

FAQs – IRCC’s Off-campus Work Hours Temporary Public Policy

Note: Regarding working between December 21, 2023 and January 7, 2024, please review the Info Sheet at [Christmas break 2023 Work Info Sheet OC.pdf \(okanagan.bc.ca\)](#)

1. I am currently enrolled in the Winter 2024 term courses. Can I work more than 20 hours per week off-campus?

From January 8, 2024 until April 30, 2024, to be able to work more than 20 hours per week off campus while class is in session, you must meet ALL of the below eligibility requirements;

- You should be enrolled in an academic or vocational program that is at least 6 months long and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
- You should be a full-time student (i.e., enrolled in at least 3 courses per semester for most study programs) during the Winter 2024 semester, except in your final/last semester prior to graduation
- Your study permit mentions off-campus work authorization
 - Off-campus work authorization means your study permit should state wording similar to below;
 - “May accept employment on or off campus if meeting eligibility criteria, per paragraph R186(f), (v) or (w) and must cease working if no longer meeting these criteria.”, or
 - “May work 20 hours per week off campus or full-time during regular breaks if meeting criteria outlined in paragraph 186(v) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations.”; **and**
- You’re in either ONE of the below situations:
 - You have a valid study permit and your application for this study permit must have been received by the IRCC between October 8, 2022 and December 7, 2023, **OR**
 - You have a valid study permit and your application for this study permit must have been received by the IRCC on or before October 7, 2022.

Note: If you have a [maintained status](#) in Canada, please review FAQ 2 below.

2. I submitted a study permit extension application before the expiry date of my study permit, and I am still waiting for a decision on this application. My most recent study permit has expired. Can I work more than 20 hours per week off-campus from January 8, 2024 onwards?

In this case, to be able to work more than 20 hours per week off campus while class is in session from January 8, 2024 onwards, you must meet ALL of the below eligibility requirements;

- Your study permit extension application must have been received by IRCC between October 8, 2022 and December 7, 2023
- Your most recent (expired) study permit’s application was received by IRCC on or after October 8, 2022



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- You should not have left/exited Canada since applying for your study permit extension application
- You should be enrolled in an academic or vocational program that is at least 6 months long and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
- You should be a full-time student (i.e., enrolled in at least 3 courses per semester for most study programs) during the Winter 2024 semester, except in your final/last semester prior to graduation
- Your most recent (expired) study permit mentions off-campus work authorization
 - Off-campus work authorization means your study permit should state wording similar to below;
 - “May accept employment on or off campus if meeting eligibility criteria, per paragraph R186(f), (v) or (w) and must cease working if no longer meeting these criteria.”, **or**
 - “May work 20 hours per week off campus or full-time during regular breaks if meeting criteria outlined in paragraph 186(v) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations.”

Note: In this situation, you can work more than 20 hours per week off-campus until either April 30, 2024 or expiration of your extended/renewed study permit, **whichever comes first**.

3. I submitted a study permit extension application (before the expiry date of my study permit) and this was received by the IRCC after December 7, 2023. Can I work more than 20 hours per week off-campus from January 8, 2024 onwards?

If you currently have a valid study permit and you meet ALL eligibility requirements shown below, you may keep working more than 20 hours per week off-campus until either the date this study permit expires OR April 30, 2024, *whichever comes first*;

- Your application for the current valid study permit was received by the IRCC on or before December 7, 2023
- You should be enrolled in an academic or vocational program that is at least 6 months long and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
- You should be a full-time student (i.e., enrolled in at least 3 courses per semester for most study programs) during the Winter 2024 semester, except in your final/last semester prior to graduation
- Your study permit mentions off-campus work authorization
 - Off-campus work authorization means your study permit should state wording similar to below;

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- “May accept employment on or off campus if meeting eligibility criteria, per paragraph R186(f), (v) or (w) and must cease working if no longer meeting these criteria.”, or
- “May work 20 hours per week off campus or full-time during regular breaks if meeting criteria outlined in paragraph 186(v) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations.”

Once you’re no longer eligible to work more than 20 hours a week off campus, you may work up to 20 hours per week off-campus as long as you meet the standard [eligibility requirements](#).

Glossary:

- **Maintained status:** If you submitted a study permit extension application, online, from within Canada before the expiration of your most recent study permit, you would have maintained status in Canada past your study permit expiration date as long as you do not leave Canada, until a decision is made on your application. Learn more about this at <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/immigration-citizenship/helpcentre/glossary.html#m>.
- **IRCC:** Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

