



Study Permit — Refusal Review Checklist

For applicants whose study permit was refused. Rebuild around purpose of study, finances, and ties to home country — the areas officers question most often.

Reapplying without addressing the refusal reasons usually repeats the outcome. If judicial review is an option, strict Federal Court deadlines apply — act quickly.

How to use this: Tick each box as you gather the document. Bring the completed file to your CHK consultation so we can review it before you submit.

First: get the refusal on paper

- The full refusal letter with every checked reason
- GCMS / ATIP notes with the officer's detailed reasoning
- A complete copy of your original submission

Identify the exact refusal grounds (tick what applies)

- Purpose of study / study plan not convincing
- Program not aligned with your prior education or career path
- Financial capacity insufficient
- Ties to home country weak / officer not satisfied you will leave
- Choice of institution or program not reasonable for your profile

Rebuild the study plan (Letter of Explanation)

- A clear statement of purpose linking the program to your career goals
- Why Canada, why this DLI, why this program, and why now
- How the program builds on your academic and work background
- A realistic plan to use the education after returning home

Acceptance & academics

- Valid Letter of Acceptance from a Designated Learning Institution (DLI)
- Provincial / Territorial Attestation Letter (PAL/TAL) if required
- Transcripts, diplomas, and language test results

Financial capacity

- Proof of tuition plus living costs (confirm the current figure on canada.ca)
- GIC, bank statements, education loan, scholarship, or sponsor documents
- A clear source-of-funds explanation for any large or recent deposits



Ties & intent

- Family, employment, or assets in your home country
- Realistic post-study plans at home

Rebuild the submission

- An explanation letter answering each refusal reason directly
- Updated forms and current supporting documents