

# 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

## 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

**Important: stop working immediately** when you receive your letter of completion / final transcript



# 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 online while holding a valid study permit, you may begin working full time immediately



# COVID-19 Impacts

## PGWP Eligibility

Students must be studying full-time as of Fall 2020

- Outside Canada
  - Distance learning facilitation measures are extended to August 31, 2023 with a reduced scope.
  - Students who were enrolled in a PGWP-eligible program in March 2020 or who started a program of study between March 2020 and August 31, 2022, can complete up to **100% of their program** outside of Canada until August 31, 2023.
  - Students who start a program between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023 are required to complete at least **50% of their program** from within Canada (online or in-class). Time spent studying outside of Canada before August 31, 2023, won't be deducted from the length of a PGWP as long as it constitutes less than 50% of your program of study.
- Inside Canada
  - Time spent studying online from within Canada until August 31, 2023 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 5 : 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



A person wearing a grey beanie and a red life vest is seen from behind, paddling a canoe on a vibrant turquoise lake. In the background, a majestic, rugged mountain with patches of snow rises steeply under a cloudy sky.

# Express Entry

1. Create Profile
2. Pool of Candidates
3. Receive Invitation to Apply
4. Submit Application





# Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSW)

**Work  
Experience**

1 year of continuous work in a TEER 0, 1, 2 or 3 occupation within the last 10 years

**Language  
Proficiency**

CLB 7

**Education**

Secondary or above

**Other**

Must receive 67 or more points in the FSW Grid





# Federal Skilled Trade Program (FST)

## Work Experience

2 years in one of the designated TEER 2 or 3 occupation 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)

Work  
Experience

12 months in-Canada in a  
TEER 0, 1, 2 or 3 occupation  
within the last 3 years

Language  
Proficiency

CLB 7 for TEER 0 or 1  
CLB 5 for TEER 2 or 3

Education

None

Other

Work experience accumulated  
while a student is not eligible

# Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS)

Use our calculator tool:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Core Points} \\ /600 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Additional Points} \\ /600 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Total Points} \\ /1200 \end{array}$$

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

	Application Fee(s)	Right of Permanent Resident Fee
Principal Applicant	\$850	\$515
Spouse	\$850	\$515
Dependent Child	\$230	N/A

## Proof of Funds for FSW + FST:

- Family of 1 requires **\$13,310**
- Exemption if living + working in Canada with a valid job offer



# Alternatives to Express Entry

## Gain more work experience

- Temporary Foreign Worker Program
- International Mobility Program

## Other Federal Programs

- Atlantic Immigration Program
- Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot

## Provincial & Territorial Nominee Programs





# Francophone Immigration

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

*Parlez-vous français?*

Visit [canada.ca/francoimmigration](https://canada.ca/francoimmigration)  
to learn about Francophone life across Canada







# Settlement Services

Find jobs and prepare for workforce

Learn about:

- Health Care
- Laws + Rights
- Education

Support for Francophones

Free English and French courses



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