Post-graduation work permit timeline planner

A dates sheet that quotes official IRCC timelines so you can record your own school and permit dates. It is not advice about whether you are eligible or when you should apply.

NAME

DATE

DATES FROM MY OWN DOCUMENTS

SCHOOL CONFIRMATION OF COMPLETION (DEGREE, DIPLOMA, TRANSCRIPT OR OFFICIAL LETTER) — DATE I RECEIVED IT

DAY 180 AFTER THAT CONFIRMATION (DATE I WRITE IN)

STUDY PERMIT EXPIRY DATE ON MY DOCUMENT

DATE I SUBMITTED THE APPLICATION, IF I HAVE

OFFICIAL PAGES I OPENED

- [ ] I read IRCC's 'Who can apply' page for current eligibility, including study program and language rules that may apply to me
- [ ] I read IRCC's 'How to apply' page
- [ ] I listed the documents on IRCC's documents page
- [ ] I used IRCC's processing-times tool (times are estimates, not a maximum)
- [ ] If my study permit may expire before I apply, I read the official options on the apply page

NOTES AND REFERENCE NUMBERS (NO CONCLUSIONS ABOUT ELIGIBILITY)

IRCC decides. This sheet only helps you write dates next to what the official pages say. If a page has changed since it was checked, the official page wins. This is not advice about a study permit, a work permit or restoration of status.

SOURCES (CHECKED 2026-11-27)

IRCC's post-graduation work permit 'Who can apply' page says you meet the general eligibility requirement to apply if you completed a program of study at a PGWP-eligible designated learning institution that was at least 8 months long (or 900 hours for Quebec programs), you maintained full-time status as a student in Canada during each semester of your study program (you may study part-time during your final semester), you apply for your PGWP within 180 days of confirmation that you completed your program of study, and your study permit was valid at some point during the 180 days after you completed your program of study. https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/eligibility.html (checked 2026-11-27)
IRCC's 'How to apply' page says you can apply for a PGWP from within Canada or from another country, as long as you are eligible, and that you have up to 180 days after you graduate to apply for a PGWP.
https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/apply.html (checked 2026-11-27)
The same apply page says that if you don't change your status to visitor and your study permit expires, you have up to 90 days after your study permit expires to apply for a PGWP and restore your status as a student, and that if you don't apply within 90 days, or if 90 days have already passed, you must leave Canada.
https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/apply.html (checked 2026-11-27)
IRCC's documents page for a PGWP application lists the documents to include when you apply.
https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/get-documents.html (checked 2026-11-26)