

The full study permit is needed if students want to complete their program in Canada, and eventually apply for a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) to work in the country after they graduate.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, learning institutions changed their in-class programs to online. This has had a significant impact on international students and the Canadian institutions and communities that host them. The Immigration Minister, Marco Mendicino, said in a news release, that “This is why we have implemented a series of measures to support them. We value the contribution of young people seeking a high-quality education in Canada, and we’re making every effort to minimize how current challenges affect their plans and dreams for the future.”

IRCC has now changed the eligibility requirements for the PGWP. International students will now be able to do to half of their program online and still be eligible for the work permit that could allow them to stay in Canada for at least three more years.

The PGWP is important because it enables international students to get the Canadian work experience, they often need to become eligible for Canadian permanent residence. Express Entry and the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) are among numerous immigration pathways available to international students who complete their studies in Canada and get qualifying work experience.

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