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Are you planning to apply for the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) Edition

Validity of Study Permit

It is important to note that **your study permit becomes invalid 90 days after completion of your studies or the day on which it expires, whichever comes first.** Here is an example to clarify this:

“Ali is a student studying in the Diploma in Business Administration program. His study permit expiry date is August 31, 2024. However, he finishes his studies on December 31, 2023 and receives his Letter of Completion on January 12, 2024. Now his study permit is only valid for 90 days and will become invalid on April 11, 2024.”

“Your study permit becomes invalid 90 days after completion of your studies!”

Validity of Passport

Make sure that your passport is valid for the entire length of time your PGWP would be issued for.

For example, if your PGWP could be issued for three years then your passport should be valid for the same amount of time. Otherwise, your PGWP will be valid only until your passport expires.

If this happens, IRCC may advise you to extend your passport in order to obtain the full validity of the PGWP. If they do,

Assembling Documents for the PGWP Application

Once you have officially completed your program and have following required documents, you can apply for PGWP:

1. Letter of Completion

This letter is also called a Completion of Studies letter. It is not issued with your credential, and **you must request for it separately**. To obtain your Letter of Completion, please follow the processes mentioned below:

STEP 1: Please submit your [Application to Graduate](#) as soon as possible if you have not already done so.
Application to Graduate Deadline for Fall 2023 Term is December 31, 2023.

At the beginning of your last semester, and prior to applying to graduate, ensure your program is open and all your program course requirements are **'In-progress'** or **'Completed'**

Q. When does the study permit expire?

Your study permit will expire on the date marked on the permit **OR** 90 days after the day you complete your studies, **whichever comes first**. [More Details](#).

Notes and Tips:

You can calculate the days using this [website](#). Make sure to add the end date in calculation.

Your study permit is valid until 11:59 PM on the day prior to the expiry date on study permit or until 11:59 PM on the 90th day of completing studies.

- Do not wait until the last day to submit your application. You must submit it as soon as you can because you cannot control the situation if there are any glitches on the IRCC website or if you face connectivity issues, etc.
- You can complete the PGWP application online and fill in the forms while you are waiting to receive supporting documents from Camosun. It will save you time and you can submit your application as soon as your documents are issued.

- [Apply for a visitor record](#) to stay in Canada longer, **OR**

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Q. I applied for PGWP while I had maintained status for study permit. Can I start working full-time after submitting my PGWP application?

No, students who apply for PGWP while they have maintained status **could not** start working full-time until they get their PGWP. They must also stop working part-time once they finish their studies, usually this is either when they receive their Letter of Completion **OR** they are credentialed **whichever comes first**.

Q. What is maintained status (formerly implied status)?

If you have applied for a new immigration status but it won't arrive before your current status expires, you may still be able to stay, study, and/or work in Canada during this time. This is called '[maintained status](#).' Maintained status breaks if you travel outside of Canada.

Q. I did not apply for PGWP within 90 days of graduation or before expiry of my study permit. Can I stay in Canada?

If you could not apply for PGWP while your study permit was valid then you are not allowed to stay in Canada legally. You must:

Q. Can I apply for a Letter of Completion months after finishing my program?