

FAQs - Winter 2022 term and Online format courses

FAQs - Okanagan College students

- 1) I'm residing outside Canada since I am still waiting for a decision on my study permit application. Can I start studying online from my home country in the Winter (Jan-April) 2022 term such that the time spent studying online still counts towards the length of Post-Graduate Work Permit ("PGWP")?**

As long as you meet ALL of the below criteria, yes, you may start studying online from your home country in the Winter 2022 term such that the time spent still counts towards the PGWP length:

- You applied for a study permit before the start date of your study program; and in this case, your study permit application must eventually be approved;
- You started or will start a study program in the Winter 2022 term;
- You are unable to travel to Canada because of the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- You meet all other [PGWP eligibility criteria](#).

Please note that only the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) officers can decide whether or not to issue a visa/study permit.

- 2) I'm residing inside Canada and a particular course is only available in an online format in the Winter 2022 term. If I take this course, how does this affect Post-Graduate Work Permit ("PGWP") eligibility?**

Regarding the Winter 2022 term's online format courses, these have been moved to online specifically due to the COVID pandemic; in this case, the time you spend studying online from within Canada still counts toward the length of your PGWP. Learn more [here](#).

So, if a course is only available in an online format, you can take it.

- 3) I'm residing inside Canada and a course is offered in both 'online' and 'face-to-face ("F2F")/in-class' formats in the Winter 2022 term. Which format should I take the course in and how does this affect Post-Graduate Work Permit ("PGWP") eligibility?**

From a PGWP eligibility perspective, it is highly recommended that you attend F2F/in-class format course(s) when offered.

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final term prior to graduation) is one of the eligibility requirements for a PGWP application, if you have a challenge with a F2F/in-class format course seat availability to maintain full-time status, it is OK to attend an online format course(s); the time you spend studying online from within Canada still counts toward the length of your PGWP.

4) I'm residing inside Canada and a course is offered in the Distance Education format. If I take this course, how does this affect Post-Graduate Work Permit ("PGWP") eligibility?

From a PGWP eligibility perspective, it's highly recommended that you attend F2F/in-class format course when offered. If you have a challenge with a F2F/in-class format course seat availability in order to maintain full-time student status in a term, it is OK to attend an online format course(s) in the Winter 2022 term. Winter 2022 term's online format courses have been moved to online specifically due to the COVID pandemic. Whenever possible, avoid taking Distance Education course(s).

5) I am residing outside Canada and have a valid study permit. Can I study online from my home country in the Winter 2022 term such that the time spent studying online still counts towards the length of Post-Graduate Work Permit ("PGWP")?

As long as you meet ALL of the below criteria, yes, you may study online from your home country in the Winter 2022 term such that the time spent still counts towards the PGWP length:

- You are unable to travel to Canada because of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- You have a valid study permit;
- You started your study program in any semester from spring 2020 to summer 2022, or your study program was already in progress in March 2020; and
- You meet all other [PGWP eligibility criteria](#).

