an [immigration medical exam](#) before you apply.

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Prepare your Package

Prepare your application package, which should include your IRCC Letter of Acceptance from MacEwan University, the Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL), your MyBank certificate, your language test results, and other supporting documents.

Submit your Application

Submit your application online through the Canadian government's website or you can submit your application to the closest visa application centre. You will be required to pay the application fee and provide your biometric information.

Wait for Approval

Wait for the Canadian government to process your application. The processing time can vary, so be patient and make sure to check the status of your application regularly.

Receive your Letter of Introduction

Once your application is approved, you will receive a letter of introduction that you will need to present to a Canadian border officer when you arrive in Canada. The officer will issue your study permit, which will allow you to study in Canada for the duration of your program.

Note: It is important to keep in mind that the NSE program requires you to have funds in a bank account instead of purchasing a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) like in the Student Direct Stream (SDS) program. However, the amount of funds required for NSE and SDS, as well as the International Student Program as a whole, are equivalent upon comparison.