

CAN I TAKE ONLINE/DISTANCE EDUCATION FORMAT COURSES DURING FALL (SEPT-DEC) 2023 TERM?

➤ **If you started your study program in the Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Summer 2023 or Fall 2023 term:**

From a Post-Graduation Work Permit (“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 PGWP 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.

Considering above, it’s 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.

➤ **If you did NOT start your study program in the Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Summer 2023 or Fall 2023 term (i.e., you started program any time prior to Fall 2022 term):**

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

Let variable **B** represent the total number of online format and distance education format courses taken from September 2022 onwards, in Canada.

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



- If the total of A and B is less than 50% of your study program's total courses, a Post-Graduation Work Permit ("PGWP") may be issued; other regular [PGWP eligibility criteria](#) must be met.
- If the total of A and B is more than 50% of your study program's total courses, you will not be eligible to apply for a PGWP in the future.

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

Considering above, from September 2022 onwards, it's 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 total of A & B is less than 50% of your study program's total courses.

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Queries:

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