

Western International

Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

Post-graduation Employment for International Students in Canada

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AGENDA

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- Length of PGWP
- Documents required for PGWP application
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- Work authorization after completion of program
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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

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

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. **Please keep all the supporting documents.**

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.**

PGWP – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OUTSIDE CANADA GRADUATES

Special measures due to Covid-19:

- You don't have to have held a valid study permit if you
 - were enrolled in a program that was **in progress in March 2020** or
 - Started a program between **March 2020 and August 31, 2022** 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 **August 31, 2023** 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

Official length of program	PGWP validity
< 8 months	NOT ELIGIBLE
> 8 months & < 2 years	Up to the same length as your program
2 years or more	3 years
a 16-23 month, full-time graduate program with no breaks	*A PGWP may be issued for 3 years
Two PGWP-eligible programs completed within 2 years	PGWP may combine the length of each program

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.
- Make sure your passport is valid to cover the length of PGWP that you are eligible for.

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)

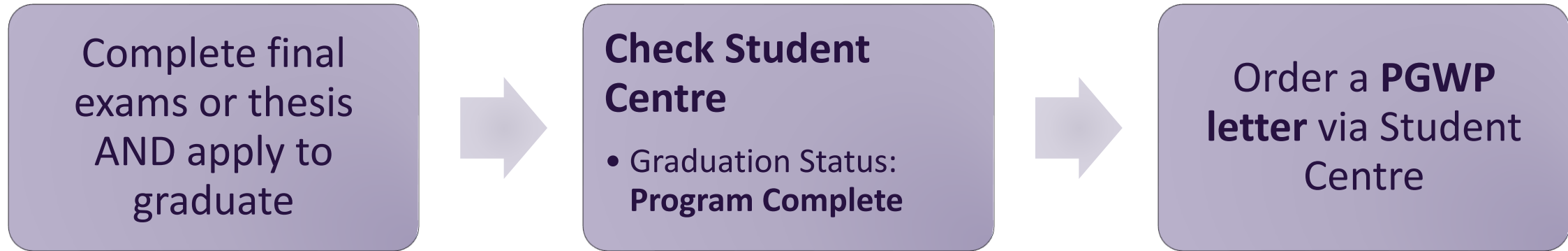
- **Final transcript:**

- an official transcript, or
- an unofficial transcript from Student Centre under Web Academic Report

NOTE: PGWP application is based on completion of program. You do not have to wait until you get your degree.

https://iesc.uwo.ca/visas/documents_from_western.html

HOW / WHEN TO REQUEST A PGWP LETTER



NOTE:

- For project and course based students, program complete happen after the last day of your final term.
- For thesis-based students, after your final thesis is verified and published, SGPS will then update your Student Centre indicating Completed.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PGWP

Step 1:
Sign in or Create an account
on www.cic.gc.ca

[Home](#)

Immigration and citizenship

Apply to travel, study, work or immigrate to Canada, apply for citizenship, a permanent resident card or refugee protection, check the status of your application or find a form.

Follow:



[Find out how to hire a candidate with the Atlantic Immigration Pilot](#)

Services and information

[My application](#)

Sign in or create an account, check application status and processing times, find forms, pay fees, learn about medical and police checks, learn about representatives and protect yourself from fraud

[Immigrate](#)

Find out what immigration programs you

[Visit](#)

Find out if you need a visa to visit, do business or transit through Canada, and how to extend your stay as a visitor

[Work](#)

Apply for or extend a work permit, learn

Most requested

- [Sign in or create an account to apply online](#)
- [Check your application status](#)
- [Check application processing times](#)
- [Get answers to your questions](#)

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PGWP

Step 2: Determine your eligibility

Start an application

Apply to come to Canada

Includes applications for visitor visas, work and study permits, Express Entry and International Experience Canada. You will need your personal reference code if you have one.

Determine your eligibility and apply online:

Visitor visa, study and/or work permit

Express Entry (EE)

International Experience Canada (IEC)

Find out if you're eligible to apply

What would you like to do in Canada? *(required)* ?

Please make a selection

How long are you planning to stay in Canada? *(required)*

Please make a selection

Select the code that matches the one on your passport. *(required)* ?

Please make a selection

What is your current country/territory of residence? If you are presently in Canada, you should select Canada. *(required)* ?

Please make a selection

Do you have a family member who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and is 18 years or older? *(required)*

Please make a selection

What is your date of birth? *(required)* ?

Select year

Select month

Select day

Save and Exit Questionnaire

Next

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PGWP

Step 3: Select Post-Graduate Work Permit – in Canada to continue

Your results

Based on the information you provided, the result(s) below indicate(s) whether you may be eligible to come to Canada.

Temporary Resident Visa

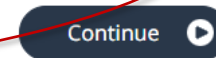
You will need a temporary resident visa to return to Canada.

If you are working or studying in Canada, your temporary resident visa may expire at the same time as your work or study permit. If your work or study permit is expiring soon, please renew your study or work permit first. Once your study or work permit is approved, you may apply for your temporary resident visa.



Post-Graduate Work Permit - in Canada

You may be eligible to work in Canada with a post-graduation work permit.



HOW TO APPLY FOR A PGWP

Step 4:
Upload required documents
and submit application
(document checklist is personalized
based on answers)

Application Form(s)
Application to Change Conditions, Extend my Stay or Remain in Canada as a Worker (IMM5710)

Supporting Documents
Recent Education Transcript ?
Completion of Studies Letter ?
Passport ?
Digital photo ?

Fees

Fees			
Application	Quantity	Price (CAD) per unit	Total (CAD)
Work Permit	1	\$155	\$155
Open Work Permit Holder Fee	1	\$100	\$100

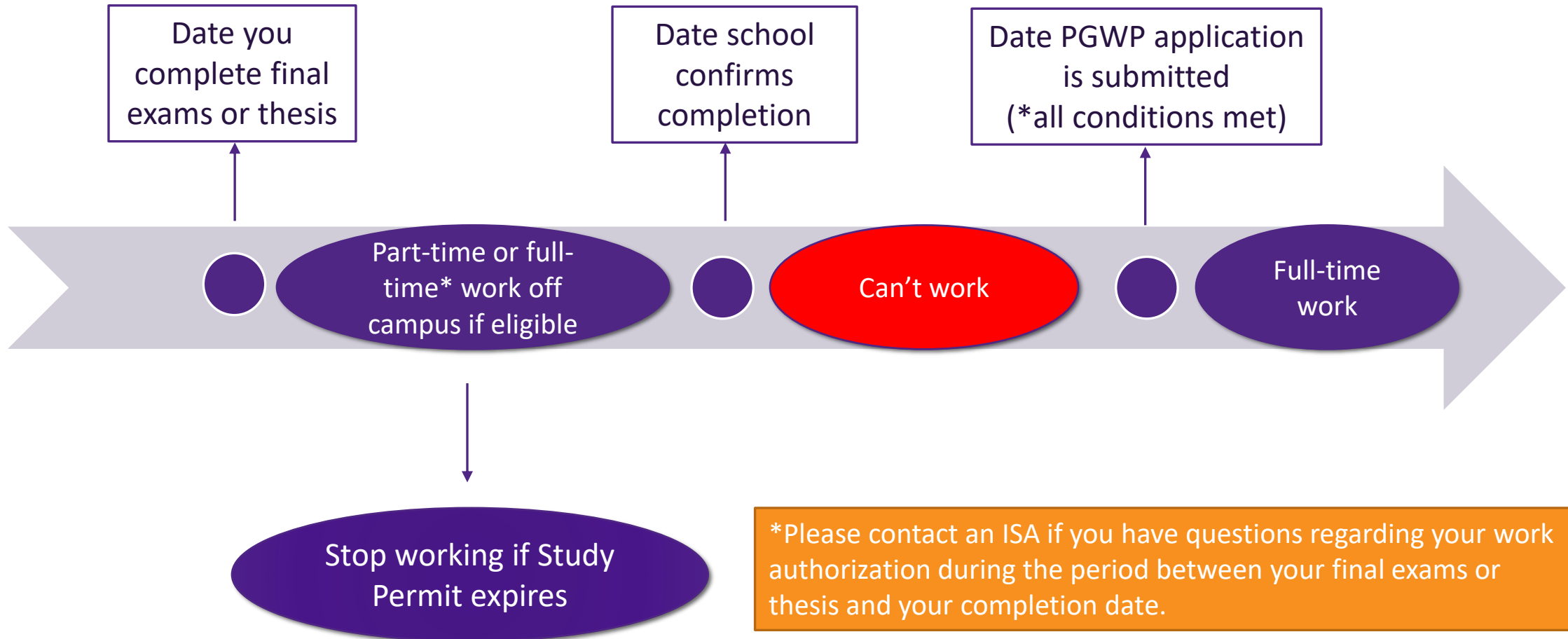
The fee shown is an estimate based on the fees in effect on the day that this Personal Reference Code is issued.
The actual fees to be paid will be calculated on the date of submission.

Total Price (CAD) \$255

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 meet all the above criteria.

WORK AUTHORIZATION AFTER COMPLETION OF STUDIES



APPLYING FOR A SIN

- You can apply online, by mail or in person.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin/apply.html>

- If you are unable to apply online or by mail, you have the option to apply in person at Dominion Public Building, 457 Richmond Street, London, Ontario.
- If you apply for a SIN online and your application meets the requirements, you will receive a letter with your SIN by mail within 10 business days from the date the application is received. If more than 15 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).

NOTE: You can continue using your SIN while waiting for PGWP application decision even if it expires as long as you are eligible to work.

PGWP EXTENSION (TEMPORARY POLICY)

IRCC announced on March 17, 2023 that international graduates may qualify for an extended work permit:

- Foreign nationals whose PGWP **has expired or will expire in 2023** will be eligible.
- Those who were eligible for the [2022 PGWP facilitative measure](#) will also be eligible. This includes PGWPs that expired between September 20, 2021 to December 31, 2022.
- Extensions will be for a period of up to 18 months.
- Those who fall under this temporary policy will be able to apply for restoration even outside of the normal 90 day restoration period, and will be able to work while waiting for the result of their work permit application.
- This temporary policy will come into effect on April 6, 2023.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/03/canada-announces-extension-of-post-graduation-work-permits-for-up-to-18-months-to-retain-high-skilled-talent.html>



ADVISING SERVICES WINTER 2023

Appointments

<https://iesc.uwo.ca/appointment/index.html>

- Virtual via Microsoft Teams or telephone appointment
- Monday – Friday, 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Drop Ins

- In person, IGAB 2nd floor
- Monday – Friday, 1 - 4 pm

Immigration FAQ sessions

- Virtual 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, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- **Phone:** 519-661-2111 ext. 89309
- **Email:** iesc@uwo.ca

Q & A

