



## ***Media Release: Gappers, Get Ahead Of The Visa Game - Why You Need To Sign Up Now For A Canadian Working Holiday...***

**London, 10 October 2016:** The Canadian High Commission has announced that it will be opening online registrations for its 2017 quota of IEC\* work permits in mid-October, around one month earlier than usual. The work permits, which allow young British and Irish citizens to spend up to two years living and working in Canada, are limited in number compared with other popular gap year destinations such as Australia and New Zealand, so the demand is likely to outstrip the supply. That's why work abroad specialist, [BUNAC](#), is urging candidates to pre-register now for its [Work Canada](#) programme and maximise their chances of securing the sought-after visas. With over 25 years' experience of organising Canadian working holidays, BUNAC not only guides candidates through the IEC process to ensure that applications are accepted first time, but also assists them in securing the best jobs in prime locations such as Whistler, Blue Mountain and Banff, and enjoying the trip of a lifetime.

The Canadian High Commission's application process requires IEC candidates to create an online profile, then join a "pool" of applicants and await an Invitation to Apply. By pre-registering for BUNAC's [Work Canada](#) programme, applicants not only benefit from expert support and advice on eligibility and supporting documents, they also gain access to BUNAC's Facebook group, online webinars, plus email and text messages alerting them to any announcements and upcoming deadlines.

Work Canada participants benefit from BUNAC's long-standing relationships with a wide array of [top Canadian resorts](#) and key seasonal employers. There are countless opportunities for seasonal work in the tourist industry, especially in the Canadian Rockies, which provide endless outdoor activities during the summer months and winter sports in some of the world's top ski resorts. Previous jobs held by BUNACers have included snowboarding instructor, teacher, Spa receptionist and photographer in the mountains during the ski season.

Two BUNAC programmes are available: the [Essentials](#) package, where candidates are supported in finding a job on arrival in Canada, costs £359, while the [Ultimate](#) package includes full assistance in finding a job before departure, and costs £499. UK-based interviews with Canadian employers, either in person or via Skype, take place in April and May for summer jobs and from July to September for the winter season, which begins in November/December.

Candidates signing up for either *Essentials* or *Ultimate* have the option of getting to know like-minded gappers on one of BUNAC's sociable [Group Flights](#), costing from £505 to Toronto, and from £670 to Vancouver with the added benefit of a three-day stopover in Iceland. They also receive assistance with travel insurance, two free nights' accommodation

on arrival in Canada, comprehensive arrival orientation and use of BUNAC's resource centres in Toronto and Vancouver, where a wealth of practical support is available, from opening a bank account to finding accommodation, job opportunities, social events, travel advice and more.

For further details or to register for Work Canada now with a £50 deposit, visit <http://www.bunac.org/uk> or, to speak with a member of the BUNAC team, telephone 033 3999 7516.

\* International Experience Canada Work Permits allow eligible 18 to 30-year-old British and 18 to 35-year-old Irish citizens to spend up to 24 months living and working in Canada.