

Working On – Off Campus

Langara Global
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You may work off-campus without a work permit if you:

- Have a valid study permit.
- Are a full-time student at a designated learning institution (DLI).
- Have started studying in a regular studies program.
- Are enrolled in a program that leads to a degree, diploma or certificate and is at least six months long.
- Have a Social Insurance Number (SIN).

To apply for a SIN, one of the following conditions must be listed on your study permit:

- May work 24 hrs. per week off-campus, or full-time during regular breaks, if meeting criteria outlined in section 186(v) of IRPR.
- May accept employment on or off-campus if meeting eligibility criteria as per R186(f), (v) or (w). Must cease working if no longer meeting these criteria.

If these conditions are not on your study permit, you must request an amendment or a change of conditions, to your study permit, before applying for a SIN.

You must apply to change the conditions of your study permit and pay a fee of \$150 if your study permit states:

- “This permit does not permit the holder to engage in off-campus employment in Canada,” and you have changed your program of study.

Eligibility

R186(f), (v), or (w) allows certain students to work off campus without work permit for up to 24 hours a week during a regular academic session and full-time during regularly scheduled breaks, provided that:

- They hold a valid study permit.
- They are full-time students enrolled at a designated learning institution.
- The program in which they are enrolled is a post-secondary academic, vocational or professional training program.
- The program of study is at least six months or more in duration and one that leads to a degree, diploma or certificate.
- They continue to fulfil the terms and conditions of their study permit, as well as the conditions to engage in off- campus work (**e.g., work no more than 24 hours a week during a regular academic session**).

Ineligibility

Even if you are a full-time student at a DLI, you may not be allowed to work off-campus without a work permit if you are:

- Studying English or French as a second language (ESL/FSL).
- Taking general interest courses or courses to prepare for another study program.
- A visiting or exchange student who will not get a degree from your host school in Canada.

Full-Time Status

Designated learning institutions define the number of hours or credits required for a student to hold full-time status. Students must stop working off-campus if their academic status changes. For example, if a student starts an academic session as a full-time student but becomes part-time, during the academic session, by dropping or withdrawing, or courses.

- At Langara, full-time study is defined as nine credits or more. Part-time study is defined as fewer than nine credits.

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 their conditions.
- Non-compliance may also result in enforcement action 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.

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Scheduled Breaks

Students must hold full-time status during the academic session before and after their scheduled break. Each scheduled break should not be more than four months. At Langara College, scheduled semester break may be taken in one of either the Fall, Spring or Summer semesters

- Students eligible to work under paragraph R186(f), (v), or (w) can work full time during regularly scheduled breaks between academic sessions **regardless** of their course load. This means that for programs that have an institution-designated scheduled break, students may choose to study full-time, part-time or not at all AND still work off-campus full time.
- This does not apply to Intensive programs that **do not** have regularly scheduled breaks (i.e.: PDD). Students in such programs may work a maximum of 24 hours per week throughout the entire program, if authorized to do so by their study permit.

How many hours can you work?

If you qualify to work off-campus, you can work up to 24 hours per week:

- During regular school sessions, or while studying in an intensive program that does not have scheduled breaks.
- If you are studying part-time in the final session of your program.

You can work full-time:

- During scheduled breaks, such as the winter and summer holidays or spring break.
- After you finish your studies if you have applied for any other work permit.

On-Campus Work

Full-time post-secondary students may work without a work permit on the campus of the university or college at which they are enrolled full-time student [R186(f), (v), or (w)]. This authorization is valid while they hold a study permit and are enrolled full-time studies.

This regulation applies to students who are:

- Engaged in full-time studies.
- Working at any number of jobs on-campus.
- On-campus employers include those whose businesses serve the general public, as long as the place of business is located on the institution's campus.

There are no legal restrictions preventing students from working on-campus in addition to working the maximum 24 hours per week off-campus.

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