

FAQs - Summer 2023 and Co-op Work

Note: Below are special measures in place due to the IRCC's [temporary public policy](#).

- 1. My co-op work term is from May to August 2023. I 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 2023 term?**

You may start your full-time co-op work/placement in the Summer (May-August) 2023 term if you meet ALL of below-stated eligibility requirements:

- Summer (May - August) 2023 term is a scheduled academic break in your study program.
- 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 2023 term (i.e., Winter 2023 and Fall 2023);
- 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 OC Co-op Letter before starting your co-op work/placement and are still awaiting a final decision on your application;
- You're residing in Canada;
- 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
- 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."

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



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- 2. My co-op work term is from May to August 2023 and the Summer 2023 term is not a scheduled academic break in my study program. I submitted an application for my present study permit to the IRCC *after* October 7, 2022.**

Also, I 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 2023 term?

No, you cannot start full-time co-op work/placement until you're potentially issued a co-op work permit by the IRCC, in this situation. (Few study programs such as Culinary Arts Certificate, Culinary Management Diploma, etc. do not have a scheduled academic break in the Summer 2023 term)

- 3. My co-op work term is from May to August 2023 and the Summer 2023 term is not a scheduled academic break in my study program. I submitted an application for my present study permit to the IRCC *on or before* October 7, 2022.**

Also, I 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 2023 term?

You may start your full-time co-op placement, in this situation, if you meet ALL of the below eligibility requirements:

- 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;
- This (above-stated) study permit must not expire before September 1, 2023;
- You are enrolled in an academic or vocational study program that is at least 6 months long and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate;
- You submitted a co-op work permit application using an OC Co-op Letter before starting your co-op work/placement and are still awaiting a final decision on your application;
- You're residing in Canada;
- The nature of your co-op placement does not require you to take an Immigration Medical Exam (learn more about work/occupations that require an Immigration Medical Exam [here](#)); and
- Your study permit mentions off-campus work authorization



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- Off-campus work authorization means your study permit should state wording similar to below;
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 - “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.”

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4. What type of co-op work/occupation requires an Immigration Medical Exam (IME)?

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;
- other similar jobs.

Queries:

For further questions, please reach out to an Advisor at intedimmigration@okanagan.bc.ca

