TICK-BOX CHECKLIST | GRADUATION | ALL STUDENTS

Graduation countdown checklist

The dates that start ticking when you finish, and the jobs to do before and after.



HOW TO USE IT

1. Read each line. Skip any that don't apply to you.
2. Write the real date for your case, from your school, IRCC or your lender.
3. Tick each line when it's done. Put the dates in your calendar too.

1 International: check your final term's study load.
IRCC: you need full-time status each semester for a PGWP, but you may study part-time in your final semester.
Date: _____ ☐ Done

2 International: save the date your school confirms you've completed.
IRCC: apply for your PGWP within 180 days of that confirmation.
Date: _____ ☐ Done

3 International: check your study permit's expiry date.
IRCC: it must have been valid at some point during the 180 days after you completed your program.
Date: _____ ☐ Done

4 Student loans: note when repayment starts.
Canada.ca: you start paying back your loan 6 months after you finish your studies.
Date: _____ ☐ Done

5 Student loans: if payments will be hard, read about the Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP).
Date: _____ ☐ Done

6 Taxes: keep your final T2202 to claim tuition fees.
CRA: you need Form T2202 from your school to claim tuition fees.
Date: _____ ☐ Done

7 Order official transcripts and save digital copies.
Date: _____ ☐ Done

8 Update your mailing address with your school and lender.
Date: _____ ☐ Done

COUNTDOWN

Final term ends: _____

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School confirms you completed (day 0): _____

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PGWP window (international): within 180 days of day 0. Last day: _____

Loan repayment starts 6 months after studies end: _____

Count days with a calendar or date tool. 180 days is about six months, but not exactly.

WHO TO TELL ABOUT A NEW ADDRESS	DONE
School	
Lender	
CRA	
Bank	

My key dates

TRY THIS

Ask your school now how and when it sends the completion confirmation, so day 0 doesn't surprise you.

CHECK

Read IRCC's PGWP page yourself before you apply. Eligibility rules change and have conditions this sheet can't cover.

WHAT THIS SHEET LEAVES OUT

PGWP field-of-study and language rules, permanent residence, and provincial loan rules. IRCC facts and links only, not immigration advice.

WITH A PARTNER

Work through the worked example together and check each other's day counts.

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