COLOR-BY-ANSWER · WORK AND CO-OP · INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Work-hours check

Eight invented weeks for international students working off campus. IRCC facts only: within the rules or not?



HOW TO PLAY

1. Read each week. Assume the student meets IRCC's other conditions unless the card says otherwise.
2. Find the IRCC rule in the window. Write its letter and your call.
3. Colour the pane: within the rules, over the limit, or not eligible.

1 **During the fall term, Mei works 22 hours a week off campus.**
Rule letter: _____ Your call: _____

2 **During term, Omar works two jobs: 16 hours plus 12 hours a week.**
Rule letter: _____ Your call: _____

3 **During reading week, a break scheduled by her school, Lena works 40 hours.**
Rule letter: _____ Your call: _____

4 **Raj's permit says 20 hours a week. During term he works 24, meeting the other requirements.**
Rule letter: _____ Your call: _____

5 **Sara works 24 hours off campus and 6 hours remotely for an employer outside Canada.**
Rule letter: _____ Your call: _____

6 **Tom's program has no scheduled breaks. In July he works 30 hours a week.**
Rule letter: _____ Your call: _____

7 **Ana's program is four months long. She wants an off-campus job.**
Rule letter: _____ Your call: _____

8 **In the summer break scheduled by his school, Ben takes one course and works 35 hours.**
Rule letter: _____ Your call: _____

IRCC RULE BANK

- **A** During regular terms: up to 24 hours a week off campus.
- **B** More than 1 job is fine if the total stays within your permit's conditions.
- **C** During a break your school schedules: unlimited hours.
- **D** A permit saying 20 hours: IRCC allows up to 24 if you still meet the requirements.
- **E** Remote work for an employer outside Canada doesn't count toward the 24 hours.
- **F** No scheduled breaks in your program: up to 24 hours a week.
- **G** Program must be at least 6 months long and lead to a degree, diploma or certificate.
- **H** Taking courses during a break doesn't affect unlimited hours.

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● **Green** = Within the rules ◆ **Orange** = Over the limit
★ **Pink** = Not eligible

TRY THIS

Read the conditions printed on your own study permit and write them at the top of this sheet.

CHECK

IRCC says working more than 24 hours a week in term is a violation and you can lose your student status. Track your hours weekly.

WHAT THIS SHEET LEAVES OUT

On-campus work, co-op work permits, working after graduation and the full eligibility list. IRCC facts and links only; read the IRCC page for your own case.

WITH A PARTNER

Change one detail on a card, like the week being in a scheduled break. Does the answer change?

Sources (official pages, read on 2026-11-28): [1] IRCC, Work off campus as an international student: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/work-off-campus.html (checked 2026-11-28).