

FAQs - Fall 2023 and Co-op Work

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

1. My co-op work term is from September to December 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 Fall 2023 term?

You may start your full-time co-op work/placement in the Fall (Sept-Dec) 2023 term if you meet ALL of below-stated 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 study permit must not expire before January 1, 2024;
- Your co-op placement ends by December 31, 2023;
- 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 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;
- 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
 - 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.

2. My co-op work term is from September to December 2023. 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 Fall 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.



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

