

Post-Graduate Work Permit (PGWP)

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What is PGWP?

- A work permit that allows international graduates to stay and work in Canada for up to 3 years

Important facts

- ***One-time*** opportunity - regardless of how many programs of study
- Open work permit- any employer, any occupation, anywhere in Canada.
- No job offer required
- Option to apply for jobs while waiting approval
- Option to change employers anytime

How long?

If your program is:

- **More than 8 months but less than 2 years:**

Eligible for a PGWP for the length of the program

- **Two years or more:**

Eligible for a 3-year PGWP

Eligibility

You must:

- Have studied **full time continuously** in Canada and have completed all requirements of a post-secondary program leading to a degree, diploma or certificate.
- Have studied at a Canadian institution in Canada
- Have a valid study permit and passport
- Apply within **90 days** of receiving written confirmation (official letter or transcript) from NSCC that you have completed all courses

Not eligible if:

- Your program is less than eight months
- You participate in certain funded programs or scholarships
- You participate in a distance learning program either from abroad or from within Canada
- You have previously been issued a Post-Graduation Work Permit

Hours and type of work:

- PGWP allows you to work part-time or full-time for any employer, in any occupation, anywhere in Canada or to be self-employed.
- Self-employment does not count towards work experience for PR.

How to apply

- **Online application (in-Canada)**
 - Fill in a questionnaire
 - Create a personal checklist
 - Create/login to MyCIC account
 - Review list of required forms and documents

Important documents

- Proof of academic program completion (official final transcript or letter from registrar Office)
- **Valid** passport and study permit
- Passport-size photo
- Possible additional information/documents (such as proof of medical exam), depending on intent and country of nationality

How much?

- Total fee is **\$255 CAD**
 - \$100 Open Work Permit Holder fee
 - \$155 work permit processing fee

Application form

- IMM 5710 – *Application to change conditions, extend my stay or remain in Canada as a worker*

“Come to Canada” Questionnaire

- <http://www.cic.gc.ca/ctc-vac/cometocanada.asp>

“Come to Canada” Questionnaire

Questions	Answers
What would you like to do in Canada?	Work
How long are you planning to stay in Canada?	Temporarily – more than 6 months
What is your current country of residence?	Canada
What is your current immigration status in Canada?	Student
Do you plan to work on campus?	No
Are you a full-time student at a participating post-secondary institution and want to work off-campus up to 20 hours per week?	No

“Come to Canada” Questionnaire

Questions	Answers
Have you recently graduated from a participating Canadian post-secondary institution for which your study program was full-time and a minimum of eight months?	Yes
Is your work an essential part of your studies (for example, a Co-op or internship program)?	No
Do you need a bridge extension?	No
Do you have a written job offer?	No
Do you also want to apply for a study permit?	No
When does your status in Canada expire?	Your study permit expiry date

“Come to Canada” Questionnaire

Questions	Answers
Do you need a bridge extension?	No
Do you have a written job offer?	No
Do you also want to apply for a study permit?	No
When does your status in Canada expire?	Your study permit expiry date
Which document have you received stating that you have completed all the requirements for your program of study?	Letter from educational institution
Are you giving someone access to your application?	No

“Come to Canada” Questionnaire

Questions	Answers
There are fees associated with this application. Will you be paying your fees or are you fee exempt?	Yes, I will be paying my application fees.
Do you have the ability to create a digital image of your documents (through scanning or taking a picture) and will you pay your application fees online using a visa, MasterCard or American Express?	Yes
Have you had a medical exam performed by a CIC authorized panel physician (doctor) within the last 12 months?	No
Are you staying in Canada for more than 6 months and have lived in one or more designated countries or territories for more than six months in the last year?	No
Do you want to work in one of the following jobs?	Please read carefully and respond appropriately

IMM 5710

- <http://international.nsc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/2016-NSCC-Guide-for-Post-Graduate-Work-Permit.pdf>

Processing time

The screenshot shows the Government of Canada website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Canadian flag, the text 'Government of Canada' and 'Gouvernement du Canada', a search bar with 'Search Canada.ca', and a 'Français' link. Below this is a dark blue menu with categories: Jobs, Immigration, Travel, Business, Benefits, Health, Taxes, and More services. A breadcrumb trail reads 'Home → Immigration and citizenship → My Application'. On the left, a sidebar menu lists options: 'My immigration or citizenship application' (highlighted), 'Check application status', 'Find forms and guides', 'Check processing times' (highlighted), 'My account', 'Pay your fees', 'Change your address with IRCC', and 'Get medical or police checks'. The main content area is titled 'Check application processing times'. It features a red question mark icon and a text box: 'Find out [why processing times information changed](#) and see [top questions about processing times](#) in the Help Centre.' Below this are two required dropdown menus: '* What are you applying for? (required)' with 'Visiting, studying, working temporarily' selected, and '* Which temporary residence application? (required)' with 'Work permit extension (new employer)' selected. A 'Get processing time' button is at the bottom.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/times/index.asp>

Work while waiting for approval

- You can work (PT or FT) from the day you submit your PGWP application if you have a valid study permit that allows you to work off-campus
- You must stop working if your post-graduation work permit application is refused.
- To work and get paid you must apply for SIN **in person** through Service Canada
- PGWP holders must comply with the terms and condition of the work permit - stop working by the expiry day
- To stay in Canada after PGWP, you must apply to change your status in Canada prior to the expiry date.

Near the end of your program?

- Check the expiry of your Study Permit and renew, if necessary (allow 2-3 months after graduation date)
- Consider if you will do further studies, as PGWP is only available **once in your lifetime**.
- Apply for your PGWP **within 90 days** of receiving written confirmation of program completion (not actual graduation)
- start working on your resume, cover letter, and interview skills and apply for jobs

Final steps!

- If your application is approved, you will receive your PGWP in mail at the address you provided on your application form.
- Apply for a new TRV (**IMM 5257**)
 - **Personal Details (#7)** indicate “**worker**”, and dates of your new PGWP
 - **Details of visit (#1)** indicate “Returning worker”
 - **Details of visit (#4)** indicate either your employer (if employed) or NSCC (if not employed)

Apply for new TRV (IMM 5257)

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6 *Citizenship

7 Current country of residence:

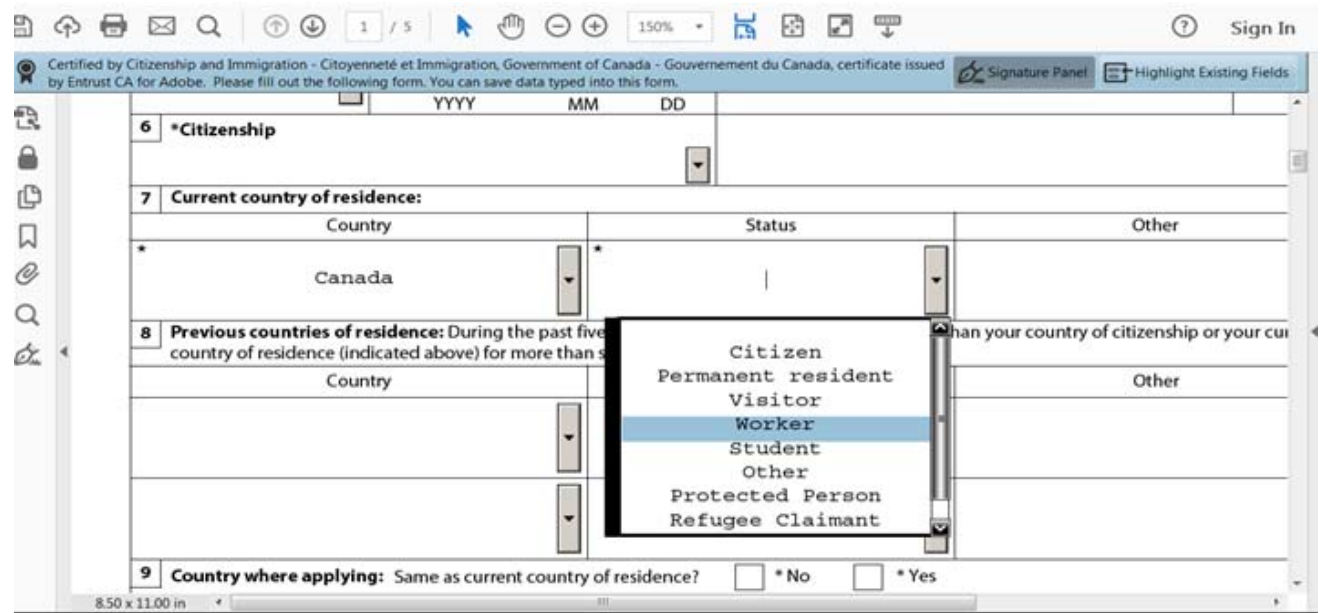
Country	Status	Other
Canada		

8 Previous countries of residence: During the past five years, have you lived in any other country for more than six months? (Indicate the country and status.)

Country	Status	Other

9 Country where applying: Same as current country of residence? *No *Yes

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A screenshot of the IMM 5257 application form. The form is displayed in a web browser window. The top of the window shows a toolbar with various icons and a 'Sign In' button. Below the toolbar, there is a header bar with the text 'Certified by Citizenship and Immigration - Citoyenneté et Immigration, Government of Canada - Gouvernement du Canada, certificate issued by Entrust CA for Adobe. Please fill out the following form. You can save data typed into this form.' and a 'Signature Panel' button. The form itself is divided into several sections. Section 6 is '*Citizenship'. Section 7 is 'Current country of residence:' and contains a table with columns 'Country', 'Status', and 'Other'. The 'Country' column has 'Canada' selected. Section 8 is 'Previous countries of residence: During the past five years, have you lived in any other country for more than six months? (Indicate the country and status.)' and contains a table with columns 'Country', 'Status', and 'Other'. A dropdown menu is open over the 'Status' column of the first row in this table, showing options: 'Citizen', 'Permanent resident', 'Visitor', 'Worker', 'Student', 'Other', 'Protected Person', and 'Refugee Claimant'. The 'Worker' option is highlighted. Section 9 is 'Country where applying: Same as current country of residence?' and has two radio buttons: '*No' and '*Yes'. The bottom of the window shows the dimensions '8.50 x 11.00 in'.

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5 Faxno.			Ext.	6 E-mail address	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada/US			Country Code	No.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other					
DETAILS OF VISIT TO CANADA					
1 * a) Purpose of my visit			b) Other		
3 Business Tourism Short-Term Studies			2 *Funds available for my stay (CAD)		
4 Returning Student Returning Worker Super Visa For Parents or Grandparents					

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DETAILS OF VISIT TO CANADA

1 * a) Purpose of my visit		b) Other	
2 Indicate how long you plan to stay	* From YYYY-MM-DD	* To YYYY-MM-DD	3 * Funds available for my stay (CAD)
4 Name, address and relationship of any person(s) or institution(s) I will visit:			
* Name			
1 Relationship to (institution you will visit) in Canada			

Question 4 Row 1 Name: The name of the person or institution you will visit

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APPLICATION FOR VISITOR VISA (TEMPORARY RESIDENT VISA)

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