

Information About Off-Campus Work

(for International Students)



International students may be eligible to work on and off-campus without a work permit. The study permit can authorize you to work if you meet certain criteria.

Please note: students may only start working in Canada once they start a program of study.

Algonquin College students may assess their eligibility for this policy on the [IRCC website](#).

Eligibility Requirements

Algonquin College international students can work off-campus without a work permit, provided that all of the following statements are true:

- they hold a valid study permit
- they are full-time students enrolled in an academic program at Algonquin College
- the program of study is at least 6 months in duration and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
- they hold a Social Insurance Number (SIN), the Canadian identification number required to work
- they have started studying

Students in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and Introduction to Canadian Healthcare Studies (ICHS) are not eligible to work off-campus.

Note: To check your eligibility to work in Canada, visit: algonquincollege.com/international/working-in-canada

Most Up-to-Date Information

Disclaimer: This immigration information was updated in December 2024 and is accurate as of the date of publication.

Information on this page has been reviewed by Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCIC) and Regulated International Student Immigration Advisors (RISIA) in compliance with the Canadian Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. Please be aware that this is not a legal document and information may sometimes change without notice. For the most up-to-date information about Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) please refer to the IRCC website at: canada.ca/immigration or call 1-888-242-2100.

It is the international student's responsibility to know the rules and regulations that apply to their status in Canada.

International Education Centre (IEC)

The IEC is located in room C021. On-campus services are by appointment only.

Current international students can send immigration related questions using our **Ask the International Education Centre case system**. Students may also book a face-to-face or virtual meeting. Click here to get in touch or book an appointment with us. algonquincollege.com/international/how-to-contact-us

You may also wish to visit the [IEC events calendar](#) to register for upcoming immigration workshops and events

The IEC is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding holidays.

Maximum Working Hours Permitted

During Academic Sessions

CIRCUMSTANCE	OFF-CAMPUS WORK ELIGIBILITY	FURTHER DETAILS
During Academic Sessions	Up to 24 hours per week	Students must wait to work until they have started their program of study. Students must maintain their full-time student status to remain eligible to work.
Full-time students with a part-time course load only in their final academic session	Up to 24 hours per week	Students who have maintained full-time status for the duration of their program of study, and who only require a part-time course load in their final academic session to complete their program of study, are eligible to work.
While Working On-Campus	Up to 24 hours per week	There are no restrictions on the number of hours students can work on-campus in addition to working off-campus, provided they continue to meet the eligibility requirements.

During Breaks

The hours an international student can work change when the student takes a break from studies.

A regularly scheduled break is part of Algonquin College's academic calendar (for instance, winter and summer holidays, Reading Week). The full IRCC definition is available [here](#). Use Algonquin College's [Academic Calendar](#) to learn about start and end dates, as well as mid-term break dates.

TYPE OF BREAK	OFF-CAMPUS WORK ELIGIBILITY	FURTHER DETAILS
Regularly scheduled break	Full-time hours	Students must hold full-time status during the academic sessions before and after their scheduled break to be eligible for full-time work during the regularly scheduled break. Students who choose to undertake course work during a regularly scheduled break are still eligible to work on a full-time basis.
Unscheduled Break/Students who create their own break	You are NOT eligible to work using your study permit or work permit naming Algonquin College.	If a student creates their own break in a program, it is considered a leave from studies , rather than a regularly scheduled break.
Authorized Leave	You are NOT eligible to work using your study permit or work permit naming Algonquin College.	Authorized leave refers to circumstances where you are authorized by Algonquin College to take a leave of up to a maximum of 150 days from your program of studies and still be considered to be actively pursuing your studies.
Your program does not have a scheduled break	Up to 24 hours per week	Students with no scheduled break may work up to 24 hours per week off-campus for the duration of the program of study.

After Completing Studies

Students who complete their studies at Algonquin College may be eligible to do some work after completing their final program requirements, if their study permit remains valid. Full details are available from the IRCC under ‘**Off-Campus Work and completion of a program of studies**’.

TYPE OF COMPLETION	OFF-CAMPUS WORK ELIGIBILITY	FURTHER DETAILS
Students who have completed their program of study and are waiting for their graduated status in ACSIS.	Up to 24 hours per week	Eligible students can work after completing their final program requirements and before they receive a graduated status on their ACSIS account. Once the graduated status is confirmed, students must stop working until they submit their Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) application. Once submitted, eligible students , can work full-time while their PGWP application is in process.
Between two academic, full-time programs	Full-time hours	Students must receive written confirmation of program completion from their first program and be accepted into the second program. Time in between academic programs should not exceed 150 days. Full eligibility details are available through the IRCC website .