Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)
Post-graduation Employment for International Students in Canada

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AGENDA

- Eligibility criteria for PGWP
- Length of PGWP
- Documents needed for PGWP application
- Work authorization after completion of program
- Q & A
POST-GRADUATION WORK PERMIT (PGWP)

“One time” gift for international students to gain Canadian work experience

An **OPEN** work permit

- You do not need a job offer to apply
- You can work for any employer
- You can work anywhere in Canada
- You can work at any jobs
- The job does not need to be related to your degree
# PGWP – Eligibility Criteria

## Inside Canada Graduates

### COVID-19: If you had to stop studying or change to part-time studies between March 2020 and Fall 2020 due to COVID-19, you may still be eligible for a PGWP.

### Don’t let your status expire!
Your study permit expires as of the expiry date on the permit or 90 days after the day you complete your studies, **whichever comes first**.

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**You have 180 days to apply for a PGWP after completion of program**

- A valid study permit at some point during the 180 days

**Completed a study program**

- at an eligible DLI
- at least 8 months long
- leading to a degree, diploma or certificate

**Maintained full-time student status**

- except final academic session, which can be part-time
- Or an approved leave of absence (case by case)

**Received final transcripts AND a PGWP letter**

- from Registrar’s Office
PGWP – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
OUTSIDE CANADA GRADUATES

Special measures due to Covid-19:

• You don't have to have held a valid study permit
  • You were enrolled in a program that was in progress in March 2020 or
  • You started a program between spring 2020 and fall 2021 and
    • you have a study permit or
    • you've been approved for a study permit or
    • you applied for a study permit before starting your study program
      • Your study permit must eventually be approved.

• Only the time studying outside Canada after you submitted your study permit application counts towards the length of your PGWP.

• Any time studying outside Canada after December 31, 2021 is not counted.

• You may still be eligible for a PGWP if you had to stop studying or change to part-time studies between March 2020 and Fall 2020.

* You must meet all the other eligibility criteria for PGWP.
## LENGTH OF PGWP

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<tr>
<th>Official length of program</th>
<th>PGWP validity</th>
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<td>&lt; 8 months</td>
<td>NOT ELIGIBLE</td>
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<td>&gt; 8 months &amp; &lt; 2 years</td>
<td>Up to the same length as your program</td>
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<td>2 years or more</td>
<td>3 years</td>
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<td>a 16-23 month, full-time graduate program with no breaks</td>
<td>*A PGWP may be issued for 3 years</td>
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<td>Two PGWP-eligible programs completed within 2 years</td>
<td>PGWP may combine the length of each program</td>
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You **may** be eligible for a Work Permit that is valid for up to 3 years **depending on the length of your program** of study.

**NOTE:** You can’t get a PGWP if you already had one after completing an earlier program of study.
PGWP: DOCUMENTATION FROM WESTERN

• A PGWP Letter:
  • Order a PGWP letter via Student Center (can be delivered by pick-up, eLetter, mail, courier or fax)
  • PGWP letter is only available upon completion of program (after adjudication)

• Final transcript:
  • an official transcript, or
  • an unofficial transcript from Student Centre under Web Academic Report
HOW / WHEN TO REQUEST A PGWP LETTER

Complete final exams or thesis

**Adjudication** decision is made
- Academics>My academics>View my grades>Grade Report-Completed

Order a **PGWP letter** via Student Centre
PGWP: WORK AUTHORIZATION

• You can work full-time after you apply for a PGWP if you:
  • Had a valid study permit when you submitted your PGWP application
  • Completed your study program
  • Were eligible to work off-campus without a work permit while studying
  • Didn’t work more hours than you were allowed to

• Please note:
  • You must stop working the day you are notified by IRCC that your application is refused.
  • If you are confirmed by Western that you have completed your program and you are not starting a new program of study, you can NOT work until you apply for a PGWP and you meet all the above criteria.
WORK AUTHORIZATION AFTER COMPLETION OF STUDIES

Date you complete final exams or thesis
Part-time work off campus
Stop working if Study Permit expires
Can’t work
Full-time work
Date school confirms completion
Date PGWP application is submitted (*all conditions met)
APPLYING FOR A SIN

➢ You can apply online or by mail.

➢ If you are unable to apply online or by mail you have the option to apply in person.

➢ If you apply for a SIN online or by mail and your application meets the requirements, you will receive a letter with your SIN by mail within 20 business days from the date the application is received. If more than 25 business days have passed and you would like to find out the status of your application, contact the SIN program.

➢ There is no fee to apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN).


***You can continue using your SIN while waiting for PGWP application decision even if it expires when your study permit expires.***
ADVISING SERVICES FALL 2021

Appointments
https://iesc.uwo.ca/appointment
- Virtual via Microsoft Teams or telephone
- Monday – Friday, 10am – 12pm & 1 – 3pm

Drop Ins
- In person at 2nd floor, International & Graduate Affairs Building (IGAB)
- Monday – Friday, 1 – 4pm

Immigration FAQ Fridays
- Virtual drop-in on zoom
- Fridays, 9 – 10am

Immigration workshops
- IESC events calendar: http://www.events.westernu.ca/events/iesc/
- IESC weekly network email

Office Hours & Reception
- Monday – Friday, 9am – 4pm
- Phone: 519-661-2111 ext. 89309
- Email: iesc@uwo.ca
International students: Tell us.
How can we improve your experience at Western?

Look for the survey link in your Western email
Q & A