CANADIAN IMMIGRATION THROUGH EDUCATION

> Your Bridge to Canada and Beyond!



Canada is one of the most desirable places to live in and is a natural choice for many people when choosing to immigrate. There are many reasons, but the primary one is the high quality of life available to its residents.



# Did you know?

Canada has more lake area and holds 20% of all freshwater in the world.

An estimated 75% of Canadians live just within 161 kilometers (100 miles) of the U.S. border.

About 80% of Canada's trade is with the U.S.

# **A National Symbol**



Maple syrup is made from the maple tree, whose leaf is found on Canada's flag. The maple has come to symbolize and represent Canadian culture. Quebec is responsible for roughly 75% of the world's production of Maple syrup.

# **Made in Canada**



Food products developed in Canada or by Canadians: Poutine, Nanaimo Bars, Butter Tarts, Yukon Gold Potatoes, Canada Dry Ginger Ale, McIntosh Red Apple, Pablum, Peanut Butter.

# **Education in Canada**

- Canada has nearly 100 universities and is home to some of the world's top universities. Some well-known universities include the University of Toronto, the University of British Columbia and McGill University.
- A Bachelor's degree normally requires 3 to 4 years of study. A Master's degree usually takes 1 to 2 years to complete. A Doctoral degree requires 3 or more years of study and research to complete.
- At minimum, universities require a high school diploma or pre-university diploma. Other requirements may include meeting specific language test scores.
- Cost of tuition fees for International Students are generally lower than in other countries. (http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/education/education-at-a-glance-2015\_eag-2015-en)
- As a bilingual country, Canada excels in its language training programs. Many colleges and universities offer programs in English and French lessons and classes.
- International Students will enjoy all of the freedoms which protect Canadians, such as respect for human rights, religion, equality and a stable and peaceful society.

Mercan International Education has partnerships with numerous educational institutions of different academic levels across Canada.

International students can work on or off-campus for 20 hours per week during studies and full-time during school breaks. Post-Graduation Work Permit for up to 3 years is possible after graduation. Spouses of International Students can apply for an Open Work Permit.

3 Having a Canadian educational degree provides opportunities for Canadian permanent residency.

# **Campus Life:**



Canadian schools typically feature a well-balanced academic and leisure lifestyle with state of the art campus facilities.

English and French are the two official languages of Canada. Other most common spoken languages include Chinese, Punjabi, Spanish, German, and Italian.

## Why international students choose Canada?

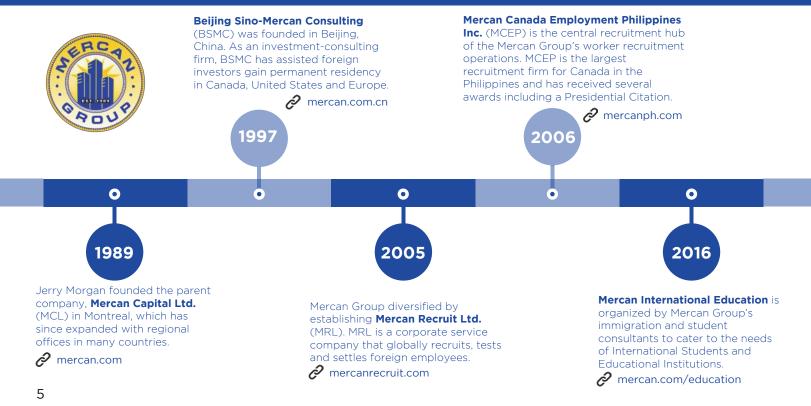
- Canada's education system is one of the best in the world.
- Canada has a non-discriminatory society.
- Canada has a very low crime rate.



There were 336,497 international students in Canada in 2014 (CBIE).

## With three decades of professional experience in immigration

Mercan Group of Companies currently employs over 100 employees, including licensed immigration consultants, student advisors, financial analysts, career counsellors, processing staff and lawyers. Mercan has built an international network with diverse nationalities.



# **The Mercan Advantage**



We are uniquely positioned to deliver unsurpassed solutions because we set ourselves very high standards of service with regards to professionalism, timeliness, convenience and process efficiency.



We at Mercan not only take pride in our work, we also make it a point to take very good care of our clients. We personally monitor your application and maintain frequent contact with relevant immigration offices to insure your application is processed as quickly and efficiently as possible. With our assistance, over 40,000 individuals have obtained permanent residence in Canada.

Due to our network and wealth of experience, we have a thorough understanding of the immigration programs around the world and can easily adapt to the ever-changing needs of the nationalities we deal with.

At Mercan, we help reduce the workload and guide you through the application process.



## **Canadian Immigration through Education**



Mercan provides goal-based student services through our unique and effective process called Canadian Immigration through Education. This is a comprehensive 10-step professional process, comprised of the following:

## **1. Guidance and Forecasting**

Mercan sits down with the Student (you) and uses its customized assessment tools to analyze your key competencies, qualifications, language proficiency and characteristics to determine the top educational institution and city where you want to pursue your studies. Important factors considered include your intent to complete your preferred program of studies, your financial stability, and most importantly, your career goals.





# Every client that comes through our door is important and deserves our undivided attention

Jerry Morgan, RCIC - President & CEO

## 2. School Registration and Admission Assistance

Once you are able to select your educational institution, we will assist in the application process to ensure that all requirements are submitted on time and in proper order.

## 3. Study Permit Processing

We will assist you in every possible way

to facilitate the speedy processing of your study permit application at the Canadian Visa Office in your country of origin.

## 4. Pre-departure Orientation

We will provide you with a pre-departure orientation, which will prepare you for the living conditions and societal norms of your destination in order to allow you to better adjust and adapt.



# Your family is important to us.

### 5. Settlement Services



We will provide a settlement plan specific to the area and region where you will be studying, including your immediate and long term settlement needs. Our settlement service includes airport pickup, arranging reasonable accommodation (short or long-term), immediate application for Social Insurance Number, health insurance coverage, and bank accounts.

## 6. Family Reunification

We will assist you in bringing your family members through available programs such as Open Work Permit for your spouse, Study Permit for your children and Visitor Permit for your parents.

# We provide a frank and honest assessment before we agree to represent you.



- 7. Maintaining and/or renewing student status Mercan will monitor and inform you of the ongoing status of your study permit.
- 8. Applying for Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

The PGWP will allow you to gain valuable Canadian work experience which helps you qualify for permanent residence in Canada.



# "Mercan has placed almost 10,000 Foreign Workers"

Jose Eduardo "Ricky" Yazon, RCIC - President and General Manager of Mercan Philippines

## 9. Job Placement and Career Planning

Our successful track record in the placement of Foreign Workers in Canada, United States and the Middle East would make us an invaluable partner in your job-hunting. We are proud to say that Mercan has placed almost 10,000 foreign workers in numerous companies from 2006 to 2016.



# We give that personal touch in the service we provide

Marjorie Quintos, RCIC - Director of Operations



## **10. Permanent Residence Processing**

As your Immigration Consultant, we shall:

- Help you determine the immigration program in which you will qualify and how you will meet the requirements;
- Assist you in the preparation and submission of your application for permanent residence in Canada, under the program in which you quality;
- Advise you as to which documents and steps are required in support of your application;

- Track the status of your application;
- Represent you and communicate with relevant immigration authorities on your behalf;
- Apprise you on the progress of your application; and
- Respond to all reasonable requests from you while performing our duties competently and in a professional and timely manner.



## WE ARE ONE OF THE LARGEST IMMIGRATION CONSULTING FIRMS IN CANADA

## OUR TEAM IS COMPRISED OF 8 (AND GROWING) IMMIGRATION CONSULTANTS LICENSED BY THE IMMIGRATION CONSULTANTS OF CANADA REGULATORY COUNCIL.





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