



Applying to Canadian Law Schools

Navigating the Application Process

At LSAC, we know every journey to law school is different. This checklist can serve as a guide to help you navigate the application process.

24 Months Before You Want to Start Your 1L Year

- ✓ Register for a free account at [LSAC.org](https://lsac.org) or [LawHub.org](https://lawhub.org).
- ✓ Use the same username and password to access all LSAC and LawHub resources, including the Prelaw Success Live Events, LSAT® prep tools, and more.
- ✓ Apply for a **fee waiver**, which is valid for two years, if you qualify.
Learn more at [LSAC.org/FeeWaiver](https://lsac.org/FeeWaiver).
- ✓ Create an LSAT study plan. Research shows that first-time test takers should start preparing three to six months before their preferred test date.
Visit [LSAC.org/LSATprep](https://lsac.org/LSATprep) to learn more.
- ✓ Research law schools and access other resources by going to [LSAC.org/Canada](https://lsac.org/Canada).

18 Months Before Your 1L Year Begins

- ✓ Choose a date and register for the **LSAT**. Be sure to request testing accommodations, if you are eligible. Schedule your test date for at least six months before your first law school application is due.
Register at [LSAC.org/LSATRegister](https://lsac.org/LSATRegister).
- ✓ Create an outline for your personal essay(s). Decide who you'll ask to write letters of reference.

12 Months Before Your 1L Year Begins

- ✓ Prepare your application, personal essay(s), letters of reference, and biosketch/CV.
- ✓ Take the **LSAT** (including **LSAT Writing**), the only test accepted by all Canadian law schools and ABA-approved law schools in the U.S.
- ✓ Attend an **LSAC Law School Forum** for the opportunity to interact directly with law school representatives from across North America and get expert answers to your questions.
To learn more, visit [LSAC.org/LawSchoolForums](https://lsac.org/LawSchoolForums).
- ✓ Finalize all of the required and optional components of your application.
- ✓ Complete and submit your law school applications.

6 Months Before Your 1L Year Begins

- ✓ Decide if you'll be applying for a professional student line of credit or provincial/federal loan grant program.
- ✓ Visit the two or three law schools at the top of your list to make sure you find them an appealing, comfortable fit. Remember, many schools have virtual events too.

We wish you the best of luck on your legal education journey!