

# Co-op Work Permit

Langara Global

DLI O19319074622

## Eligibility

Some programs at Langara College include a work experience, practicum, or internship as an essential component of the curriculum. If your program requires a co-op or practicum term, you may be eligible for a co-op work permit, which allows you to work full time during the approved work term.

You may apply for a co-op work permit if:

- You have a valid study permit.
- Work is an essential component of your study program in Canada,
- You have a letter from your [DLI](#) confirming that all students in your program must complete a work placement to obtain their credential.
- The co-op or internship is 50% or less of the total program of study.

When you receive your co-op work permit, your institution may be listed under the employer field. The co-op work permit allows you to work for any employer, provided the work fulfills your program requirements.

**\*With a co-op work permit you are only permitted to work full time during your designated work term you. This permit does not authorize employment outside of the approved work placement.**

## Ineligibility

You are not eligible for a co-op work permit if you are enrolled in :

- English or French as a second language (ESL/FSL) programs.
- General interest courses or courses to prepare for another study program.

\*In these cases, you need to get a [valid work permit](#) to work in Canada.

## Compliance

- Students who fail to comply with the terms and conditions of their study permit or co-op work permit are considered non-compliant.
- Students who continue working after becoming ineligible are violating their immigration conditions.
- Non-compliance may result in enforcement action by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), invalidation of the study permit. It may also negatively impact future applications made under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA)* and its Regulations.

## Full-time status

- Designated Learning Institutions (DLI's) determine the number of hour credits required to maintain full-time status.
- At Langara, your co-op work term is considered a full semester commitment, and students are recognized as full-time. This allows students to work off-campus full time under the co-op work permit and an additional 24 hours per week under their study permit, as long as the working authorization is listed on the study permit.

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## How to apply

### 1. Apply Online- to apply online you must have:

- A co-op or internship letter, from DLI, confirming that the placement is mandatory part of your program's curriculum.
- Access to a scanner or digital camera to create electronic copies of your documents for uploading.
- [Biometrics](#)- You may be required to provide [biometrics](#) (fingerprints and photo), if you are submitting a co-op work permit application,
  - If you have provided biometrics in the last 10 years they still remain valid.

### Paper Application- can ONLY submit paper application if:

- You can't apply online due to a disability
- There's a problem with the [online application](#)
- [Get a co-op work permit: If you can't apply online - Canada.ca](#)

**\*Note:** If you provide an email address, on your application, check it regularly (including junk/spam folders) for updates from IRCC. You should monitor your [IRCC account](#) on a regular basis. .

## Application process

### Step 1

Create an IRCC online account

Sign into your [IRCC secure account](#)

### Step 2

Follow the [eligibility checklist](#) and complete the "Apply to come to Canada" questionnaire after you log in to your IRCC Secure Account to obtain your document checklist and the most recent version of application form IMM5710.

### Step 3

Complete and upload the required application and documents

## Application Steps

1. Document Checklist **IMM5583**
2. Application to Change Conditions, Extend my Stay or Remain in Canada as a Worker **IMM5710**
3. Instruction Guide for application **IMM5580**

## Document List

- Photocopies of passport pages
- Photocopy of your current immigration document
- Letter provided by the institution stating that your intended employment is an essential part of your studies

### Step 4

Pay your application fees (if necessary) and submit application

***This does not apply for a co-op work permit application.***

❑ **Step 5**

[Check processing times at IRCC - Canada.ca](http://ircc.canada.ca)

**Important Links**

General Information:

[Work as a co-op student or intern](#)

[Working in Canada as an international student](#)

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