

International Student Program & Express Entry

February 21, 2024

REMINDER: Policies and programs can change.
Please consult www.canada.ca/immigration
for accurate, up-to-date information.

Agenda

- International Student Program (ISP) Temporary Public Policies
- International Student Program (ISP) New Requirements
- Express Entry Pathway to Permanent Residence

International Student Program Temporary Public Policies

Policy expires on
April 30, 2024

Temporary Public Policy:
Increase in 20-hr/week off-campus work hours

Students may be eligible to work for more than 20 hours per week off-campus during regular academic sessions.
Check out the IRCC Website for specific eligibility requirements.

If IRCC received the study permit application (or extension) on or before October 7, 2022	If IRCC received the study permit application (or extension) between October 8, 2022, and December 7, 2023	If IRCC received the study permit extension application after December 7, 2023

Policy expires on
August 31, 2024

Temporary Public Policy:
Distance Learning Facilitative Measures

These facilitative measures have allowed international students to count time spent studying online towards the length of a future post-graduation work permit.

Lock-in date between September 1, 2022, and August 31, 2024	Lock-in date on or after September 1, 2024
• You must complete at least 50% of your program inside Canada (online or in class). • The time spent studying online from outside of Canada before August 31, 2024, will count toward the length of your PGWP as long as it constitutes less than 50% of your program of study.	• You must complete at least 50% of your program in class inside Canada. • The time spent studying outside of Canada will be deducted from the length of your PGWP.

International Student Program
New Requirements

DLIs: Letter of Acceptance Verification

Check out the How to verify letters of acceptance in the IRCC Portal page for details on the LOA portal.
Questions about LOA verification? Contact IRCC.LOAPortal-PortailLA.IRCC@cic.gc.ca.

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How to verify letters of acceptance in the IRCC Portal

Starting January 30, 2024, designated learning institutions (DLIs) must verify the letter of acceptance for enrollment of **all post-secondary applications**. The goal is to protect vulnerable students and preserve the integrity of the International Student Program.

Follow the instructions below to learn how to use the IRCC Portal to verify letters of acceptance (LOAs). LOAs are submitted to IRCC by your prospective students.

On this page

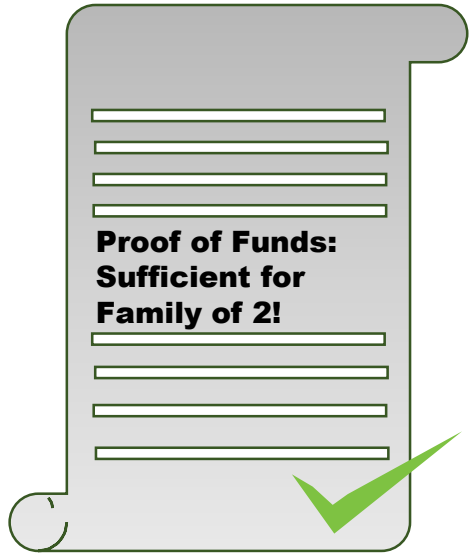
- Sign up for the IRCC Portal
  - Create accounts for additional designated learning institution (DLI) users
- Validate letters of acceptance for your DLI
- Search and view a letter of acceptance
- Questions about LOA verification



Students: New Financial Requirements

Starting January 1, 2024, a single applicant will need to show they have $20,635, representing 75% of LICO, **in addition** to their first year of tuition and travel costs. Check the Study Permit Financial Resources section for more.

Number of family members (including the study permit applicant)	Funds required (in Canadian dollars)
1	$20,635
2	$25,690
3	$31,583
4	$38,346
5	$43,492
6	$49,051
7	$54,611
If more than 7 people, for each additional family member	$5,559

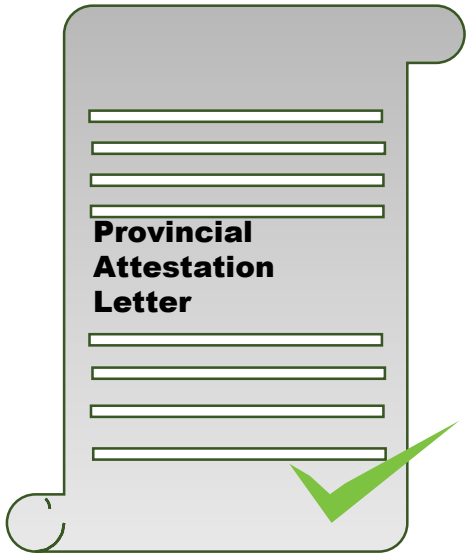


Provincial Attestation Letters (PAL)

As of 8:30 am ET on January 22, 2024, most students must include a provincial attestation letter (PAL) from the province or territory where they plan to study with their study permit application.

How to get a PAL

- Each province or territory is developing a process to get a PAL.
- These processes are expected to be in place by **March 31, 2024.**



For details on **Exemptions** to the PAL and provincial/territorial **PAL processes**, please consult: Study permit: Get the right documents webpage.

Post-Graduate Work Permit Updates

- Post-graduation work permit (PGWP) update for graduates of Master's degree programs.
  Since February 15, 2024, a longer, 3-year post-graduation work permit is available to those who are graduating from a Master's degree program that is less than 2 years and who meet all other PGWP eligibility criteria.

- PGWP eligibility for public-private partnership college programs.

Who is eligible for a PGWP after graduating from a public-private partnership college program?	Who is not eligible for a PGWP after graduating from a public-private partnership college program?
International students currently enrolled will remain eligible for a PGWP if they meet other program eligibility criteria.	New students enrolling in this type of program will not be eligible for a post-graduation work permit. If you begin a program of study at a private college being delivered on behalf of a public college in the same province **on or after September 1, 2024**, you **will not be eligible** for a PGWP.

Check the International Student Program reforms page for details on PGWP for Master's students.
You can also check the Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply page for more details.

Spousal Open Work Permit for Spouses & Common-law partners of International Students

In the coming weeks, eligibility for open work permits for the spouses and common-law partners of international students will be updated.

Who can get an open work permit?

Eligibility is limited to the spouses and common-law partners of students in graduate (master's and doctorate) and professional degree–granting programs only.

Once these changes are in effect, spouses and common-law partners of international students seeking to extend their existing work permit will continue to be eligible under this stream.

Who will not be eligible for an open work permit?

The spouses and common-law partners of international students in other levels of study, including undergraduate and college programs, will no longer be eligible for an open work permit unless they already hold an open work permit under this stream.

Check the International Student Program reforms page for details.

Express Entry:
A Pathway to Permanent Residence

Applying through Express Entry

Express Entry is the online system that IRCC uses to manage immigration applications from skilled workers in Canada or overseas.

Create your profile



Express Entry Pool



Invitation to Apply



Apply for Permanent Residence



Creating an Express Entry profile online is **free.
Profile remains valid for **1-year**.

Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities (TEER) - NOC 2021

TEER 0	Management	Skill type 0
TEER 1	University degree (bachelor's, master's or doctorate)	Skill level A
TEER 2	Supervisory responsibilities College diploma Apprenticeship training (two or more years)	Skill level B
	More than six months of on-the-job training	
TEER 3	College certificate (less than two years) Apprenticeship training (less than two years)	
	More than six months of on-the-job training	
TEER 4	Completion of high school diploma Several weeks of on-the-job training	Skill level C
TEER 5	Short work demonstration and no formal educational requirements	Skill level D



Find your NOC online tool

Express Entry Programs

Express Entry manages applications for 3 immigration programs:

	Canadian Experience Class	Federal Skilled Worker	Federal Skilled Trade
Work Experience	12 months in-Canada in a TEER 0, 1, 2 or 3 occupation within the last 3 years	1 year of continuous work in a TEER 0, 1, 2 or 3 **primary** occupation within the last 10 years	2 years in one of the designated TEER 2 or 3 occupations within the last 5 years
Language Proficiency	CLB 7 for TEER 0 or 1 CLB 5 for TEER 2 or 3	CLB 7	CLB 5 for speaking + listening CLB 4 for reading + writing
Education	None	Secondary or above	Must meet job requirement of the trade
Job Offer	Not required, but you can get points for having a valid offer	Not required, but you can get points for having a valid offer	Must have full-time job offer or trade certification
Proof of Funds	Not required	Required Unless you're authorized to work in Canada and you have a valid job offer	Required Unless you're authorized to work in Canada and you have a valid job offer

Express Entry: Category-Based Selection

In Category Based Selection, we invite candidates to apply for permanent residence based on criteria such as:

- Ability to communicate in a specific official language.
- Work experience in a specific Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities (TEER) category of the National Occupational Classification (NOC).
- Education.

Current Categories:

✓ French-language proficiency

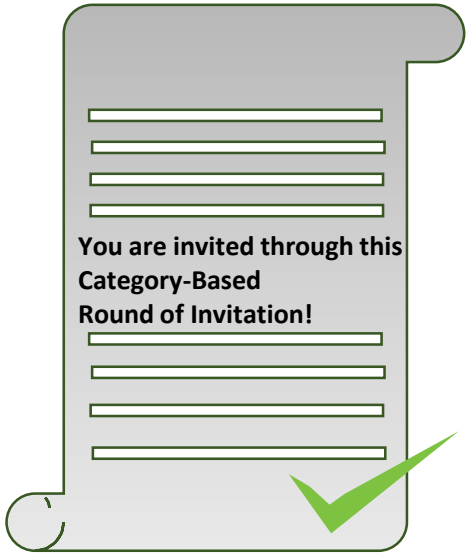
✓ Healthcare occupations

✓ Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) occupations

✓ Trade occupations

✓ Transport occupations

✓ Agriculture and agri-food occupations



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IRCC Client Support Centre:

1-888-242-2100

IRCC Web form:

www.cic.gc.ca/english/contacts/web-form.asp

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