



CANADA-UNITED STATES-MEXICO AGREEMENT APPLICATION FOR TRADER / INVESTOR STATUS (WORK PERMIT)

A **TRADER** is a business person under Chapter 16 of the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA) who is seeking temporary entry to Canada to carry on substantial trade in goods or services principally between Canada and the United States/Mexico and who will be employed in a capacity that is supervisory or executive or involves essential skills.

An **INVESTOR** is a business person under Chapter 16 of the CUSMA who is seeking temporary entry into Canada solely to develop and direct the operations of an enterprise in which the business person has invested, or is actively in the process of investing, a substantial amount of capital.

Complete only those sections that apply to the status you are seeking, i.e., Trader or Investor status. If you wish consideration under both, complete the sections applicable to both. Only if you are seeking Trader or Investor status on the basis of being an employee of a qualifying person or enterprise should you complete that section. Please read the entire application and ensure that you complete all parts that pertain to your circumstances.

Please note that a Visa or Immigration Officer must be completely satisfied that all applicable criteria are met before issuing a work permit. It is your obligation to provide sufficient supporting documentation (original documents only) that clearly shows compliance with requirements.



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SECTION A - BASIC INFORMATION (To be completed by all applicants)

Applicant surname	First name	Second name
Address	Date of birth (YYYY-MM-DD) ▶	
	Place of birth	
Citizenship	Citizenship certificate, birth certificate or passport ▶	

ACCOMPANYING DEPENDANTS

Name	Date of birth YYYY-MM-DD	Relationship

DETAILS OF ENTERPRISE IN CANADA

Name (including operating name)	Date(s) and place(s) of incorporation, registration, licencing or other establishment of the business in Canada	
Business address	Date(s) YYYY-MM-DD	Place(s)

Describe the trade or business activities of the enterprise

SECTION B - COMMON REQUIREMENTS (To be completed by all applicants)

Nationality (If the enterprise is owned by a person or persons, provide the following ownership/shareholder information)

Full name	Date of birth YYYY-MM-DD	Citizenship	Status in Canada	Amount invested	% of stock owned

If the enterprise is owned by an established firm or firms (joint ownership by maximum of two firms), provide the following ownership information					
Name of owning firm		Address			
Type of business	Percentage of ownership of owning firm(s) in enterprise ▶ _____ % _____ %				
Full name of shareholder	Date of birth YYYY-MM-DD	Citizenship	Indicate if permanent resident of Canada		% of stock owned
			Yes	No	
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SECTION C - TRADER REQUIREMENTS (To be completed only if applying for trader status)

1. Evidence that the position is executive or supervisory or requires essential skills (Complete only those sections which apply)

Job title	Salary	Indicate location of job position in organizational structure
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Job duties

Describe degree of ultimate control and responsibility over operations

How many employees and what job titles report directly to this position?

What executive or supervisory experience is required for this job?

If the job is neither executive nor supervisory but requires essential skills, describe in detail what essential skills are required. (Essential skills are special qualifications which are absolutely necessary for the effective operation of the firm in Canada over and above qualifications of an ordinary skilled worker)

2. Evidence that the firm's activities constitute trade

The term "TRADE" means the exchange, purchase, or sale of goods and/or services. Goods are tangible commodities or merchandise have intrinsic value, excluding money, securities and negotiable instruments. Services are economic activities whose outputs are other than tangible goods (i.e., international banking, insurance, transportation, communications and data processing, advertising, accounting, design and engineering, management consulting, tourism, etc.).

List the documents you will provide to show exchange/purchase/sale of goods and/or services:

3. Evidence that the trade is principally between Canada and the United States/Mexico

Over 50% of the total volume of trade conducted in Canada by the firm's canadian office must be between Canada and the United States/Mexico

Calendar year	Total trade or business conducted by the enterprise in Canada _____ (Canadian dollars)	The approximate number of separate business transactions this represents. _____
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Breakdown of trade:

Value of transactions between Canada and U.S./Mexico _____ (Canadian dollars)

Number of transactions _____

Value of "in Canada" transactions _____ (Canadian dollars)

Number of transactions _____

Value of transactions between Canada and countries other than U.S./Mexico _____ (Canadian dollars)

Number of transactions _____

SECTION D - INVESTOR REQUIREMENTS (To be completed only if applying for investor status)

1. Evidence that the investment is substantial

If you are investing in an existing business:

What is the established worth of the business? _____ (Canadian dollars)

What is the breakdown of the established worth (e.g., land, building, equipment, inventory, etc.)?

_____	_____ (Canadian dollars)
_____	_____ (Canadian dollars)
_____	_____ (Canadian dollars)
_____	_____ (Canadian dollars)
_____	_____ (Canadian dollars)

What documents are you attaching which confirm the established worth?

What amount are you investing? _____ (Canadian dollars) This amount represents _____ Per cent of the established worth

If you are investing in a new business:

What is the total amount of money necessary to establish the enterprise? _____ (Canadian dollars)

What documents are you attaching which confirm the established worth?

What amount are you investing? _____ (Canadian dollars) This amount represents _____ Per cent of the established worth

2. Evidence that funds have been or will be invested

List the documents being provided which show that funds either have been invested or have been irrevocably committed for investment.

List the documents being provided which show the person or firm making the investment has had possession and control of the funds or other capital assets being used for the investment.

Describe and document the various forms of investment utilized, i.e., cash, equipment, purchases, inventory, indebtedness, lease/rent payments, etc.

3. Evidence that the enterprise is real and commercial

The enterprise must be a real and active commercial entrepreneurial undertaking which operates continuously to produce some service or commodity for profit. A plan for future investment, expansion, and/or development will assist the consulate in determining the viability of the commercial enterprise. List the documents being provided to show compliance with this criterion.

4. Evidence that the investment is more than marginal

What is the anticipated amount of net income to be generated over the next year by the investment? _____ (Canadian dollars)

Describe how you arrived at this figure.

Describe how the investment will maintain or expand job opportunities locally.

5. Evidence that you plan to "develop and direct" the enterprise

Describe how your position will allow you to "develop and direct" the enterprise (i.e., exercise operational and/or corporate control). If you, or the American/Mexican firm, have less than 50 per cent controlling interest in the Canadian enterprise, you must be able to demonstrate how, in effect, operational control will be achieved.

SECTION E - APPLICANT SEEKING STATUS AS AN EMPLOYEE OF A TRADER OR INVESTOR

Employer status: In order to qualify to bring an employee to Canada in trader or investor status, the employer must already hold trader or investor status in Canada. Where the prospective employer is a corporation or other business organization, the employer must be residing in the United States/Mexico if not maintaining status in Canada. If you are an employee, your employer must support this application with evidence of trader or investor status in Canada, or of residence in the United States/Mexico.

Provide full particulars of your qualifications to perform in an executive or supervisory position. If the job is one requiring essential knowledge or skills, describe how you have come to possess the essential specialization (i.e., comment on the uniqueness of your skills and the period of training required to perform the contemplated job duties). You may wish to attach a curriculum vitae. If you are not in the executive/supervisory/essential knowledge category and are seeking entry as a highly trained technician, provide full details of your training and experience. (For applicants seeking entry for positions requiring essential skills or who are highly trained technicians, employers will have to provide evidence that essential or high-level skills are required.) Investor status can also be granted for a one year period to an employee who is familiar with an American/a Mexican firm for the purpose of starting-up a Canadian affiliate of that firm.

SECTION F - Please use this space to provide other information which you deem relevant to your application:

[Empty space for providing other information]

I affirm that the information provided on this form or otherwise provided in the way of supporting documentation, whether it is provided by me or another person, is true and complete.

Signature of applicant

Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE ON THIS DOCUMENT IS COLLECTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE *IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE PROTECTION ACT* TO DETERMINE IF YOU MAY BE ADMITTED TO CANADA AS A TRADER OR AN INVESTOR. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE STORED IN PERSONAL INFORMATION BANK NUMBER CIC PPU 054, TEMPORARY WORKER RECORDS AND CASE FILE. IT IS PROTECTED AND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO IT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE *PRIVACY ACT*.