

Work After Final Semester of Studies



THIS INFORMATION PERTAINS TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE JUST FINISHED THEIR FINAL SEMESTER OF STUDIES.

*****Graduating students who are not scheduled to attend further studies, are not eligible to work full-time until they have applied for a Post Grad Work Permit*****

Please see the information below from the IRCC website.

OFF-CAMPUS WORK AND COMPLETION OF A PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Students who have not applied for a subsequent study or work permit or a program of study

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/campus-work.html>

Students may work off campus on a part-time basis if the following applies:

- They meet the eligibility criteria to work off campus [R186(v)]
- They have completed the final academic requirements for their program of study but have **not yet** received written confirmation of program completion from their institution (for instance, a transcript, an official letter or an email)
- They have not applied for a work permit (for instance, a post-graduation work permit or a work permit with a valid Labour Market Impact Assessment) or a study permit extension or enrolled in a subsequent program of study

They may work until the first date they receive written confirmation of program completion from their educational institution (for instance, an email, a letter, a transcript or a diploma), provided their study permit remains valid during this period. If the study permit becomes invalid [as per R222] before the student receives the notification of program completion from their institution, the student must **cease** working the day the study permit becomes invalid.

Once a student receives written confirmation of program completion from their institution, they are **no longer authorized** to continue to work in Canada, as they no longer meet the eligibility criteria in paragraph R186(v). They should apply to change their status (for instance, to visitor status) or leave Canada before their study permit becomes invalid as per section R222.

Please phone 1-888-242-2100 (IRCC) if you have further questions or concerns.

Warmest regards,

International Education Office