

Post Graduation Work Permits

One of the benefits of studying in Canada is the ability to work in Canada after you complete your studies. If you graduate from a qualifying educational institution, you can obtain a work permit for one year to allow you to work in your field, and in some cases, you can even get a 2 year work permit.

The choice of the educational institution is critical. Post-graduation work permits are only available to graduates of a program at a Canadian university, a community college, a CEGEP, a publicly funded trade or technical school or a Canadian private institution authorized by provincial statute to confer degrees.

Foreign students are eligible for a post-graduation work permit only for employment in their field of study. They must still have a valid study permit, and apply for the work permit within 90 days of receiving written confirmation (transcript, letter, etc.) from their institution indicating that they have met the requirements of their program.

To be eligible for a two-year work permit (rather than just a one-year permit), foreign students must have:

- successfully completed a program of at least two years of full-time studies;
- received written confirmation (transcript, letter, etc.) from the educational institution indicating that they have met the requirements of the program of study;
- studied at and graduated from an institution located outside of Montreal, Toronto, or Vancouver or their surrounding municipalities; and
- found employment outside of Montreal, Toronto, or Vancouver and their surrounding municipalities.

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