

Canada New Immigration Policy-2024

Limitations on Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) and Spouse Work Permit

Aspect	Previous Policy	Current Policy (Effective from September 1, 2024)
Eligibility for PGWP	Available to graduates from all designated institutions, including public-private partnerships	Excludes graduates from public-private partnership institutions
Cap on Study Permits	No specific cap on study permit approvals	Cap introduced, approximately 360,000 approvals expected in 2024 (35% decrease); excludes postgraduate, elementary, and secondary students
Duration of PGWP for Master's Students	Based on the length of the study program	Extended to three years, regardless of program length
Work Rights for Dependents	Open work permits are available for dependents of all international students	Open work permits will now only be granted to spouses of master's and Ph.D. international students. Those in lower-level programs, such as undergraduate and college programs, will no longer qualify.
Provincial Attestation for Study Permits	No requirement for provincial attestation	Requirement for a 'provincial attestation' with study permit applications
Impact on Current Students and Applications	Not applicable as the policy was not yet in place	Current students and pending applications for study permit extensions are unaffected.