

# COVID-19 Impact on PGWP

## In & Outside Canada

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# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Impact of PGWP Eligibility
- Temporary PGWP Eligibility Criteria
- PGWP Application Process
- PGWP Resources
- Question and Answers

# Impact of COVID-19

- Online learning
- Inability to travel back to Canada
- Study permit application delays
- Biometric collection suspension
- Passport delays/issues
- Length of work permit
- Registration Status
- Disrupted continuous registration
- Travel restrictions
- Lost jobs



# Impact PGWP Eligibility

**Temporary** measures put in place due to covid-19 that address:



- ✓ Online learning
- ✓ Studying outside Canada
- ✓ Study permit application delays
- ✓ Length of work permit
- ✓ Registration Status-PT
- ✓ Disrupted continuous registration

# Temporary PGWP Eligibility Criteria

Most students are still eligible for a post-graduation work permit provided they meet eligibility criteria in 1 of 3 categories:

- **“Short” Programs (8-12 months)** beginning in Spring, summer or fall 2020 semester
- **“Long” Programs (over 1 year)** in progress on March 2020, or beginning in Spring, summer, fall 2020 or Winter 2021 semester
- **“Double” Programs of at least 1 year, stacked** with 1 program starting in the spring, summer or fall 2020 semester

## Short: Programs (8-12 months) beginning in Spring, summer or fall 2020 semester

- **Up to 100%** of short programs can be completed online, from outside of Canada. Time will not be deducted from the length of post-graduation work permits for studies completed **outside** Canada **until April 30, 2021**.
- The **in-Canada** requirement has been waived for those outside Canada

Long: Programs (over 1 year), in progress on March 2020, or beginning in Spring, summer, fall 2020, or Winter 2021 semester

- **Up to 50%** of programs over 1 year can be completed **online**, from **outside of Canada (until April 30, 2021)**
- Complete at least 50% of program **in Canada\*** (either online or in class)

*\* 50% of a total program of study is calculated based on the number of courses completed in Canada.*

# Double: Programs of at least 1 year, stacked with 1 program starting in the spring, summer or fall 2020 semester

- **Up to 50%** of your total studies **online from outside of Canada** (until **April 30, 2021** for the program started in the spring, summer or fall 2020 semester)
- Complete **at least 50%** of the *combined length* of the programs **in Canada\*** (either online or in class)



# Length of PGWP

- Time will not be deducted from the length of a post-graduation work permit for studies completed outside Canada until **April 30, 2021**.
- Students should plan to be studying in Canada by May 2021.

# Registration (in/out Canada)

- **For the winter, spring and summer 2020 semesters\***, when a student's status changes from full time to part time, or leave from studies **due to changes in course delivery at a DLI as a result of COVID-19**, their eligibility for a post-graduation work permit will not be impacted.

*\*Subject to change*

# Students in Canada

- Students **IN Canada**, who graduate from a PGWP-eligible program, but have had in-class courses moved to an online-only format, or had to put studies on hold or study part-time because of COVID-19 during the **winter, spring or summer 2020 semesters\***, will remain eligible for the PGWP, without penalty.

*\*documentation maybe required to support disruptions due to covid-19*

# PGWP Application Process

- Apply within 90 days (\*180days) of completing coursework or submitting thesis. Don't wait until convocation!!!
- Maximum length of PGWP is 3 years.
- Your study permit must remain valid and your passport's validity must exceed 3 years.

# PGWP Application Process

- Documents
  - ✓ Letter of academic completion
  - ✓ Transcripts/Academic record—unofficial is okay
  - ✓ Valid study permit\* or Visitor permit (over 90 days)
- Biometrics suspended for in-Canada applications

# PGWP Working after Applying

You can work full-time while waiting for a decision on your work permit application if, at the time you submitted your application, you:

- ✓ had a valid study permit and applied 90 days after program completion
- ✓ had completed your program of study
- ✓ were eligible to work off-campus and
- ✓ did not work for more than 20 hours a week during academic sessions

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# Future Impact to PGWP ?

- **Temporary measures** for PGWP eligibility have been put in place for now and are subject to change depending on the progress made in Canada and around the world in containing the spread of the coronavirus.
- IRCC will continue to closely monitor the situation and assess whether further changes are needed.

# Resources

- <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html#pgwp-eligibility>
- <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/students.html>
- [https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/service-delivery/coronavirus/temporary-residence/study-permit.html#\\_post-graduation\\_work\\_permit](https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/service-delivery/coronavirus/temporary-residence/study-permit.html#_post-graduation_work_permit)



# Questions & Answers



**THANK YOU**

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