

Immigration 101: New International Student Orientation

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In this session:

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COVID-19 & Immigration

- International students with a valid Study Permit holders are able to enter Canada now. 14-day quarantine is required upon arrival.
- IRCC has allowed students to study in-person or online in Winter 2021. Time will count towards PGWP
- Border restrictions can change quickly – plan well before leaving Canada.

Study Permit:

- Defines your status in Canada as a temporary resident
- Has specific conditions and requirements re. working and responsibilities
- Check your expiry date! Apply to extend it online 90 days before it expires. Note: you need a valid passport to extend your study permit

Study Permits:

- Must be a fulltime-enrolled student in all Fall and Winter terms, except for your final one, if part-time courses are needed
- In most programs, Summer is an "optional" term. Fulltime enrollment is not required.
- Study Permit is not an "entry document" - it won't allow you to enter Canada, just remain here as a temp resident

Visas/ETAs

- Your Visa or Electronic Travel Authorization (eta) are "entry documents"
- You will have one of these, depending on your citizenship.
- You need a valid Visa/eta to enter Canada
- If yours expires before your Study Permit, you can remain in Canada, but don't leave the country

Working in Canada:

- Your study permit will note if you are allowed to work in Canada
- ESL students cannot work
- Degree-seeking students usually can
- Max 20-hours per week off-campus and unlimited on-campus during Fall and Winter terms.
- No limit to working hours during scheduled breaks
- Require a Social Insurance Number to work (apply online)
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin.html>

After Graduation: PGWP

- When you complete your studies you have 90 days to change your status to "visitor" or leave the country, or 180 days to change your temporary resident status to "worker".
- The Post-Graduation Work Permit Program (PGWPP) allow recent graduates to receive an open work permit that is valid up to 3 years.
- A PGWP is an open work permit, valid anywhere in Canada
- You can't apply until you receive confirmation of gratuation email from Registrar's Office.

After Graduation: PGWP

- Qualifying work experience gained under a PGWP can contribute to a pathway to permanent residence through the Express Entry program.
- The PGWP is a one-time opportunity – consider this if you are planning on grad studies

Invite Family to Visit:

- If you want to invite your family to visit you in Canada, you can write them a "Letter of Introduction"
- This letter explains your relationship, when your family will visit Canada, where they will stay, how they will pay for things, and where they live and work at home.
- Trent International is happy to review a draft of your letter, but we can't write it for you.

Questions?

Contact: international@trentu.ca

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