



## Taking Time Off Studies, or Failing Courses

Taking time off studies is not the same as a scheduled break.

NSCC must report the status of each student, each term. If a student is not registered in courses, this information will be shared with IRCC. A student who is not registered is not complying with the regulations of the study permit, which state:

*220.1 (1) The holder of a study permit in Canada is subject to the following conditions:*

- (a) they shall enroll at a designated learning institution and remain enrolled at a designated learning institution until they complete their studies; and*
- (b) they shall actively pursue their course or program of study.*

Students should consult with their Academic department, or an advisor, regarding any need for time off from studies.

### Short term Implications

A non-registered student is legally not able to work on- or off-campus.

The institution cannot issue a letter of enrollment for a non-registered student, so it will be very difficult to extend the study permit, if it will expire soon.

Study permits expire 90 days following the completion of a program, regardless of the expiry date - if the absence is longer than 3 months, the study permit may expire, therefore it is recommended to change status from "student" to "visitor" in order to remain in Canada during a longer-term absence. However, to re-apply for a study permit, it will be necessary to apply from outside of Canada.

*(See below for additional information on this point)*

A non-registered international student may lose access to health plans, coverage and other student services.

### Long term Implications

Student will no longer meet the eligibility requirements for the Post Graduate Work Permit (PGWP)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/eligibility.html>



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## Change from “Visitor” to “Student” status

If the student returns to studies while on visitor status, the application for a study permit cannot be processed in Canada. The student will either need to leave Canada, or submit the application to the US visa office, which may require additional travel and expense.

## Re-Taking a Course in the Following Academic Year

All of the implications above apply when a student fails a course, and needs to wait until the next academic year to re-take this course.

Students who are considered part-time can still apply for a study permit; however, part-time students are not permitted to work in Canada.

