

FAQs – IRCC’s Off-campus Work Hours Temporary Public Policy

FOR CURRENT/CONTINUING OC STUDENTS

1. I’m currently enrolled in the Fall 2022 term courses. Can I work more than 20 hours per week off-campus from November 15, 2022 onwards?

From November 15, 2022 until December 31, 2023, to be able to work more than 20 hours per week off campus while class is in session, you must meet ALL of the below eligibility requirements;

- You should be enrolled in an academic or vocational program that is at least 6 months long and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
- You should be a full-time student (i.e., enrolled in at least 3 courses per semester for most study programs) during every regular academic semester, except in your final/last semester prior to graduation
- You have a valid study permit **and** your application for this study permit must have been received by the IRCC **on or before** October 7, 2022
- Your study permit mentions off-campus work authorization
 - Off-campus work authorization means your study permit should state wording similar to below;
 - “May accept employment on or off campus if meeting eligibility criteria, per paragraph R186(f), (v) or (w) and must cease working if no longer meeting these criteria.”, **or**
 - “May work 20 hours per week off campus or full-time during regular breaks if meeting criteria outlined in paragraph 186(v) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations.”

Please note: If you had to/will need to apply for study permit extension due to your study permit expiration, please see FAQs 2 to 4 below.

2. I submitted a study permit extension application before the expiry date of my study permit, and I am still waiting for a decision on this application. Can I work more than 20 hours per week off-campus from November 15, 2022 onwards?

In this case, to be able to work more than 20 hours per week off campus while class is in session from November 15, 2022 onwards, you must meet ALL of the below eligibility requirements;

- Your study permit extension application must have been received by the IRCC **on or before** October 7, 2022
- You should not have left/exited Canada since applying for your study permit extension application
- You should be enrolled in an academic or vocational program that is at least 6 months long and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate



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- You should be a full-time student (i.e., enrolled in at least 3 courses per semester for most study programs) during every regular academic semester, except in your final/last semester prior to graduation
- Your most recent (valid or expired) study permit mentions off-campus work authorization
 - Off-campus work authorization means your study permit should state wording similar to below;
 - “May accept employment on or off campus if meeting eligibility criteria, per paragraph R186(f), (v) or (w) and must cease working if no longer meeting these criteria.”, **or**
 - “May work 20 hours per week off campus or full-time during regular breaks if meeting criteria outlined in paragraph 186(v) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations.”

Please note: In this situation, you can work more than 20 hours per week off-campus until either December 31, 2023 **or** expiration of your extended/renewed study permit, **whichever comes first**.

- 3. My present study permit expires between November 15 2022 and December 31 2023. I prepared a study permit extension application and this was received by the IRCC after October 7, 2022. Can I work more than 20 hours per week off-campus from November 15, 2022 onwards?**

You can work more than 20 hours per week off-campus while class is in session from November 15, 2022 until the expiration of your **present** study permit only, as long as you meet ALL of the below eligibility requirements;

- You should be enrolled in an academic or vocational program that is at least 6 months long and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
- You should be a full-time student (i.e., enrolled in at least 3 courses per semester for most study programs) during every regular academic semester, except in your final/last semester prior to graduation
- You have a valid study permit **and** your application for this study permit must have been received by the IRCC **on or before** October 7, 2022
- Your study permit mentions off-campus work authorization
 - Off-campus work authorization means your study permit should mention wording similar to below;
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4. **My present study permit expires *before* November 15, 2022. I prepared a study permit extension application and this was received by the IRCC *after* October 7, 2022. Can I work more than 20 hours per week off-campus from November 15, 2022 onwards?**

No, you are **not** eligible to work more than 20 hours per week off-campus during regular academic semesters.

As long as you submit a study permit extension application, online, from within Canada before the expiration of your most recent/present study permit, you would have a ‘maintained status’ (previously known as an ‘implied status’) in Canada past your study permit expiry date; to continue to keep your maintained status, you should not leave Canada until a decision is made on your application.

During a maintained status, you may work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week off-campus during regular semesters as long as you meet ALL of the below eligibility requirements;

- You should be enrolled in an academic or vocational program that is at least 6 months long and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
- You should be a full-time student (i.e., enrolled in at least 3 courses per semester for most study programs) during every regular academic semester, except in your final/last semester prior to graduation
- Your most recent/present study permit mentions off-campus work authorization
 - Off-campus work authorization means your study permit should mention wording similar to below;
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FURTHER QUERIES:

Please review the IRCC webpage ‘Work off campus as an international student’ at <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/work-off-campus.html> and thereafter, reach out to an advisor at intedimmigration@okanagan.bc.ca

