International Students
Journey to Permanent Residence

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Agenda

• Working in Canada before and after graduation

• Important concepts

• Pathways to permanent residence

• Questions & Answers
Gaining Work Experience as a Student

• **On Campus** – unlimited hours

• **Off Campus** – 20 hours/week*
  
  *new temporary public policy exemption

• **Co-op or Internship** –
  
  work permit required
After completing your study program

Stop working immediately when you receive your letter of completion / final transcript

Do you want to leave Canada?

• You must leave before your study permit expires or within 90 days

Do you want to stay in Canada

• Begin a new study program
• Apply for a work permit
• Change to Visitor Status
What is a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)?

• Open Work Permit
• Length of PGWP validity varies (8 months to 3 years)
• Issued only once in a lifetime
• Apply within 180 days
• If you apply while holding valid study permit status you can start working full time immediately
COVID-19 Impacts

PGWP Eligibility
• Must be studying full-time as of Fall 2020

• Outside Canada
  o If you’re already studying online from outside Canada, you will still be able to complete up to 100% of your program online without affecting PGWP eligibility.
  o If you start a program between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023, or apply for a study permit before August 31, 2023, you will be able to complete up to 50% of your program online from outside Canada without affecting PGWP eligibility.

• Inside Canada
  o Time spent studying online from within Canada still counts. However, attending class in person is strongly encouraged.
Important Concepts

- Immigration Status
- Maintained Status
- Entry Requirements

Come to Canada tool
National Occupational Classification (NOC)

TEER 0: Management jobs

TEER 1: High-skilled jobs

TEER 2: Intermediate-Skilled Jobs
  (requiring > 2 years of education)

TEER 3: Intermediate-Skilled Jobs
  (requiring <2 years of education)

TEER 4: Semi-Skilled Jobs

TEER 4: Entry-Level Jobs
Preparing for Permanent Residency

• Approved Language Testing

• Educational Credential Assessments

• Work Experience
  Full time = 30hrs/week for 12 months
  Part time = 15hrs/week for 24 months
  =1560 hours total

• Job Bank
Economic programs for permanent residence in Quebec

**Government of Quebec (MIFI):**
- Select candidates
- Determines the selection criteria
- Issues the Certificats de sélection du Québec (CSQ)

**Government of Canada (IRCC):**
- Grants the right of establishment
- Verifies the eligibility of candidates
- Grants permanent residency and citizenship
Express Entry

1. Create Profile
2. Pool of Candidates
3. Receive Invitation to Apply
4. Submit Application
# Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSW)

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<td>Education</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>Must receive 67 or more points in the FSW Grid</td>
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Federal Skilled Trade Program (FST)

**Work Experience**
2 years in one of the designated NOC B occupations within the last 5 years

**Language Proficiency**
- CLB 5 for speaking + listening
- CLB 4 for reading + writing

**Education**
- Must meet job requirement of the trade

**Other**
- Must have full-time job offer or trade certification
Canadian Experience Class (CEC)

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<th>12 months in-Canada in a NOC 0, A or B occupation within the last 3 years</th>
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| Language Proficiency | CLB 7 for NOC 0 & A  
CLB 5 for NOC B |
| Education | None |
| Other | Work experience accumulated while a student is not eligible |
Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS)

Use our calculator tool:

Core Points /600 + Additional Points /600 = Total Points /1200

Core points take into account:
- Canadian Work Experience
- Level of Education
- Official Language Proficiency
- Age
Additional Express Entry Points

• Provincial Nomination (600 points)

• Valid Job Offer (50 or 200 points)
  *Register with Job Bank

• Canadian Education (15 or 30 points)

• French Proficiency (25 or 50 points)

• In-Canada Siblings (15 points)
After receiving an ITA

Complete Application Requires:

✓ Electronic Application (e-APR)
✓ Cost Recovery Fees
✓ Supporting Documentation

Personalized Documentation Checklist:

✓ Medical Examination
✓ Police Certificates
✓ Biometrics
✓ Biographical data page of passport or travel document (copy)
✓ Proof of Work Experience
✓ Proof of Funds*
## Funds required

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### Proof of Funds for FSW + FST:
- Family of 1 requires $13,310
- Exemption if living + working in Canada with a valid job offer
Francophone Immigration

- Additional Express Entry Points
- Employability + Mobilité Francophone
- Live in a Francophone community

*Parlez-vous français?*
Visit [canada.ca/francoimmigration](http://canada.ca/francoimmigration) to learn about Francophone life across Canada
Alternatives to Express Entry

Gain more work experience
  • Temporary Foreign Worker Program
  • International Mobility Program

Other Federal Programs
  • Start-Up Visa Program
  • Atlantic Immigration Program
  • Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot

Provincial & Territorial Nominee Programs
For more information

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**IRCC Client Support Centre:**
1-888-242-2100

**IRCC Web form:**
Submit your application using **NOC 2016**