Before You Reapply — The Refusal Checklist

From Francis Immigration Services Inc. — the same checks we run before any refused application goes back in.

- **1. Get your GCMS notes first**
  Order the officer's full notes (ATIP request, $5) before you change a single document. The refusal letter is a summary — the notes hold the real reasons.

- **2. Name the actual objection**
  Write the officer's concern in one sentence: funds? ties to home? travel history? purpose of visit? If you can't, you're not ready to reapply.

- **3. Never refile the same application**
  The same documents get the same answer. Something material must change — stronger evidence, new facts, or a corrected error.

- **4. Check your deadlines before anything else**
  Judicial review windows are short (15 days for matters arising in Canada, 60 days outside Canada, from the decision). Reconsideration has no formal deadline — but stale requests die. Mark the dates today.

- **5. Fix documents at the source**
  Bank letters, employment letters, enrolment proof: every document should answer the objection directly and be verifiable. Officers check.

- **6. Add what's genuinely new**
  New job, completed course, changed family circumstances, stronger savings history — new evidence is what makes a second application a different application.

- **7. Get a professional review before you resubmit**
  A refused application raises the bar for the next one. One review before filing is cheaper than a second refusal.

Refused? Read this first: francisimmigration.ca/refused/

Want us to handle the GCMS notes and the plan? Ask about our GCMS review service in a consultation — call (647) 499-0322.

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