

Western International

Graduating International Students – What you need to know

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AGENDA

- Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)
 - Eligibility criteria for PGWP
 - Length of PGWP
 - Documents needed from Western for PGWP application
 - PGWP application process
- Work authorization during this time
- Travel during this time
- Career Services at Western
- Q & A

PGWP – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA INSIDE CANADA GRADUATES

You have 180 days to apply for a PGWP after completion of program

- A valid study permit at some point during the 180 days

Completed a study program

- at an eligible DLI
- at least 8 months long
- leading to a degree, diploma or certificate

Maintained full-time student status

- except final academic session, which can be part-time
- Or an approved leave of absence (case by case)

Received final transcripts AND a PGWP letter

- from Registrar's Office

COVID-19: If you had to stop studying or change to part-time studies between March 2020 and Fall 2020 due to COVID-19, you may still be eligible for a PGWP. **Please keep all the supporting documents.**

Don't let your status expire!

Your study permit expires as of the expiry date on the permit **or** 90 days after the day you complete your studies, **whichever comes first.**

PGWP – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OUTSIDE CANADA GRADUATES

Special measures due to Covid-19:

- You don't have to have held a valid study permit if you
 - were enrolled in a program that was **in progress in March 2020** or
 - Started a program between **March 2020 and August 31, 2022** and
 - you have a study permit or
 - you've been approved for a study permit or
 - you applied for a study permit before starting your study program
 - **Your study permit must eventually be approved.**
- Only the time studying outside Canada **after you submitted your study permit application** counts towards the length of your PGWP.
- Any time studying outside Canada after **August 31, 2023** is not counted.
- You may still be eligible for a PGWP if you had to stop studying or change to part-time studies between **March 2020 and Fall 2020**.

*** You must meet all the other eligibility criteria for PGWP.**

LENGTH OF PGWP

Official length of program	PGWP validity
< 8 months	NOT ELIGIBLE
> 8 months & < 2 years	Up to the same length as your program
2 years or more	3 years
a 16-23 month, full-time graduate program with no breaks	*A PGWP may be issued for 3 years
Two PGWP-eligible programs completed within 2 years	PGWP may combine the length of each program

You **may** be eligible for a Work Permit that is valid for up to 3 years *depending on the length of your program of study.*

NOTE:

- You can't get a PGWP if you already had one after completing an earlier program of study.
- Make sure your passport is valid to cover the length of PGWP that you are eligible for.

PGWP: DOCUMENTATION FROM WESTERN

- **A PGWP Letter:**

- Order a PGWP letter via Student Center (can be delivered by pick-up, eLetter, mail, courier or fax)
- PGWP letter is only available upon completion of program (after adjudication)

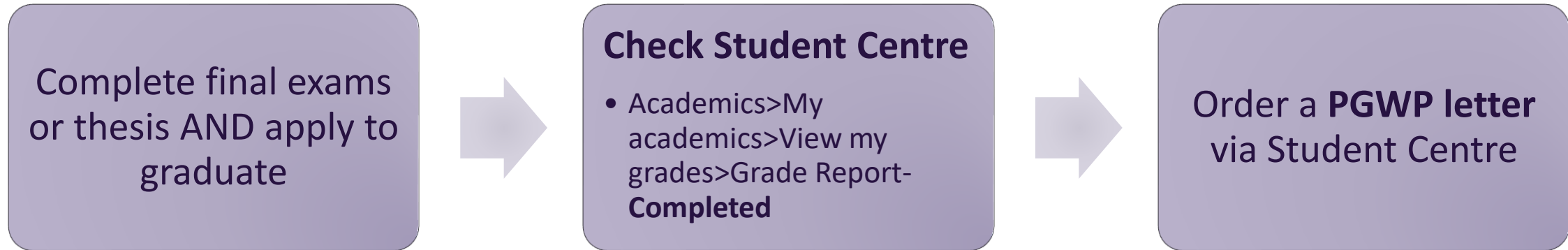
- **Final transcript:**

- an official transcript, or
- an unofficial transcript from Student Centre under Web Academic Report

NOTE: PGWP application is based on completion of program. You do not have to wait until you get your degree.

https://iesc.uwo.ca/visas/documents_from_western.html

HOW / WHEN TO REQUEST A PGWP LETTER



NOTE:

- For project and course based students, program complete happens after the last day of your final term.
- For thesis-based students, after you successfully defend your thesis and your final thesis is verified and published, SGPS will then update your Student Centre indicating Completed.

PGWP APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1:
Sign in or Create an account
at www.cic.gc.ca

[Home](#)

Immigration and citizenship

Apply to travel, study, work or immigrate to Canada, apply for citizenship, a permanent resident card or refugee protection, check the status of your application or find a form.

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Sign in or create an account, check application status and processing times, find forms, pay fees, learn about medical and police checks, learn about representatives and protect yourself from fraud

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Find out what immigration programs you

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Find out if you need a visa to visit, do business or transit through Canada, and how to extend your stay as a visitor

[Work](#)

Apply for or extend a work permit, learn

Most requested

- [Sign in or create an account to apply online](#)
- [Check your application status](#)
- [Check application processing times](#)
- [Get answers to your questions](#)

PGWP APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 2: Determine your eligibility

Determine your eligibility and apply online:

Visitor visa, study and/or work permit

Express Entry (EE)

International Experience Canada (IEC)

Find out if you're eligible to apply

What would you like to do in Canada? *(required)* ?

Work

Please make a selection

Study

Visit

Move there

Work

Transit only - less than 48 hours

IEC - Travel and Work

a. *(required)* ?

Do you have a family member who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and is 18 years or older? *(required)*

Please make a selection

What is your date of birth? *(required)* ?

Select year Select month Select day

Save and Exit Questionnaire

Next

PGWP APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 3: Select Post-Graduate Work Permit - in Canada to continue

Your results

Based on the information you provided, the result(s) below indicate(s) whether you may be eligible to come to Canada.

Temporary Resident Visa

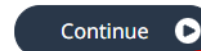
You will need a temporary resident visa to return to Canada.

If you are working or studying in Canada, your temporary resident visa may expire at the same time as your work or study permit. If your work or study permit is expiring soon, please renew your study or work permit first. Once your study or work permit is approved, you may apply for your temporary resident visa.



Post-Graduate Work Permit - in Canada

You may be eligible to work in Canada with a post-graduation work permit.



PGWP APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 4:
Upload required documents
and submit application
(document checklist is personalized
based on answers)

Application Form(s)

Application to Change Conditions, Extend my Stay or Remain in Canada as a Worker (IMM5710)

Supporting Documents

Recent Education Transcript ?

Completion of Studies Letter ?

Passport ?

Proof of upfront medical exam ?

Digital photo ?

Fees

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Application	Quantity	Price (CAD) per unit	Total (CAD)
Work Permit	1	\$155	\$155
Open Work Permit Holder Fee	1	\$100	\$100

The fee shown is an estimate based on the fees in effect on the day that this Personal Reference Code is issued.

The actual fees to be paid will be calculated on the date of submission.

Total Price (CAD) \$255

WORK AUTHORIZATION AFTER COMPLETION OF YOUR STUDY PROGRAM (2 WAYS YOU CAN WORK FULL-TIME)

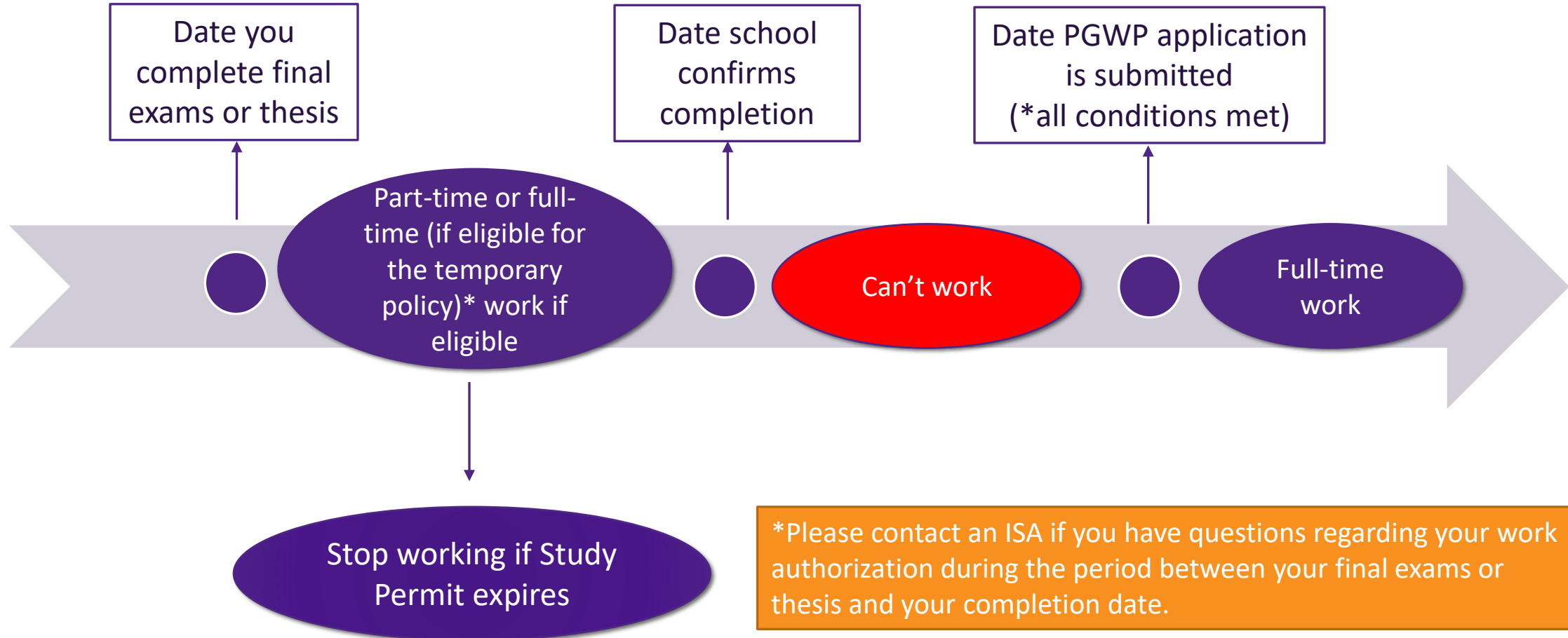
- **If you are starting a new study program and you meet all these conditions:**
 - You have officially completed your study program
 - You were eligible to work off-campus without a work permit while studying
 - You have a valid study permit or you applied to extend your study permit before it expired
 - You received a LOA to a new full-time program at a DLI
 - You will start your new program within 150 days after you complete your previous program

WORK AUTHORIZATION AFTER COMPLETION OF YOUR STUDY PROGRAM (2 WAYS YOU CAN WORK FULL-TIME)

- **If you have applied for a PGWP and you meet all these conditions:**
 - You had a valid study permit when you submitted your PGWP application
 - You have completed your study program
 - You were eligible to work off-campus without a work permit while studying
 - You didn't work more hours than you were allowed to

NOTE: You must stop working the day you are notified by IRCC that your application is refused.

WORK AUTHORIZATION UPON PGWP APPLICATION



TRAVEL DURING THIS TIME

Your study permit expires as of the expiry date on the permit or 90 days after the day you complete your studies, whichever comes first.

- **I have applied for my PGWP. Can I leave Canada and return?**

You can if your visa or eTA is still valid. When you return to Canada, you may be allowed to enter Canada as:

- A student if your study permit is still valid, or
- A worker if your PGWP has been approved, or
- A visitor if your study permit has expired and your PGWP is still under processing. You can work until you receive a decision on your application.

NOTE:

- A border officer will make the final decision on whether you can enter Canada.
- Be prepared for questions regarding the reasons you left Canada and purpose of entering Canada. Bring supporting documents with you, such as confirmation of PGWP application, PGWP letter from Western.

CAREER SERVICES AT WESTERN


<http://career.uwo.ca/>

Career Education

Western StudentExperience

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2023-24



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ADVISING SERVICES WINTER 2023

Appointments

<https://iesc.uwo.ca/appointment/index.html>

- Virtual via Microsoft Teams or telephone appointment
- Monday – Friday, 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Drop Ins

- In person, IGAB 2nd floor
- Monday – Friday, 1 - 4 pm

Immigration FAQ sessions

- Virtual on zoom
- Fridays 9-10am

Immigration workshops

- IESC events calendar: <http://www.events.westernu.ca/events/iesc/>
- IESC weekly network email

Office Hours & Reception

- Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- **Phone:** 519-661-2111 ext. 89309
- **Email:** iesc@uwo.ca

Q & A

