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- Study permit
- Temporary residence visa (TRV)
- Work on/off campus
- Co-op work permit
- Post-graduate work permit

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IRCC is the authoritative source for immigration legislation, policies, instructions and information.

The information in this presentation is current as of November 17, 2021.





- PGWP Eligibility and documents you will need
- Step by step guide to applying online
- > Setting yourself up for permanent residence
- Your questions
- > Webinar slides and resources are posted on York International's "Immigration Application Resources" webpage.

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WHAT IS A POST-GRADUATION WORK PERMIT?

<u>An open work permit</u> that allows international students to remain and work in Canada after completing your studies
Valid for between 8 months and 3 years, depending on the official length of your program
Applicants can receive only 1 post-graduation work permit in their lifetime
A job offer is not required
You can work anywhere in Canada, in any occupation, even if it is unrelated to your studies and change employers any time you wish The only exceptions are jobs at risk of exploitation or employers on the ineligible employers list.
Work obtained through the PGWP may help to support your application for permanent residence in Canada



PGWP and COVID-19 IMPACTS

Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship Canada has temporary PGWP eligibility rules in place, which allow **100%** of your studies completed online from outside of Canada between **spring 2020 and December 31, 2021**, to be counted toward the length of your PGWP. This also applies to students completing two study programs.

Previous rules that required half of the program to be completed inside of Canada and indicated that online studies would count only up until April 30, 2021, are replaced by the <u>updated rules announced on February 12, 2021</u>, which is summarized below.

According to the <u>IRCC's updated PGWP rules</u>, if you are outside of Canada, 100% of online studies completed between spring 2020 and December 31, 2021 count toward a PGWP if:

- You are enrolled in a program that was in progress in March 2020, or
- You have started or will start a program between spring 2020 and fall 2021, and
- You have a study permit, or
- · You have been approved for a study permit, or
- You applied for a study permit before starting your study program and your study permit is eventually approved.

If you are completing two study programs, the programs must have been ongoing or started between March 2020 and fall 2021, and

- Both study programs are from an eligible DLI and are completed within two years.
- Each program meets all <u>PGWP eligibility requirements</u> and is at least eight months long.

If you are inside Canada, it remains that 100% of online studies count toward PGWP if your in-person classes in Canada have been moved to an online-only format because of COVID-19.

Whether you are inside or outside Canada, you must also meet all other **PGWP** requirements.



PGWP: Check your expiry dates



Make sure your passport is valid for the entire length of time you should be eligible for the PGWP.

See here for what to do if your passport expires earlier and you are unable to renew it in time before you submit your PGWP application.



Note: Study permits are invalid 90 days after completing studies even if the expiry date is later



If you need a new visa to enter Canada, you can apply for one online *after* you've received your PGWP



PGWP: When should I apply?

1. Finish your studies

After you complete your program and receive your final marks 2. Maintain valid status if applying from within Canada

While waiting for your marks, if you are inside Canada, make sure your study permit remains valid or else

- <u>Apply for a visitor record</u> to stay in Canada longer, or
- Leave Canada and apply for your PGWP

3. What does it mean to have valid status?

Your study permit becomes invalid 90 days after you receive confirmation that you have completed your studies or the expiry date on your permit, whichever comes first

4. Time limit for inside Canada applicants

Must submit application within **180 days** of receiving your final marks

HOWEVER

You must submit while your study permit is still valid (within 90 days of program completion) OR must ensure that you have an alternate valid status, such as visitor status (not recommended to go this route).

5. Time limit for outside Canada applicants

Must submit application within 180 days of receiving your final marks

AND

Your study permit must have been valid at some point within these 180 days



PGWP: Am I eligible to apply?

Complete your study program (academic, vocational, professional training)
At a designated learning institution (York University is an eligible DLI)
☐ That was at least 8 months long and
That led to a degree, diploma or certificate
Must have maintained full-time student status in Canada during each academic session of the program or programs of study This does not include your final semester OR if you took an approved leave from your studies (more on this on following slide)
If applying from inside Canada, must have valid status when applying (see previous slide).
If applying from outside Canada, must apply within 180 days of receiving your final marks and have had a valid study permi at some point within the 180 days.



Frequently asked questions PGWP: Am I eligible to apply?

- 1. Can I apply before I graduate?
 - You may apply for a post-graduation work permit **after** you complete your studies, not before.
- 2. When am I considered to have "completed" my studies? Is it once I receive my final grades or once I attend my graduation ceremony?
 - At York University, you are considered to have completed your studies once you receive your final marks, after which point you should prepare and submit your PGWP application within 90 days. Submission of your PGWP application within 90 days of receiving your final grades is important because you must have a valid status when you apply for your study permit. Remember, a study permit is valid only for 90 days after receiving your final grades OR the expiry date on your permit, whichever comes first.
- 3. What are the documents that I need from York University to apply for my PGWP
 - You require two documents from York: (1) Confirmation of Graduation Letter (2) Your transcript
 - It will take about 6 weeks from the date you receive your final grades for your graduation details to be finalized and to receive the required documents
 - Instructions on *how* to obtain these documents are in the upcoming slides
 - ***School of Continuing Studies Students: You will obtain your letter of completion directly from SCS.
- 4. My study permit expires at the same time or around the same time that I am expecting to receive my final grades, but it takes 6 weeks to receive the documents I require from York to apply, and my study permit will expire by then. How do I ensure that I have a valid study permit when I apply for the PGWP?
 - If your study permit is going to expire around the same time as you are finishing your studies, you should apply for a short study permit extension. This is referred to as a "**bridging study permit extension**" and typically is granted for an additional 90 days, which serves as a transition period for you to prepare for any next steps, including pursuing the option of applying for your PGWP.
- 5. More questions? The fastest way to reach us is by attending virtual drop-in advising. Register via the YI events calendar.



PGWP eligibility: requirement to maintain full-time status in each semester of your study program*

- ☐ Check your academic record to date
 - > Undergraduate students = Full time status is 9 credits **per semester** OR 6 credits per semester if you were registered as having a permanent disability with Student Accessibility Services
 - Graduate students & Continuing Studies = defined by your program
- * Exceptions
 - It was the final semester of your studies
 - You were on an <u>authorized leave</u> that did not exceed 150 days
 - You withdrew from classes due to a <u>labour disruption/strike</u> at York University
- ☐ Speak to an international student advisor and immigration specialist if:
 - > There is one or more semester that you were **not** enrolled as a full-time student (apart from your final semester)
 - > This includes if you withdrew from a course beyond the drop deadline and now have a "W" on your transcript
 - You took a leave from studies that was not authorized
 - You took a leave from studies that was authorized but exceeded 150 days
 - You took a leave from studies due to a labour disruption / strike at York University



PGWP: Determining the length of post-graduation work permit

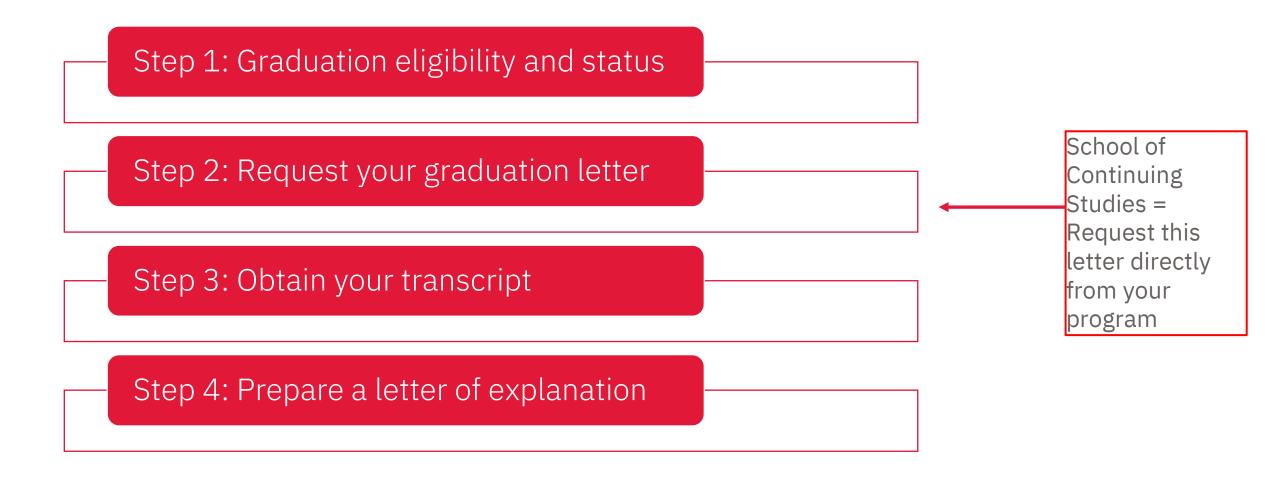
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Source: <u>See here</u>.





PGWP: Documents you will need from York University to apply for your PGWP





STEP 1: GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY AND STATUS

1. Apply to graduate

February 2022 convocation: The deadline to apply to graduate in February 2022 was November 01, 2021. If you applied late, there will be a delay in receiving your documentation.

2. <u>Determine Graduation Eligibility and Status</u>

- Undergraduate Students: Your graduation eligibility is evaluated by the Degree Audit Office once you apply to graduate
- Faculty of Graduate Studies: please contact the Graduate Program regarding your status and eligibility
- > Certificate students: please contact the Department/School administering your certificate for your status and eligibility

2A. Once your final grades are posted, your academic decision will confirm if you are eligible to graduate

Graduation Status

Once you have applied to graduate with an undergraduate degree you can verify your graduation status online. The system will indicate if your application to graduate has been received, if your file has been audited and if you are eligible to graduate.

Verify Your Graduation Status

You will <u>not</u> receive a notification once your status is updated, so be sure to check every day.

Your status will change to "eligible to graduate"



STEP 1: GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY AND STATUS (continued)

3. Once all degree requirements have been met, your degree conferral will be available on transcript according to the table below:

CONVOCATION	WHEN WILL MY DEGREE CONFERRAL BE RELEASED ON TRANSCRIPT?
June Convocation	End of May
October Convocation	End of August
February Convocation in Absentia	End of January



STEP 2: REQUEST YOUR GRADUATION LETTER

Once your graduation status says "eligible to graduate", you can apply for your graduation letter

✓ 8. I need a letter that shows my eligibility to graduate or confirmation of graduation.

Choose this option If you need a letter indicating that you are potentially eligible to graduate, or that you have already graduated for the purpose of obtaining your Post-Grad Work Permit.

Who can use this option?

Students who have applied to graduate or have graduated.

How much does this letter cost to prepare?

This letter costs \$25 each.

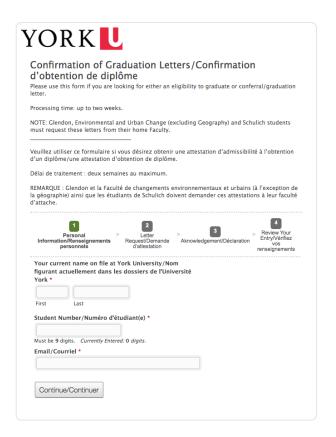
How do I get this letter?

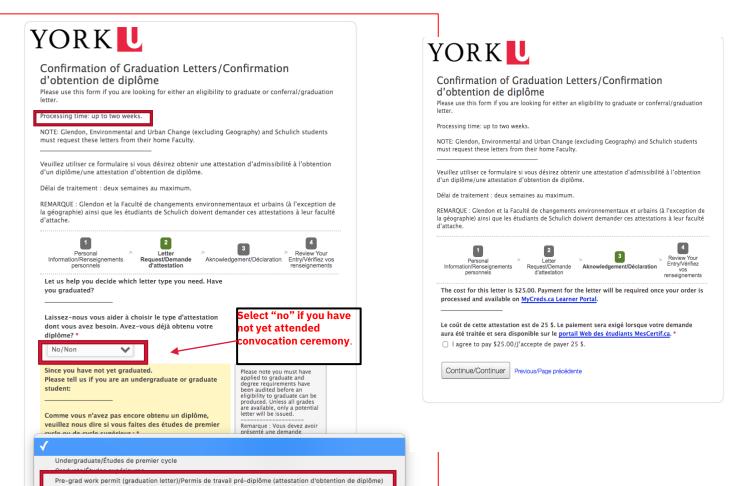
Complete this form.

Once your order is processed it will be transmitted from York University to the MyCreds.ca Learner Portal. You will receive an email notification that your letter is ready for payment, viewing and secure sharing online through the MyCreds.ca Learner Portal.



STEP 2: REQUEST YOUR GRADUATION LETTER (continued)





Your graduation letter should state: "This letter is to confirm that [...] has **successfully completed all requirements to graduate from the following degree program".**It should NOT state that you are "potentially eligible" to graduate.



STEP 3: OBTAIN YOUR TRANSCRIPT

Get your documents ready

Before you can apply for a PGWP, you need

- an official letter from your school that confirms you've completed your study program
- an official transcript, or a copy of your transcript from your school's website



STEP 3: OBTAIN YOUR TRANSCRIPT

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2. Digital Transcript

a. Available through MyCreds™. York University's official documents are issued directly through MyCreds™, a trusted, internationally verified digital credential platform. Documents issued through MyCreds™ are verifiable, secure, and include a cryptographic signature.

Digital transcripts cost \$15 per share credit. Your order will be processed within 5 business days of your request. Once your order has been processed, you will receive an email from the MyCreds™ system, with payment information and details on how to share your document. For more information, visit the MyCreds™ website.

Request your MyCreds™ transcript



Step 4: Prepare a Letter of Explanation and additional supporting documents as needed

It is recommended for all applicants to submit a letter of explanation (LOE), which is a good way to describe your unique situation or include additional documents, including:

- 1. The purpose of your application
- 2. Issues you would like to make clear or that the officer might find useful
- 3. Supporting documents, screenshots or any other proof to support your explanation
- 4. Additional employment history if you have run out of space in the employment" section of your application

It is recommended that you prepare a letter of explanation <u>and</u> speak to an international student advisor if one of the following scenarios applies to you:

- 1. If you had an authorized gap in studies
- 2. If you had an unauthorized gap in studies
- 3. If you studied part-time at any point during your degree (not including your final term) due to a reduced course load approved by Student Accessibility Services
- 4. If you studied part-time at any point during your degree (not including your final term) and it was **not** approved by Student Accessibility Services
- 5. Took courses at another Canadian DLI and/or wish to combine two programs

NOTE: PLEASE SEE THE TEMPLATE LETTER GUIDE AVAILABLE ON YORK INTERNATIONAL'S IMMIGRATION APPLICATION RESOURCES WEBPAGE



IRCC online application platform: preview & navigation tips



Fees and processing times

Fees

PGWP: \$255 CAN

Restoration of student status

and PGWP: \$605 CAN

Work permit from inside Canada (initial and extension)

Online

Paper

(1) 97 days (2)

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You may need to give your fingerprints and photo (biometrics) with your application. This processing time does **not** include the time you need to give your biometrics.



- There may be processing delays due to COVID-19 service disruptions
- Biometrics
 - In-Canada applicants: <u>temporary</u> <u>exemption</u>
 - Outside of Canada: see here

As of November, 17, 2021





Step 1: Make sure you have what you need

- scanner or camera
- valid <u>credit</u> or <u>debit</u> card
- your documents



Step 2: Create your online account or sign in

Need help? read the instruction guide



Step 3: Answer the questions and upload your documents

Save copies of everything for your records



Step 4: Submit and pay the fees





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Sign in to your IRCC secure account

Your account lets you start an application, submit and pay for your application, get messages related to your application, check the status of your application and update your information.

Need help signing in or applying online?

Option 1: GCKey

Sign in with your GCKey user ID and password.

Sign in with GCKey

Option 2: Sign-In Partner

Sign in with your online Canadian banking information if you have an existing account with 1 of our partners.

Sign in with Sign-In Partner

View the full list of Sign-In Partners

Don't have an account?

Register

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugeescitizenship/services/application/account.html

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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 persona reference code if you have one.

Refugees: Apply for temporary health care benefits

Use this application if you are a protected person or refugee claimant who wants to apply for the Interim Federal Health Program.

<u>Citizenship: Apply for a search or proof of citizenship</u>

Use this application to apply for proof of citizenship (citizenship certificate) or to search citizenship records.

Students: Transfer schools

For approved study permit holders only Tell us if



Personal Reference Code

If you have already completed the Come to Canada or the Express Entry wizard, you would have code, based on the answers you provided.

* Please enteryour personal reference code to begin your application. (required)



I do not have a Personal Reference Code

If you do not have a personal reference code, you may answer a series of questions to find out if y Express Entry, and begin an online application.

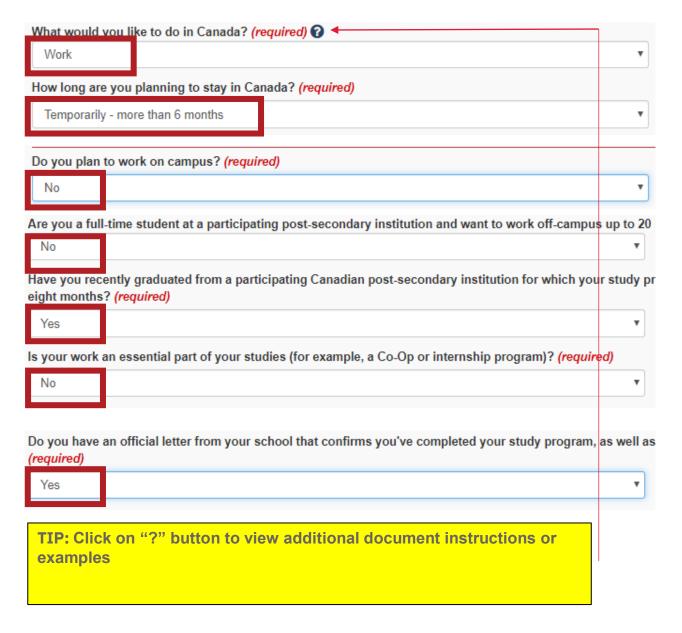
If you begin your application after you have logged into your account, you will not receive a pe checklist right into your account.

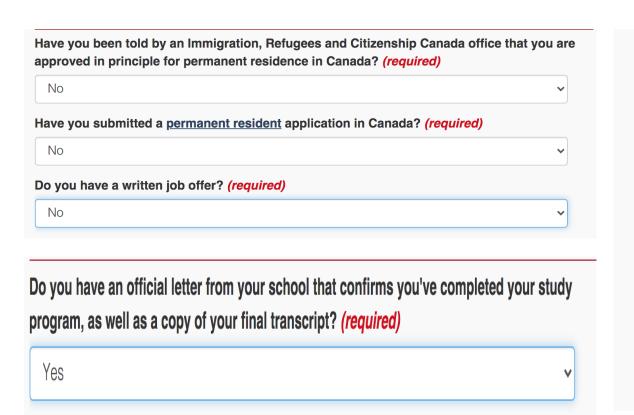
Determine your eligibility and apply online:

Visitor visa, study and/or work permit

Express Entry (EE)

International Experience Canada (IEC)









Post-Graduate Work Permit - in Canada

You are almost there...

We are going to ask you a few more questions. Based on your answers, we will provide you with a personal checklist of all the documents you need to submit with your application.

Do **not** submit multiple applications for the same service in an effort to speed up your application. Doing this may result in both applications being processed and delay the finalization of your application. We do not refund processed applications.



Have you had a medical exam performed by an IRCC authorized panel physician (doctor) within the last 12 months? *(required)* ?

Please make a selection

If you answer "no" to the above question, you will be asked the question below.

Have you lived in a designated country or territory for more than six months in the last year? (required) ? Please make a selection

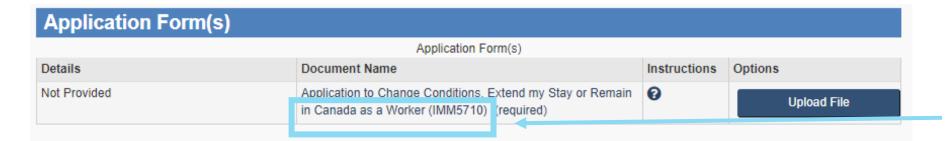
- > A "designated" country of territory refers to regions where a medical exam is required
- > If you have lived in Canada for at least the past 6 months, answer "no"
- If you have lived in another country for at least the past 6 months, find out here whether you require a medical exam.

You need a medical exam if there is a "yes" in the **second** column. Countries are listed alphabetically.

locations may also be listed under the country of sovereignty, such as the United Kingdom.					
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Afghanistan	YES	New Delhi			
Albania	NO	London			
Algeria	YES	London			
American Samoa	NO	Manila			
Andorra, Principality of	NO	London			
Angola	YES	London			
Antigua and Barbuda	NO	Ottawa			
Argentina	NO	Ottawa			
Armenia	YES	London			
Australia	NO	Manila			

You need a medical exam if there is a "yes" in the second column. Countries are listed alphabetically. Certain overseas





If you are applying from outside Canada, your list will look different

Supporting Documents

Details	Document Name	Instructions	Options
Not Provided	Recent Education Transcript (required)	•	Upload File
Not Provided	Completion of Studies Letter (required)	0	Upload File
Not Provided	Passport (required)	0	Upload File
Not Provided	Digital photo (required)	0	Upload File

TIP: Click on "?" button to view additional document instructions or examples

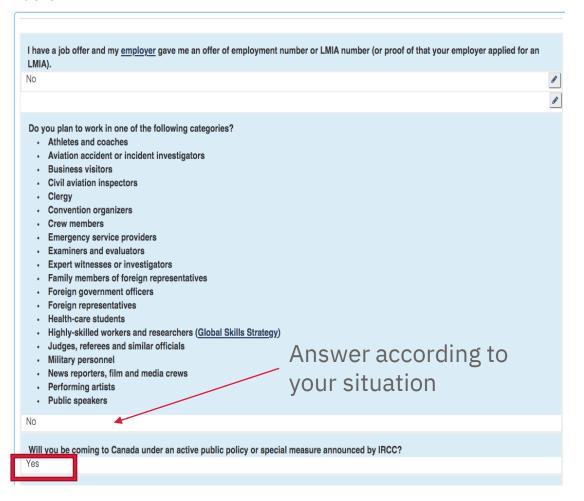
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Optional Documents				
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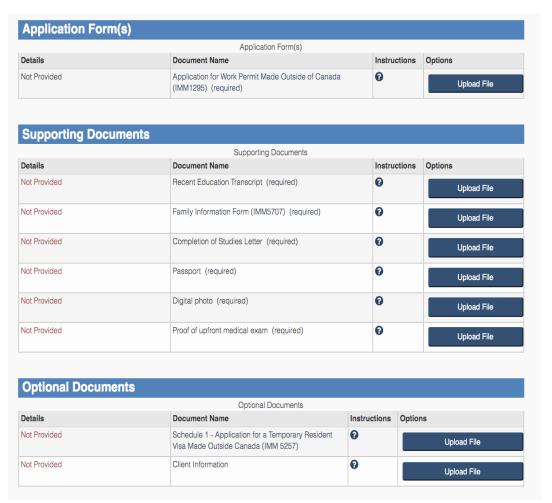
Your letter of explanation and supporting documentation goes here

PGWP application **OUTSIDE** of Canada

Eligibility questionnaire will look the same as in Canada application except for the questions in the screenshot below



Document Checklist for Application for a Work Permit Made Outside of Canada





Filling out the IMM 5710 form

- > Use the information from your passport and study permit
- Link to guide to help you: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/guide-5553-applying-change-conditions-extend-your-stay-canada-worker.html

I am applying for one or more of the following:	_			
* Apply for a work permit with the sam	e employer	* Apply for a work permit for the first time o	r with a new employer	
* Restore my status as a worker	T	* Get a new temporary resident permit (for i	nadmissible applicants only)	
DECNIAL DETAILS				
7 Current country or territory of residence:				
Country or Territory	Status	Other	From	То
*				
Canada		*	YYYY-MM-DD	YYYY-MM-DD
COMING INTO CANADA				
Date and place of your <u>original e</u> ntry to	* Date	*Place		
Canada	YYYY-MM-DD			
* a) The original purpose for coming to Canada		b) Other		
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Date and place of your most recent entry to	Date	Place		
Canada (if not the same as original entry)	YYYY-MM-DD			
If applicable, provide the document number of the most Permit, Work Permit or Temporary Resident Permit issue	recent Visitor Record, Study	Document Number		
DETAILS OF INTENDED WORK IN CANADA	-			

Provide the dates (From-To) to indicate how long you have had this status.

Document number: See your study permit and enter the digits starting with "F"



DETAILS OF INTENDED WORK IN CANADA							
* a) What type of work permit are you applying for?	b) Other						
	▼						
2 Details of my prospective employer (attach original offer of employment)							
	awarded a contract to provide services to a Canadian entity, please identify the foreign employer here)						
a, name of Employer (ii you are employed b) a foreign employer who has been a	and act a condition provide services to a canadian entry, prease facility the foleign employer note;						
b) Complete Address of Employer (Canadian or Foreign):							
3 Intended location of employment in Canada?							
Province Gity/Town	Address						
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My occupation in Canada will be:	In the second second						
Job title	Brief description of duties						
5 From	To 6 Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) No. or Offer of Employment (LMIA Exempt) N						
Duration of expected employment	Leave this empty						
YYYY-MM-DD YY	TTT-MM-DD						
7 If you have been issued a Quebec Acceptance Certificate (CAQ), provide the: Certificate Number Expiry Date							
Certificate Number Expiry Date							
Have you been issued a certificate under the Provincial Nominee program?	*No						
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a) Have you ever remained beyond the validity of your status, attended scho	a) Have you ever remained beyond the validity of your status, attended school without authorization or worked without authorization in Canada? No Yes						
b) Have you ever been refused a visa or permit, denied entry or ordered to le	leave Canada or any other country or territory?						
c) Have you previously applied to enter or remain in Canada?							
*d) If you answered "yes" to question 2a), 2b) or 2c), please provide details.							
2d) EXAMPLE: Yes, I entered Canada as a visitor in June 2015. In June 2017 I entered Canada as a student. In							
May 2019 I renewed my study permit.							

Can leave this section empty if you do not yet have an employer



How do I sign my online application?

You have to type in your name and answer a security question to submit your application. **This is your electronic signature. Do not** print out your application form to sign it.

To sign your online application:

1) Type your name in the boxes.

Your given name and last name must be **exactly** the same as on your application form. If you're under the age of 18, your parent or guardian must sign your form for you.



2) Answer the security question.

This will be one of the four security questions you created when you registered your <u>account</u>. You must answer exactly as you did when you created them.

Source: https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=740



More frequently asked questions

- 1. I am currently eligible to work as an international student. Can I continue working part-time after finishing my program?
 - No, you must stop working once you receive your final grades even if you currently are eligible to work.
- 2. Can I work while waiting to receive my PGWP?
 - You can work full time while waiting for your PGWP if:
 - You submitted your PGWP application **and** your study permit was valid at the time of submission
 - You completed your program of study
 - You were eligible to work off-campus, and
 - You did not work off-campus more than 20 hours a week during academic sessions
- 3. How can I show a potential employer that I'm allowed to work while I wait for my PGWP?
 - See IRCC's guidance on this question here.
- 4. Do I apply to renew my travel visa at the same time as my PGWP?
 - If you are applying from within Canada, you will submit your application for your PGWP *first.* Once it is approved, you can apply to renew your travel visa.
- 5. More questions? The fastest way to reach us is by attending virtual drop-in advising. Register via the YI events calendar.



Working towards permanent residence



What kind of job should I get?

To be eligible for the most common programs, you need 1 year of skilled full-time work experience (or the equivalent in part-time work)

Skilled means a NOC code 0, A or B

- > Find your NOC code: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/eligibility/find-national-occupation-code.html
- > The job title is not so important focus on the main duties



Become a permanent resident

Program	Eligibility	Application
Canadian Experience Class (CEC)	 Language skills 1 year full-time skilled work experience in Canada (not while studying) 	Express Entry – invitations based on CRS score
Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSWP)	 Language skills 1 year full-time continuous skilled work experience 67 points in the selection factors 	Express Entry – invitations based on CRS score
Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP)	Various programs, notably:PhD streamFrench-speaking skilled worker stream	Varied



Disclaimer Scope of service

As a lawyer/registered immigration consultant, we are authorized to provide immigration advice and represent individuals on Canadian immigration matters.

However, as an International Student Advisor and Immigration Specialist:

IN SCOPE:

- Provide general guidance/feedback for individual situation
- Review refusals

OUT OF SCOPE:

- In depth application review
- Reviewing/confirming supporting documentation (i.e.: financial documents, study plan etc)
- Confirming eligibility or admissibility

Immigration law is complex and providing accurate and comprehensive legal advice requires complete understanding of personal/immigration history \rightarrow out of scope.



What if I have academic questions?

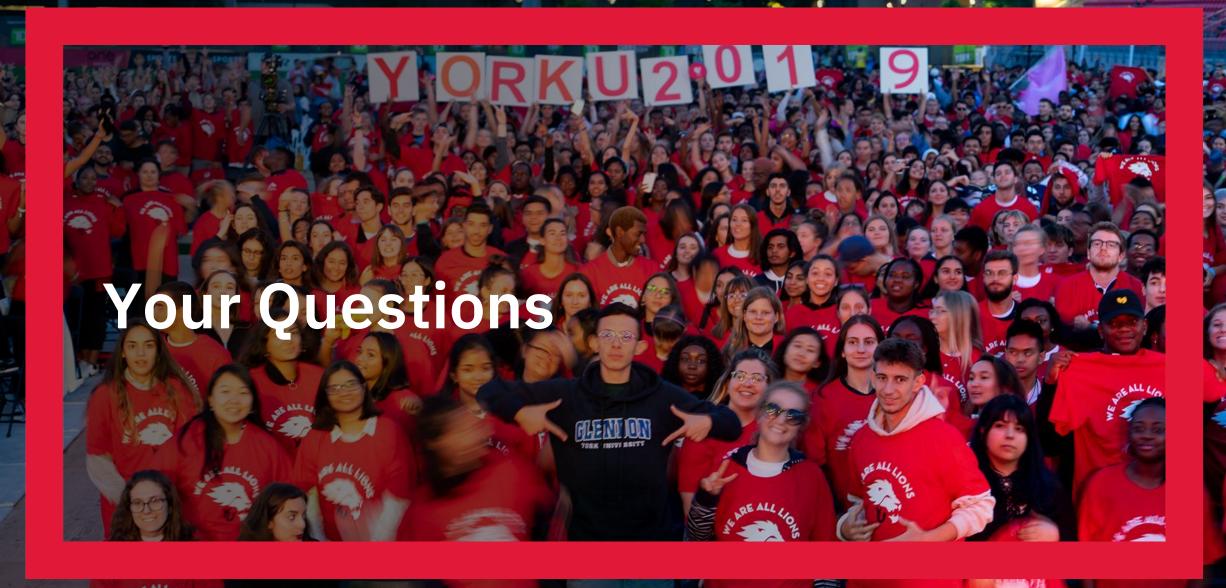
For questions related to:

- enrolling in courses
- program and degree requirements;
- degree options: major, minor, certificates;
- Peer Mentoring and study groups; and
- information and referrals to academic and campus services and resources
- understanding Faculty legislation and policies, the petition process, and academic standing

Contact your Academic Advisor: https://advising.students.yorku.ca/







Need immigration help?

USEFUL WEBSITES

MEET AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR

EMAIL







York International:

https://yorkinternational.yorku.ca/

IRCC:

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship.html

Book an appointment:

https://yorkinternational.yorku.ca
/international-student-advising/

Drop-in (no appointment required):

https://yorkinternational.yorku.ca /calendar/

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