



## Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

The PGWP is an open work permit that allows full-time international students who have completed a Canadian degree lasting eight months or more to apply after fulfilling all degree requirements. Graduates can work for any employer, anywhere in Canada, for up to 3 years. **The application cost is CAD \$255.**

### Online Application Process

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Apply online using your [IRCC Secure Account](#)

- Under “Start an application” click “Apply to come to Canada”
- Go to “I do not have a Personal Reference Code.”
- Click “Determine your eligibility and apply online for a visitor visa, study and/or work permit.”

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When answering the questionnaire, answer as following:

- “What would you like to do in Canada?” **Work**
- “How long are you planning to stay in Canada?” **Temporarily – more than 6 months**
- “What is your current country/territory of residence? If you are presently in Canada, you should select Canada” **Canada**
- “What is your current immigration status in Canada?” **Student**
- “Do you plan to work on campus?” **No**
- “Do you have an official letter from your school that confirms you’ve completed your study program, as well as a copy of your final transcript?” **Yes**

Note: If you’d like to add a family member to your application, you can include them by answering “yes” to “Do you want to submit an application for a family member?”

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After answering the first set of questions, you will be given an **electronic checklist**. Fill out the **[IMM 5710] form – Application to change conditions, extend my stay, or remain in Canada as a worker**, and click the blue “validate” button, then upload it along with all other required documentation. Once approved, IRCC will send your PGWP to your Canadian address.

### What documents do I need?

- Valid Study Permit and passport
- [Program Completion Letter](#) stating that you have completed the requirements of your program of study.  
**\*In order to get your program completion letter, you MUST [apply to graduate](#) first.**
- Official Final UCalgary [Transcript](#)
  - **Note:** You can apply with an unofficial transcript with final grades. However, it is recommended to apply with an official transcript.
- Photograph of yourself meeting photo specification
- [Proof of Language Ability](#)
  - University graduates must meet a Canadian Language Benchmark CLB Level 7
  - College graduates must meet CLB Level 5.
- If intending to work in a medically designated occupation (nursing, childcare, social work), a valid immigration medical exam should be provided at the time of application.

**\*Note:** PGWP cannot be issued beyond the validity of your passport and [biometrics](#).

### When Can I Apply?

- You have 6 months (180 days) to apply after your final grades and/or thesis have been submitted. However, **if you are in Canada and would like to work, you must submit your application within 90 days of completing your program or before your study permit expires, whichever is first.**
- You do not have to wait for convocation. Degree completion letters will be sufficient proof of your completion.
- You may only apply for this work permit once in your lifetime. If you complete another Canadian degree later, you will not be eligible for another PGWP after you complete that degree.

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