

Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) Overview

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	Brief Overview (not comprehensive)	Helpful Links
WHO	<p>You are eligible for the PGWP if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed an NBCC program that was at least 8 months in length and led to a diploma or certificate, and • Maintained full-time status during each semester of your program (some exceptions apply; see link). <p>You can only receive a PGWP once in your life.</p> <p>Updates announced on September 18, 2024 add additional requirements for the PGWP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language requirements: Study program requirements - Canada.ca • Field of study requirements: Study program requirements - Canada.ca 	<p>Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca</p>
WHAT	<p>The PGWP is an open work permit meaning it is not tied to any specific location, type of work, or employer. You also do not need to have a job arranged to apply for it.</p> <p>The duration of the PGWP depends on the duration of your program of study. Review the link provided to learn more.</p>	<p>Duration of the PGWP</p>
WHEN	<p>You apply for the PGWP after you have completed your program of study. You must apply within 180 days of receiving your Letter of Completion from NBCC.</p>	<p>Work in Canada after you graduate: How to apply - Canada.ca</p>

	<p>Note: Your study permit becomes invalid 90 days after you receive your Letter of Completion or on the expiry date, whichever comes first.</p>	
<p>WHERE</p>	<p>Apply online from inside or outside Canada.</p> <p>There are considerations associated with applying from outside of Canada (including work authorizations while waiting for a decision, ability to enter Canada, etc.).</p>	<p>My immigration or citizenship application - Canada.ca</p>
<p>HOW</p>	<p>Learn more about submitting your PGWP application through ongoing NBCC webinars and available resources.</p>	<p>International Student Visas, permits, and immigration (nbcc.ca)</p> <p>Guide 5580 - Applying for a Work Permit - Student Guide - online application - Canada.ca</p>
<p>COVID-19 TEMPORARY MEASURES</p>	<p>There are some temporary policy measures that have been put in place since March 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. They have changed frequently and have specific timelines associated with them.</p> <p>You will need to review the information provided at the link here to understand if these will be considered in your PGWP application.</p>	<p>Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): International students - Canada.ca</p>
<p>INCLUDING YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ON YOUR APPLICATION</p>	<p>In order to include your family members on your application, they must also be inside Canada with you if you are applying from inside Canada.</p> <p>Dependent Children: you are able to include your dependent children on your PGWP application. You must indicate that you wish to submit an application</p>	<p>Find out if your child is a dependant (cic.gc.ca)</p> <p>Overview of work designated by the Minister [R205(c)(ii) – C41, C42, C44,</p>

	<p>for them at the same time as your PGWP application so you are prompted to upload their documentation as well.</p> <p>Spouse or Common-Law Partner: you are only able to include an extension of your spouse/common-law partner’s open work permit (OWP) with your PGWP application if you are employed at the time of your application (temporary measure in effect until January 2025).</p>	<p>C45, C46, C47, C48, C49, C52]– Canadian interest – International Mobility Program - Canada.ca</p>
<p>RECENT IRCC ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p>Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) released several announcements on September 18, 2024 that may impact international students.</p>	<p>Study program requirements - Canada.ca</p>