

Biometric what? SWAP takes the confusion out of biometric testing!

Biometric data (finger scans and digital photographs) is now required for all applicants wanting to work in the UK.

More than ever before SWAP services are needed! The steps to obtain a British Working Holidaymaker visa are becoming more difficult and detailed specific. SWAP will continue to work closely with the British High Commission to insure that your visa application and supporting documents are correct and to avoid your visa being held up unnecessarily or being denied.

After you register for SWAP, you will receive an Electronic Welcome Email that includes the visa application and step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the visa form. SWAP will do the actual on-line application on your behalf and will email you details about booking the VAC appointment and what supporting documents you need. You then must visit a UK Visa Application Centre (VAC) and bring all necessary visa documents with you to have finger scans and digital photographs. At this point, VAC seals all documents in an envelope along with the documents SWAP provided you - it is then up to you to courier the package to the BHC within 2-weeks to apply for your visa (the sooner the better!). Please note that the Toronto VAC office couriers your documents for you.

These VAC offices are limited to five Canadian cities – Halifax, Ottawa, Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver. Please note that these are not information centres and are solely intended to collect the required biometric data and to check that candidates have the correct documents and a valid passport in good physical condition and of a sufficient duration.