Post Grad Work Permit (PGWP)

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The [Post Graduate Work Permit (PGWP) Program](#) allows students who have graduated from a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution to gain valuable work experience in Canada. Effective November 1, 2024 [IRCC has introduced new requirements](#) for students that are applying for their PGWP.

Length of the PGWP
If your program of study was:

Less than eight months	You are NOT eligible for a PGWP
More than eight months but less than two years	PGWP may be valid for up to the same length as your study program (for example, if you studied for nine months, a work permit may be issued for up to nine months)
Two years or more	A PGWP may be issued for three years
More than one program	A PGWP may be valid for up to three years, for example, if you finished a diploma or degree from an eligible school in Canada, and within the next two years you get a one-year graduate degree or diploma from an eligible school in Canada

Current PGWP General Eligibility:
- You have a valid study permit. Must have valid status to apply for the work permit. The study permit is deemed to be invalid 90 days after written confirmation of program completion.
- Have continuously studied full-time in Canada in a program of at least eight months in length that, led to a certificate, diploma or degree
- Have a written confirmation of program completion (transcript, completion letter, certificate, etc.)
- Have completed at least 50% or more of your program in person in Canada
- Apply within 180 days of receiving written confirmation of program completion (Calculation of the 180 days begins the day final marks are issued or the day formal written notification of program completion is received, whichever comes first).
- Full eligibility rules can be found on the [IRCC website](#)

CHANGES TO PGWP ELGIBILITY:

Submitted Study Permit Application Before November 1, 2024:
- Must meet all general PGWP eligibility criteria
- All graduating students, applying for PGWP, must provide proof of language ability [Canadian Language Benchmark](#) (CLB) 5 for all college programs.
- Accepted English language tests include the Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP General), International English Language Testing System (IELTS General), and the Pearson Test of English (PTE Core).

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Submitted Study Permit Application After November 1, 2024:
- Must meet all PGWP General Eligibility Criteria
- All graduating students applying for a PGWP on or after November 1, 2024 must provide proof of language ability [Canadian Language Benchmark](#) (CLB) 5 for all college programs
- Must meet [field of study requirements](#) for a list of eligible field of study programs at Langara College [click here](#).

General Ineligibility
- Studied in a program less than eight months
- Did not maintain continuously or full time status (excluding authorized [scheduled break](#))
- Completed program entirely by distance learning
- Already received a post-graduation work permit
- Took general interest of self-improvement courses

Waiting for a decision

You may work full-time until a decision is made on your work permit application if you:
- You completed your program
- You applied for a PGWP before your study permit expired
- You were authorized to work off-campus without a work permit while studying and did not work more hours than you were allowed to while working off-campus

If these do not apply to you, you must wait until the permit arrives to begin working . It is illegal to work in Canada without a work permit.

If your work permit is refused, you must stop working the day you are notified of the refusal.

Compliance
- Students who fail to comply with the [terms and conditions of their study permits](#) are considered non-compliant.
- Students who become ineligible and who do not cease working would be violating the conditions of their study permit.
- Non-compliance may also result in enforcement action taken by the Canada Border Services Agency, or invalidation of the study permit. It may also negatively affect future applications made under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* and its regulations.

How to apply for your PGWP
1. **Apply Online- to apply online you must have:**
   - 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), Nov 1, 2024
     - 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](#)

You can apply for your PGWP either within Canada or outside of Canada. If you leave Canada, make sure that you have a valid Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) or ETA that allows you to re-enter the country. It is preferable to submit your application within Canada.

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*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
❑ An unofficial transcript or an official transcript with the "Awarded" graduation notation
❑ Formal Letter of graduation (Letter of Completion)
❑ Proof of English Language Proficiency
❑ Proof of payment

❑ **Step 4**

Pay your application fees (if necessary) and submit application

Open Work Permit fee ($100)
Standard Work Permit ($155)
Total $255

❑ **Step 5**

Check processing times at IRCC - Canada.ca

Important Links

General Information:
Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca
Working in Canada as an international student

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