



ISS February News

On January 22, 2024, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) [announced a cap](#) on study permit applications.

We understand that this may cause concern and questions for students applying for their study permits. It should be noted that study permit extensions made within Canada will not be affected by the caps and that the caps only apply to applications made from outside of Canada. Furthermore, students completing Master's and Doctoral programs are also excluded from the caps.

We are waiting for clarification from the provincial and federal governments about how these caps will be distributed. As soon as, we receive more information we will update [our website](#).



In this month's newsletter, you will find programming about:

- [ISS' next winter social](#)
- [IHI and Accessing Healthcare in Quebec Q&A](#)
- [Post-Graduation Work Permit Webinar](#)

Best wishes,
[The International Student Services Team](#)

HEALTH UPDATES

Since it's still cold & flu season, you may need to consult a doctor. Remember, you have full coverage on your IHI plan and direct billing via [Maple Virtual Care](#). If you are prescribed any medications, please remember to present your Medavie Blue Cross Drug eCard at the pharmacy in order to only pay the out-of-pocket fees. Your Drug eCard can be found on the [Medavie Blue Cross app or portal](#).

Newly admitted students: please remember to [activate](#) your IHI coverage on Minerva if you have not yet done so.

We invite you to learn about your McGill's IHI benefits and where to get care by listening to our latest [International Health Insurance Plan and Accessing Healthcare in Quebec](#) recordings.



PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES



Winter Social: Mountain Fun

Let's get outside and climb away those winter blues. We'll walk up the mountain for a cozy hot chocolate and an optional skate. Come join us!

Details

Sunday, February 4 at 1pm

[Register here](#)



IHI & Accessing Healthcare: Q&A

Attend this Q&A with questions you have about the IHI plan and/or accessing healthcare in Quebec

Details

Tuesday, February 6, 10:30am - 11:30am

[Register Here](#)



Working in Canada

Are you currently working in Canada or plan on finding a job at some point during your studies? Before starting, it's important to make sure you're authorized to do so! Read our [website](#) to find out when you can and when you cannot work in Canada as a student.



Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) Webinar

Attend this webinar to find out how to apply for your Post-Graduation Work Permit.

Details

Thursday, February 8th, 10am - 11:30am

[Register Here](#)

Academic Skills Workshops

Calling all undergrads! Would you like to learn about how to improve your academic skills? The upcoming workshops for students from Teaching and Learning Services on topics like effective reading, group work, and exam prep can help support your success. [See the schedule here](#). Looking for additional support? Be sure to [check out the learning resources](#) with guides and videos to support your learning!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INTERNSHIP PANEL



Join us to hear from a panel of International Student Engineering Interns, as they share details about their internship experiences and other helpful tips and advice!

FEB 15 2024 / 17:30 / ENG MC-11

pizza will be served

RSVP:



JOIN THE PSC!

The Peer Support Centre is a student-run service that offers free, drop-in, one-on-one, confidential and non-judgmental active listening support and resource referral to all members of the McGill community.

Want to join our team? Apply to join our Executive Team or be a Peer Supporter!

Applications for the executive team are due on
January 31, 2024 at 11:59 pm EST.

Applications for Peer Supporters are due on
February 14, 2024 at 11:59 pm EST.



For more details, visit our website at psc.ssmu.ca!

Join a great team and help provide support to the McGill community!

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FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Feast of Candelaria: Feb 2-5

Candlemas: Feb 2

Prešeren Day: Feb 8

Feast of St. Vartan's Day: Feb 8

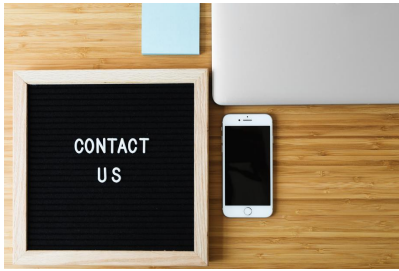
Feb 10 Chinese New Year

Feb 16: Hizir fast

Feb 22: Feast of the Chair of St Peter

Feb 24: Dragobete

If we missed a celebration in your country or region, send us more information at events.iss@mcgill.ca!



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