

## FAQs – Fall 2022/Winter 2023 courses and Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

- 1) I will begin my study program in the Fall (Sept - Dec) 2022 term and I'm residing inside Canada. What do I need to be aware about regarding course formats (face-to-face; online; distance education) and the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada ("IRCC") Post-Graduation Work Permit ("PGWP") policy?**

From a PGWP eligibility perspective, starting Fall 2022 term, both online format and distance education format courses are equal/same.

As per the IRCC Guidelines, please note the following regarding the class formats:

- If more than 50% of your study program's total courses are completed by online/distance education format courses in Canada, you will not be eligible to apply for a PGWP in the future.
- If less than 50% of your study program's total courses are completed by online/distance education format courses in Canada, a post-graduation work permit may be issued. Other regular [PGWP eligibility criteria](#) must be met.
- If online/distance education format courses are completed outside Canada, they would be excluded from the time accumulated toward the length of the PGWP.

**Note:** Considering above, it's strongly recommended to attend face-to-face (in-person) format courses in your study program. You may take online/distance education format course(s) only if no face-to-face format course is available and online/distance education format courses form less than 50% of your study program's total courses.

Please note that only the IRCC officers can make a decision on a PGWP application.

- 2) I'm a continuing/returning student and I'm residing inside Canada. From the Fall (Sept - Dec) 2022 term onwards, what do I need to be aware about regarding course formats (face-to-face; online; distance education) and the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada ("IRCC") Post-Graduation Work Permit ("PGWP") policy?**

Let variable **A** represent the total number of only distance education format courses taken until August 31 2022; and

Let variable **B** represent the total number of online format and distance education format courses taken from the Fall 2022 term onwards.

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- 3) **I am residing outside Canada and have a valid study permit. Can I study online from my home country in the Fall (Sept - Dec) 2022 term such that the time spent studying online still counts towards the length of PGWP?**

No, time spent studying outside Canada after August 31, 2022 does not count toward the length of PGWP.

- 4) **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 Fall (Sept - Dec) 2022 term such that the time spent studying online still counts towards the length of PGWP?**

No, time spent studying outside Canada after August 31, 2022 does not count toward the length of PGWP.

### **Queries:**

For further queries regarding PGWP eligibility, please reach out to an Advisor at [intedimmigration@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:intedimmigration@okanagan.bc.ca)

