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A Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) is a document that gives you permission to remain in Canada and work full-time for up to three years after you graduate from a Canadian post secondary institution.

You need to complete all requirements to graduate from a program of at least eight months duration.¹

Note! Not all programs offered by DLIs are eligible for a PGWP. For a full list of programs that Durham College offers which are eligible for a PGWP, please visit: <https://durhamcollege.ca/info-for-international/new-and-current-students/updates-to-the-internationalstudent-program>

PGWPs are open work permits, so you may work for any employer. You may also change employers within the period of authorization without applying for a change of conditions to your PGWP.

WHEN TO APPLY FOR YOUR PGWP

You may apply for a PGWP within 180 days of the confirmation of completing your program.²

HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR PGWP

Visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/account.html>

Click 'GCKey username and password or Canadian Interac Sign-In Partner', or 'Create an account'. Then click on 'Apply to come to Canada'. Next, scroll down to 'I don't have a personal reference code' and click on 'Visitor, Study or Work Permit.'

Apply using form IMM5710 Change Conditions, Extend my Stay or Remain in Canada as a Worker. Click the 'Validate' button to ensure your application form is fully completed. You may edit and validate your application as many times as needed. Maintain a copy of all submitted documents for your records.

¹ Please note: You must keep track of your study permit/passport expiry dates to maintain your immigration status. It is your responsibility to ensure your documents remain valid during your studies in Canada.

² This is not a legal document and information is subject to change. Please refer to www.canada.ca for the most up-to-date information.

You will need to submit a final transcript as well as the Verification of Graduation letter with your application.

For applications submitted on or after November 1, 2024, proof of language ability will be required. You will find eligible tests here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/about.html>

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$255 (processing fee). You may also be required to provide biometrics (\$85).

PROCESSING TIME

To check how long it will take to process your application, visit: www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/check-processing-times.html and select Temporary Residence, then Work Permit from Inside Canada (initial and extension).

IMPORTANT POINTS

- A new TRV is not issued upon approval of a PGWP if the application is submitted within Canada.
- You must apply for/renew your SIN after receiving your PGWP.
- After you receive your Verification of Graduation, you must stop working until you submit your application for a PGWP with a valid study permit.
- You may only apply for one PGWP in your lifetime.
- You do not need a job offer to apply to a PGWP.
- Your PGWP will not be issued beyond the expiry date of your passport. If you are eligible for a longer work permit than your passport will allow, you must apply again after renewing your passport.