

New work rules for international students

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The Government of Canada has [announced](#) that international students who are in Canada and have permission to work off campus will no longer be limited to work 20 hours or less each week.

This temporary change comes into effect on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, and will continue until Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023.

To work full-time hours off campus after Nov. 15, 2022, international students must have:

- a valid study permit and your study permit application or study permit extension was received on or before Oct. 7, 2022
- started a full-time Seneca program that is at least six months long and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate and have full-time student status
- study permit shows that you're authorized to work off campus
- have received a [Social Insurance Number \(SIN\)](#)

If you do not meet the conditions noted above, you may work up to 20 hours per week.

Please note:

- for current study permit holders, if you have a study permit extension received after Oct. 7, 2022, and your current study permit expires between Nov. 15, 2022 and Dec. 31, 2023, you may work full-time hours until Dec. 31, 2023 or the expiry date of your current study permit, whichever comes first.

[this resource](#) to view more details on how your study permit conditions affect the hours permitted to work as an international student.

[Register for the Off-Campus Work Hours session on Thursday, Nov. 17](#)

[Register for the Off-Campus Work Hours session on Thursday, Nov. 22](#)

It is very important that international students balance their study and work commitments.

Seneca has many resources available to help:

- [Seneca Works](#)
- [The Learning Centre](#)
- [Sessions and Support for International Students](#)

For additional information, visit Seneca's [FAQs for international students](#) or email theservicehub@senecacollege.ca to connect with an immigration specialist.

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