

Guide for international students

1- What does ACS mean?

Attestation of College Studies, or in French Attestation d'études collégiales (AEC). In Quebec, at the college level, only two diplomas are offered:

- The Diploma of Collegial Studies (DEC) which is aimed at 17 year olds and which lasts 2 to 3 years.
- The Attestation of Collegial Studies (AEC) which is intended for adults and which targets a specialized job.

2- Is the ACS in Digital Marketing recognized by the Government of Canada?

YES. It is recognized by the governments of Canada and Quebec. At the end of your studies, you will receive an Attestation of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education of Québec (MEES).

3- Is it allowed to work during the training?

The Government usually provides the student with a work permit allowing him to work part-time during the studies and full-time during the holiday season.

However, this decision rests with the Government of Canada. If you are allowed to work during your training, this mention will be specified on your Study Permit.

4- Does the diploma at the end of the training give the right to a post-diploma work permit (PGWP) in order to gain some experience in Canadian companies?

No one can guarantee a post-study work permit, which is based on several factors that will be analyzed by Immigration Canada. In general, programs leading to an Attestation of Collegial Studies of 8 months or more give the right to a post-diploma work permit.

Only Immigration Canada, its authorized employees, and licensed attorneys and consultants can answer your questions about Canadian immigration.

5- How much does the training cost for an international student?

The cost of the full program is 16,400USD: where 16,200USD is for tuition fees plus 200USD for registration fees (not refundable).

6-How much money should I budget to come and do this training?

The Government of Canada requires that you set aside \$ 1,000 Canadian per month for your personal expenses (housing, food, clothing, etc.).

Proof that you have these funds to support yourself during the training is part of the Study Permit application process.

7- When do I have to pay the tuition fees?

Registration fees are payable online on the College website BEFORE you arrive in Canada.

Tuition fees are payable in two equal installments: one just before the start of the course and the other just before the start of the second half of the program.

8- Do I have to take out insurance before arriving in Canada?

YES. Proof that you have insurance for the duration of the training is part of the Study Permit application process.

9-Are there possible means of financing such as a scholarship or others?

NO. As an international student, you are not entitled to financial assistance from the governments of Canada and Quebec.

However you might want to check if an aid program exists in your country.

NOTE: Due to COVID-19, international students will be eligible from the winter semester starting in January 2021.