

Western International

Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

Post-graduation Employment for International Students in Canada

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AGENDA

- Eligibility criteria for PGWP
- Length of PGWP
- Documents needed for PGWP application
- Work authorization after completion of program
- Q & A

POST-GRADUATION WORK PERMIT (PGWP)

“One time” gift for international students to gain Canadian work experience

An **OPEN** work permit

- You do not need a job offer to apply
- You can work for any employer
- You can work anywhere in Canada
- You can work at any jobs
- The job does not need to be related to your degree

PGWP – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA INSIDE CANADA GRADUATES

You have 180 days to apply for a PGWP after completion of program

- A valid study permit at some point during the 180 days

Completed a study program

- at an eligible DLI
- at least 8 months long
- leading to a degree, diploma or certificate

Maintained full-time student status

- except final academic session, which can be part-time
- Or an approved leave of absence (case by case)

Received final transcripts AND a PGWP letter

- from Registrar's Office

COVID-19: If you had to stop studying or change to part-time studies between March 2020 and Fall 2020 due to COVID-19, you may still be eligible for a PGWP. **Please keep all the supporting documents.**

Don't let your status expire!
Your study permit expires as of the expiry date on the permit **or** 90 days after the day you complete your studies, **whichever comes first.**

PGWP – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OUTSIDE CANADA GRADUATES

Special measures due to Covid-19:

- You don't have to have held a valid study permit if you
 - were enrolled in a program that was **in progress in March 2020** or
 - Started a program between **March 2020 and August 31, 2022** and
 - you have a study permit or
 - you've been approved for a study permit or
 - you applied for a study permit before starting your study program
 - **Your study permit must eventually be approved.**
- Only the time studying outside Canada **after you submitted your study permit application** counts towards the length of your PGWP.
- Any time studying outside Canada after **August 31, 2023** is not counted.
- You may still be eligible for a PGWP if you had to stop studying or change to part-time studies between **March 2020 and Fall 2020**.

*** You must meet all the other eligibility criteria for PGWP.**

LENGTH OF PGWP

Official length of program	PGWP validity
< 8 months	NOT ELIGIBLE
> 8 months & < 2 years	Up to the same length as your program
2 years or more	3 years
a 16-23 month, full-time graduate program with no breaks	*A PGWP may be issued for 3 years
Two PGWP-eligible programs completed within 2 years	PGWP may combine the length of each program

You **may** be eligible for a Work Permit that is valid for up to 3 years *depending on the length of your program of study.*

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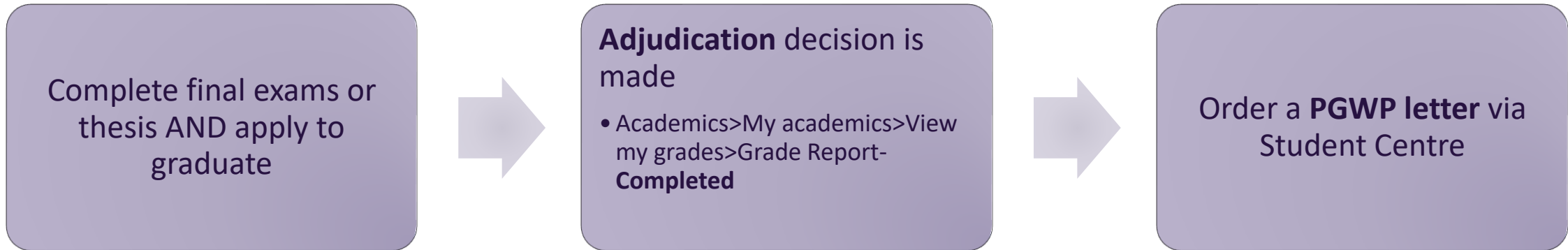
- You can't get a PGWP if you already had one after completing an earlier program of study.
- Make sure your passport is valid to cover the length of PGWP that you are eligible for.

PGWP: DOCUMENTATION FROM WESTERN

- **A PGWP Letter:**
 - Order a PGWP letter via Student Center (can be delivered by pick-up, eLetter, mail, courier or fax)
 - PGWP letter is only available upon completion of program (after adjudication)
- **Final transcript:**
 - an official transcript, or
 - an unofficial transcript from Student Centre under Web Academic Report

https://iesc.uwo.ca/visas/documents_from_western.html

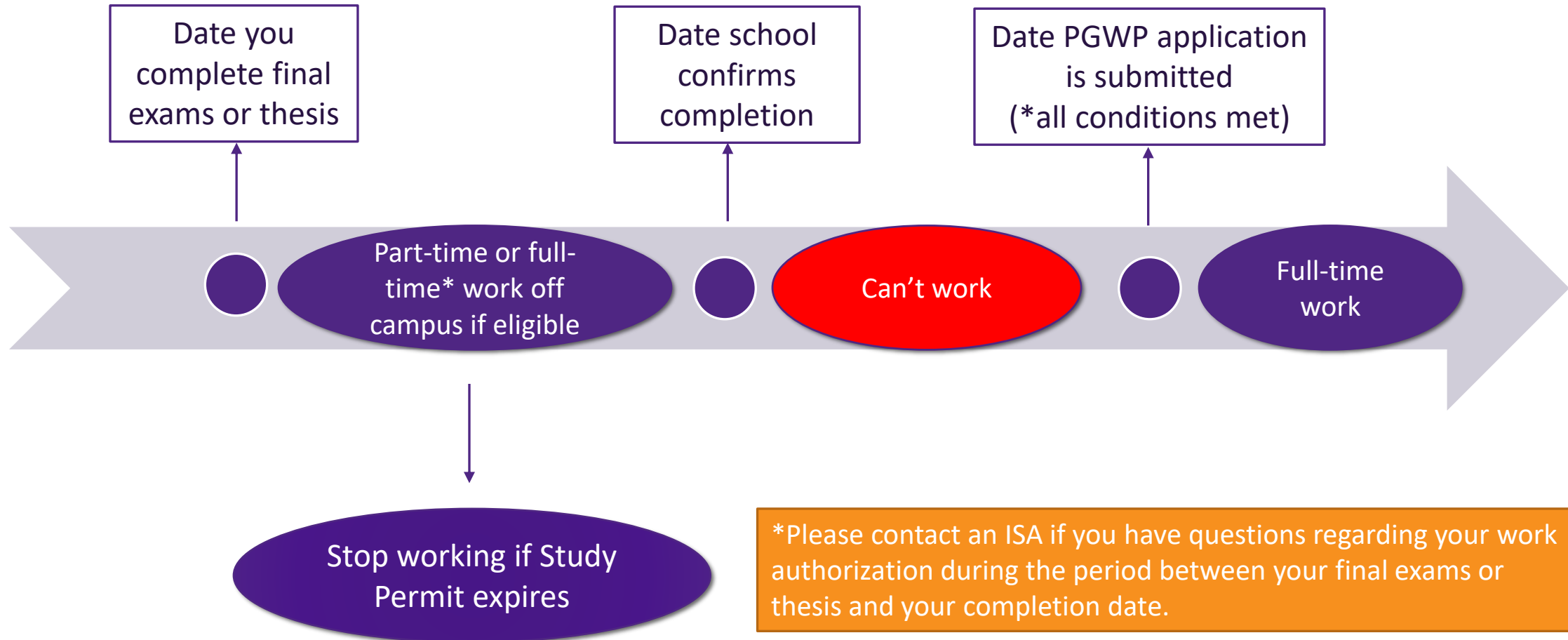
HOW / WHEN TO REQUEST A PGWP LETTER



PGWP: WORK AUTHORIZATION

- **You can work full-time after you apply for a PGWP if you:**
 - Had a valid study permit when you submitted your PGWP application
 - Completed your study program
 - Were eligible to work off-campus without a work permit while studying
 - Didn't work more hours than you were allowed to
- **Please note:**
 - You must stop working the day you are notified by IRCC that your application is refused.
 - If you are confirmed by Western that you have completed your program and you are not starting a new program of study, you can NOT work until you apply for a PGWP and meet all the above criteria.

WORK AUTHORIZATION AFTER COMPLETION OF STUDIES



APPLYING FOR A SIN

- You can apply online or by mail.
- If you are unable to apply online or by mail you have the option to apply in person.
- If you apply for a SIN online or by mail and your application meets the requirements, you will receive a letter with your SIN by mail within 20 business days from the date the application is received. If more than 25 business days have passed and you would like to find out the status of your application, contact the SIN program.
- There is no fee to apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN).

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin/apply.html>

*****You can continue using your SIN while waiting for PGWP application decision even if it expires when your study permit expires.*****



ADVISING SERVICES FALL 2022

Appointments

<https://iesc.uwo.ca/appointment/index.html>

- Virtual via Microsoft Teams or telephone appointment
- Monday – Friday, 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Drop Ins

- In person, IGAB 2nd floor
- Monday – Friday, 1 - 4 pm

Immigration FAQ sessions

- Virtual on zoom
- Fridays 9-10am

Immigration workshops

- IESC events calendar: <http://www.events.westernu.ca/events/iesc/>
- IESC weekly network email

Office Hours & Reception

- Monday – Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- **Phone:** 519-661-2111 ext. 89309
- **Email:** iesc@uwo.ca

FALL 2022 IMMIGRATION WORKSHOPS

Topic	Date & Time	Where
Working in Canada Regulations for International Students	Nov 16, 1:30-2:30pm	Zoom
Co-op Work Permit	Nov 17, 5:00-6:00pm	Zoom

<http://www.events.westernu.ca/events/iesc/>

Q & A

