

# Western International

## Working in Canada as an International Student

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# Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Anishinaabek (Ah-nish-in-a-bek), Haudenosaunee (Ho-den-no-show-nee), Lūnaapéewak (Len-ahpay-wuk) and Chonnonton (Chun-ongk-ton) Nations, whose traditional lands we are gathered upon today.

These lands are connected with the London Township and Sombra Treaties of 1796 and the Dish with One Spoon Covenant Wampum.

This land continues to be home to diverse Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) whom we recognize as contemporary stewards of the land and vital contributors of our society.



# AGENDA

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- **Work on campus (without a work permit)**
- **Work off campus (without a work permit)**
- **Work as a co-op student or intern**
- **Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)**
- **Work after you graduate**

**Note:** This presentation contains accurate information as of the date indicated. For the most up-to-date information on visas and permits, visit [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada \(IRCC\)](#).

# WORK ON CAMPUS (WITHOUT A WORK PERMIT)

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## You can work on campus if you:

- ✓ **Are a full-time student at a DLI**
  - ✓ Or if you are a part-time student in their last term **and** you were a full-time student up until your last term
- ✓ **Have a valid study permit**
  - ✓ Or maintained status
- ✓ **Have a valid SIN**

**Note:** Your study permit must have a condition that says you are allowed to work on-campus and you must have started your study program.

## How many hours can I work on campus?

- **Unlimited** number of hours from immigration perspective

# WORK OFF CAMPUS (WITHOUT A WORK PERMIT)

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## You can work off campus if you:

- ✓ **Are a full-time student at a DLI**
  - ✓ Or if you are a part-time student in your last term **and** you were a full-time student up until your last term
- ✓ **You are enrolled in a post-secondary program that leads to a degree, diploma or certificate and that is at least 6 months long**
- ✓ **Have a valid study permit**
  - ✓ Or maintained status
- ✓ **Have a valid SIN**

**Note:** The study permit must have a condition that says you are allowed to work off-campus and you must have started your academic program.

## How many hours can I work off campus?

- **During school terms**
  - You can work up to 24 hours per week.
- **During scheduled breaks**
  - You can work full-time.
    - You must be a full-time student both before and after the break.

**NOTE: Summer terms and Reading Weeks are not considered scheduled breaks for Graduate students at Western.**

# WORK AS A CO-OP STUDENT

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As of **April 1, 2026**, you don't need a co-op work permit for student work placements, such as co-ops or internships, if you meet **all** the conditions below:

Meet all **conditions** to work **on** campus

Enrolled in a post-secondary program that leads to a degree, diploma or certificate and that is at least 6 months long

Work placement must be a **formal, required component** of your program

a **co-op letter** from your department

- that confirms the work placement is required for your study program

Co-op or internship totals **50% or less** of study program

# PGWP: GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

## Completed a program at a DLI

- Search your institution in the [DLI list](#) to see if they offer PGWP-eligible programs

## Maintained full-time status throughout your program, except

- Part-time during final academic session
- Taking approved leave of absence
- Having to stop studying or change to part-time between March 2020 and Fall 2020 due to COVID-19

## Apply within 180 days after your official completion date

- Must have had authorization to study in Canada within those 180 days

## None of the exceptions apply to you:

- Received a PGWP\*
- Received funding from GAC that requires you to return to your home country
- Completed over 50% of your program through distance learning\*
- Completed a program at a non-Canadian institution
- Completed a program that is not PGWP-eligible
  - Studied ESL or FSL
  - Took general interest or self-improvement courses
  - Programs delivered by a private career college on behalf of a public PGWP-eligible institution\*

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### Designated learning institution

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Western University	O19375892122	London	Yes

# PGWP: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

## BASED ON STUDY PROGRAM

### Bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree from a university

CLB 7 or NCLC 7

8 months or longer

Field of study:  
N/A

### Any other university program

CLB 7 or NCLC 7

8 months or longer

If SP application submitted on or after November 1, 2024, you must have graduated in an [eligible field of study](#).

### College program or other non-university program

CLB 5 or NCLC 5

8 months or longer

If SP application submitted on or after November 1, 2024, you must have graduated in an [eligible field of study](#).

### Flight school

Completed a flight training course at a DLI training centre and now have a Canadian commercial pilot's license OR

Have or are in the process of getting an instructor's rating and a job offer as a flight instructor from a DLI flight training centre

**NO** language or field of study requirements. Program must be 8 months long.

# PGWP: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

## BASED ON YOUR PHYSICAL LOCATION

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### Applying from inside Canada

- 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.**

### Applying from outside Canada

- **If your study permit has expired, you must submit your PGWP application from outside Canada.**
  - You may be able to apply for restoration and PGWP from inside Canada.
- You may also leave and apply for your PGWP from outside Canada, if preferred.

### Special measures due to Covid-19 when graduating and applying for a PGWP from outside Canada:

You don't have to hold 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 you spent studying outside Canada after IRCC received your study permit application counts towards the length of your PGWP.

# WORKING AFTER YOU COMPLETE YOUR STUDY PROGRAM

## (2 WAYS YOU CAN WORK FULL-TIME)

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**If you applied for a PGWP and you meet all these conditions:**

- You applied for a PGWP **before** your study permit expired
- You have completed your study program
- You were eligible to work off-campus without a work permit while studying
- You didn't work more hours than you were allowed to

**NOTE: You must stop working the day you are notified by IRCC that your application is refused.**

# WORKING AFTER YOU COMPLETE YOUR STUDY PROGRAM

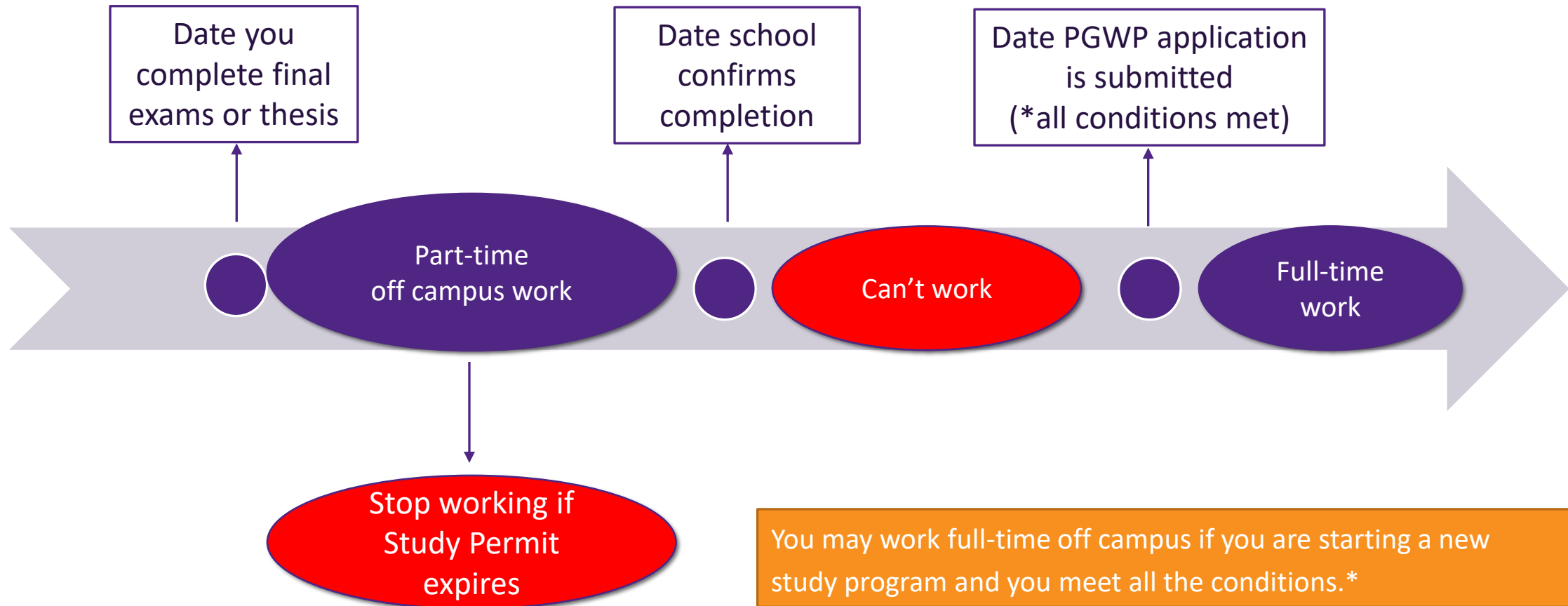
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**If you are starting a new study program and you meet all these conditions:**

- You have officially completed your current study program
- You were eligible to work off-campus without a work permit while studying
- You have a valid study permit or you applied to extend your study permit before it expired
- You **received a letter of acceptance** to a new full-time program at a DLI
- You will start your new program within **150 days** after you completed your previous program

# WHEN CAN I WORK FULL-TIME AFTER I COMPLETE MY PROGRAM?



# APPLYING FOR A SIN



- **Online**

- Students can view their SIN digitally on My Service Canada Account (MSCA) platform **within 5 business days** if their application is complete with all required documents. They will still receive their SIN in mail.

- **In person at**

Service Canada  
Dominion Public Building  
457 Richmond Street  
London, Ontario

\*There is no fee to apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN).

**NOTE:** Students can continue using their expired SIN while waiting for their study permit extension or work permit application decision as long as they are eligible to work. This is called maintained status. They will need to apply to renew their SIN once they receive their new SP or WP.

# YOU **CANNOT** WORK IN CANADA ON YOUR STUDY PERMIT IF

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- your study permit says you are not authorized to work on or off campus
- you haven't started your program
- you are a part-time student (unless you're in your final academic session)
- you are on an authorized leave from your studies
- you withdraw from your school
- you are transferring to another school and you are not studying
- you have completed your study program (unless you meet certain conditions)\*
- your student status has expired

# Immigration Workshops – Winter 2026

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## Working in Canada

- Feb 5 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM
- April 22 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM

## Post-Graduation Work Permit

- Feb 25 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM
- Mar 26 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM

## Study Permit Extension

- Feb 11 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM
- Apr 2 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM

## Temporary Resident Visa

- Mar 4 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM

## Co-op Work Permit

- Jan 15 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM
- Mar 5 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM
- Mar 19 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM

## Workshop for Graduating International Students

- Apr 29 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM

## Permanent Residency

- June 2 | 12:30 – 1:30 PM



**\*All workshops are held online via Zoom. Please scan the QR code to register and discover more sessions.**

# Supports for International Students

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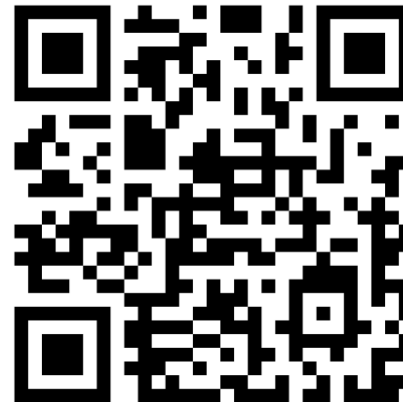
## Drop-In Support

- In person Monday to Friday  
1- 4 pm, IGAB 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Ask an Advisor Virtual Drop-ins  
Every Friday 9:30 – 10:30 am on Zoom

## Office Hours & Reception

- Monday to Friday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- **Phone:** 519-661-2111 ext. 89309
- **Email:** [iss@uwo.ca](mailto:iss@uwo.ca)

## Advising Appointments



## Workshops & Information Sessions



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TODAY?**



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# Q & A

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