

How to open a GCKey Account?



1. Google the keywords “create GCKey account”
2. Click on the first link
3. Click on “Register”
4. On the next page, click on “Register with GCKey”

The screenshot shows a sign-in interface with two main options:

- Option 1: Sign in with GCKey**
Text: "Sign in with your GCKey user ID and password."
Button: "Sign in with GCKey"
- Option 2: Sign-In Partner**
Text: "Sign in with your online Canadian banking if you have an existing account with 1 of our partners."
Button: "Sign in with Sign-In Partner"
[View the full list of Sign-In Partners](#)

A red box highlights a section for users without an account:

Don't have an account?
Button: "Register"

A green footer bar contains the text: "Please take a few moments to [rate your experience](#) with the Sign In page."

5. Click on “Sign Up”

6. On the next page, read the Terms and Conditions of use and click on “I accept”

Welcome to GCKey

Sign In

Username: **(required)**

Password: **(required)**

[Forgot your password?](#)

Simple Secure Access

A simple way to securely access
Government of Canada online services.

One username.
One password.

Your GCKey can be used to access multiple
Government of Canada online [Enabled
Services](#).

Please select **Exit** to leave the GCKey service and return to the Government of Canada online service.

7. On the next page, create a username. Make sure to write it down somewhere, since you will require this username in the future.*

8. On the next page, create a password.

Create Your Username

Your Username must contain between eight and sixteen characters, no special characters (for example: %, #, @) and may contain up to seven digits. When creating your Username, we recommend that you:

- make your Username easy for you to remember and hard for others to guess;
- avoid using personal information such as your name, Social Insurance Number (SIN), mailing address or email address;
- always keep your Username secure and do not share it with anyone.

Create Your Username: **(required)**

Please select **Continue** to proceed or click **Cancel** to end the Sign Up process.

Privacy

Please keep your Username secure. For more information on how your privacy is protected, please refer to our [Personal Information Collection Statement](#).

Username Checklist

- ✓ 8-16 Characters
- ✓ No Special Character(s)
- ✓ No more than 7 digits

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9. On the next page, select a recovery question and answer*

10. Select a memorable person and write his/her name (it can be the name of your relative, friend, colleague, etc) *

11. Add a memorable date (it can be the birth date of family member, the day you started college, etc)*

Create Your Recovery Questions, Answers and Hints

Your Recovery Question, Answers and Hints are used to help you if you forget your Password. Please complete all the required fields below to continue the Sign Up process.

Select a Recovery Question: **(required)**

Please select a question...

My Recovery Answer: **(required)**

My Memorable Person: **(required)**

My Memorable Person Hint:

My Memorable Date (YYYY-MM-DD): **(required)**

My Memorable Date Hint:

Please select **Continue** to proceed or click **Cancel** to end the Sign Up process.

Continue **Clear All** **Cancel**

Privacy

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Your answers must contain at least three characters and contain no special characters (for example: %, #, @). Your hints must contain at least three characters and may contain letters, numbers and the following punctuation characters: apostrophe ('), comma (,), dash (-), period (.) and question mark (?).

12. On the next page, select a recovery question and answer*

13. Select a memorable person and write his/her name (it can be the name of your relative, friend, colleague, etc) *

14. Add a memorable date (it can be the birth date of family member, the day you started college, etc)*

15. Once you have filled in all the fields, click on “Continue”

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Your Recovery Question, Answers and Hints are used to help you if you forget your Password. Please complete all the required fields below to continue the Sign Up process.

Select a Recovery Question: **(required)**

Please select a question...

My Recovery Answer: **(required)**

My Memorable Person: **(required)**

My Memorable Person Hint:

My Memorable Date (YYYY-MM-DD): **(required)**

My Memorable Date Hint:

Please select **Continue** to proceed or click **Cancel** to end the Sign Up process.

Continue **Clear All** **Cancel**

Privacy

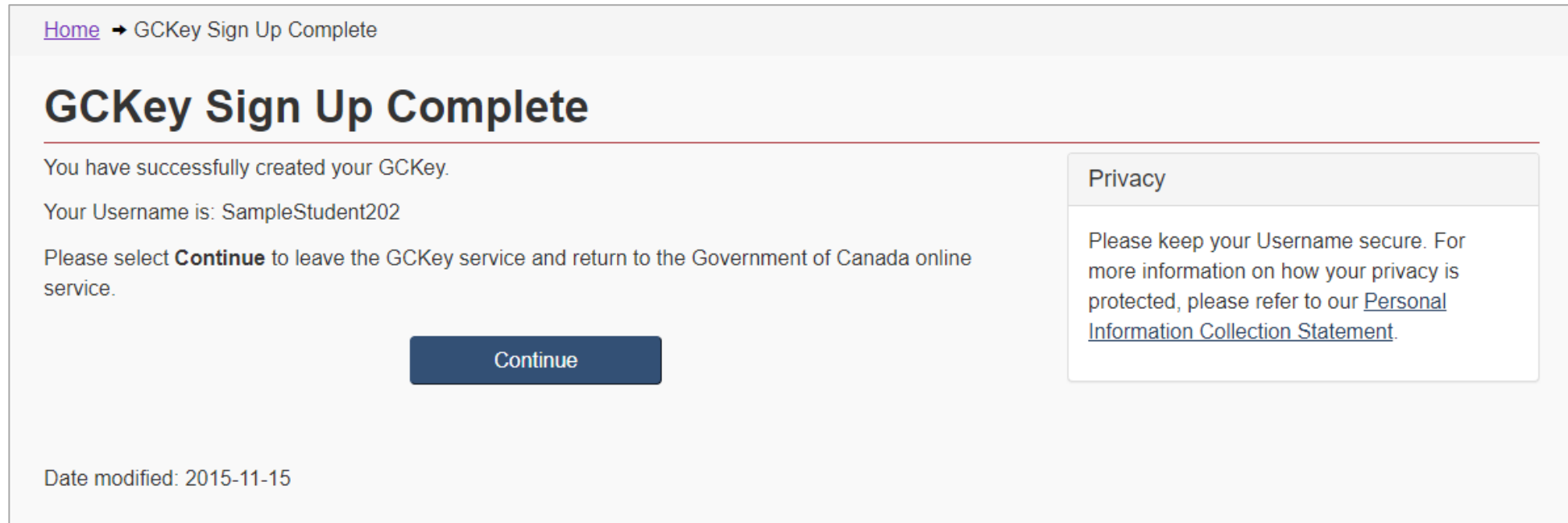
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16. On the next page, you will receive a message that your GCKey sign up is complete. Make sure to take a screenshot of this page, as mentioned in the note on the bottom of this page. Click on “Continue”.

17. You will be redirected to the home page of the Immigration and Citizenship site. Click on “English”.



The screenshot shows a web page titled "GCKey Sign Up Complete". At the top left, there is a breadcrumb trail: "Home → GCKey Sign Up Complete". The main heading is "GCKey Sign Up Complete". Below the heading, the text reads: "You have successfully created your GCKey." followed by "Your Username is: SampleStudent202". A paragraph below that says: "Please select **Continue** to leave the GCKey service and return to the Government of Canada online service." In the center of the page is a dark blue button with the text "Continue". On the right side, there is a "Privacy" section with a light gray background, containing the text: "Please keep your Username secure. For more information on how your privacy is protected, please refer to our [Personal Information Collection Statement](#)." At the bottom left of the page, it says "Date modified: 2015-11-15".

18. On the next page, click on “Sign in or create an account to apply online”.

19. On the next page, click on “Sign in with GCKey”.

20. On the next page, read the terms and conditions. Then, click on “I Accept”.

Services and information

My application

Sign in or create an account, check application status and processing times, find forms, pay fees, learn about medical and police checks, learn about representatives and protect yourself from fraud

Immigrate

Find out what immigration programs you can apply for, sponsor your family and use a representative

Study

Apply for or extend a study permit or student work permit

New immigrants

Get a permanent resident card, find immigrant services in your area, apply for citizenship and learn about your first tax year in Canada

Visit

Find out if you need a visa to visit, do business or transit through Canada, and how to extend your stay as a visitor

Work

Apply for or extend a work permit, learn about International Experience Canada and being a caregiver, get your credentials recognized, and hire foreign workers

Citizenship

Apply for, resume or give up Canadian citizenship, prepare for the citizenship test and get proof of citizenship

Canadians

Get a passport, sponsor your family or a refugee, get proof of citizenship, travel and work abroad, adopt a child from abroad, and take part in citizenship celebrations

Most requested

- [Sign in or create an account to apply online](#)
- [Check your application status](#)
- [Check application processing times](#)
- [Find an application form](#)
- [Pay your fees](#)
- [Find out if you need an eTA or a visa to visit Canada](#)
- [Have questions? Find answers in the Help Centre](#)

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21. On the next page, fill out your first and last name, email address and preferred language of notification. Click on “Continue”.

Create an account

Fill in all the required information and then choose the "Continue" button to create your account. We need this information to confirm who you are and to make sure:

- your information is available to you only; and
- your identity is validated on your return visits.

Create an account

Enter the following information as it appears on your passport. Use the "help" buttons to get details on where you can find this information. All fields are mandatory.

Given Name [?](#)

* Last name(s) *(required)* [?](#)

* Email address *(required)* [?](#)

* Preferred language of notification *(required)* [?](#)

[Report a problem or mistake on this page](#)

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22. On the next page, add 4 security questions and their answers. You will need to answer one or more questions from this list every time you will access your GCKey account.*

Create your security questions

You will need to answer one of your security questions each time you access your account. You will have two tries to answer the question.

If you can't answer the first security question, we will ask you another one of your four questions. If you can't answer any of your security questions, we will lock your account. You will not be able to recover your account online.

Create new security questions that are difficult to guess but are easy for you to remember.

* Security Question 1 *(required)*

* Answer 1 *(required)*

* Security Question 2 *(required)*

* Answer 2 *(required)*

* Security Question 3 *(required)*

* Answer 3 *(required)*

* Security Question 4 *(required)*

* Answer 4 *(required)*

[Continue](#)

[Report a problem or mistake on this page](#)

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23. On the next page, you will see the main dashboard for your account. It includes applications you have already submitted, but also the option to start a new application.

Student Sample's account

View the applications you submitted

Review, check the status or read messages about your submitted application.

Search: Showing 0 to 0 of 0 entries | Show entries

Application type ↑↓	Application number ↑↓	Applicant name ↑↓	Date submitted ↓	Current status ↑↓	Messages ↑↓	Action
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Did you apply on paper or don't see your online application in your account? [Add \(link\) your application to your account](#) to access it and check your status online.

Continue an application you haven't submitted

Continue working on an application or profile you haven't submitted or delete it from your account.

Search: Showing 0 to 0 of 0 entries | Show entries

Application type ↑↓	Date Created ↓	Days left to submit ↑↓	Date last saved ↑↓	Action
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Start an application

Apply to come to Canada Includes applications for visitor visas, work and study permits, Express Entry and International Experience Canada. You will need your personal reference code if you have one.	Refugees: Apply for temporary health care benefits Use this application if you are a protected person or refugee claimant who wants to apply for the Interim Federal Health Program.	Citizenship: Apply for a search or proof of citizenship Use this application to apply for proof of citizenship (citizenship certificate) or to search citizenship records.
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You know have a GCKey Account. As mentioned previously, you will need the log in details to access your account and any applications you have submitted, so please make sure to save your username and password.

Through your GCKey Account, you can apply for a work or study permit, change your designated learning institution and more.