

FAQs - Summer 2022 and Co-op Work

Note: Below are special measures in place due to the disruption of services associated with impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

1) I'm residing inside Canada, have applied for a co-op work permit and am still awaiting a final decision on my co-op work permit application. Can I start my full-time co-op work/placement during the Summer (May - August) 2022 term?

You may start your full-time co-op work/placement in the Summer (May - August) 2022 term if you meet ALL of below-stated eligibility requirements:

- You hold a valid study permit, and were/will be enrolled full-time (i.e., at least three courses per semester for most study programs) during the academic session before and after Summer 2022 term (i.e., Winter 2022 and Fall 2022);
- The program in which you are enrolled is a post-secondary academic, vocational or professional training program that is at least 6 months in duration and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate;
- You submitted a co-op work permit application using an Okanagan College Co-op Letter before starting your co-op work/placement and are still awaiting a final decision on your application;
- The nature of your co-op work/placement does NOT require you to take an Immigration Medical Exam (learn more about work/occupations that require an Immigration Medical Exam [here](#)); and
- Summer (May - August) 2022 term is a scheduled academic break in your study program.

If the co-op work permit application is refused, you must stop co-op work/placement immediately.

2) I'm residing inside Canada, have applied for a co-op work permit and am still awaiting a final decision on my co-op work permit application. Summer (May - August) 2022 term is NOT a scheduled academic break in my study program. Can I start my full-time co-op work/placement during the Summer (May - August) 2022 term?

Few study programs such as Culinary Arts Certificate, Culinary Management Diploma, etc. do NOT have a scheduled academic break in the Summer (May - August) 2022 term; in this case, you CANNOT start full-time co-op work/placement until you're potentially issued a co-op work permit by the IRCC.



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In this situation, immigration policy allows up to a maximum of 20 hours per week of co-op work/placement if you meet ALL of below-stated eligibility requirements:

- You hold a valid study permit;
- The program in which you are enrolled is a post-secondary academic, vocational or professional training program that is at least 6 months in duration and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate;
- You're a full-time enrolled student;
- You do NOT have any other regular job;
- You submitted a co-op work permit application using an Okanagan College Co-op Letter before starting your co-op work/placement and are still awaiting a final decision on your application; and
- The nature of your co-op work/placement does NOT require you to take an Immigration Medical Exam (learn more about work/occupations that require an Immigration Medical Exam [here](#));

If the co-op work permit application is refused, you must stop co-op work/placement immediately.

3) What type of co-op work/occupation requires an Immigration Medical Exam?

Occupations in which the protection of public health is essential, which bring applicant/you in close contact with people, for example:

- workers in health care settings;
- clinical laboratory workers;
- patient attendants in nursing and geriatric homes;
- medical students admitted to Canada to attend university;
- medical electives and physicians on short-term locums;
- workers in primary and secondary school settings and workers in child-care settings;
- domestics;
- workers who give in-home care to children, the elderly and the disabled;
- daycare employees.

Queries: For any further queries, please reach out to an Advisor at intedimmigration@okanagan.bc.ca

