# Working during your studies

**OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS**

You and your employer must make sure you can work off-campus without a work permit before you start working. If you start working off-campus but do not meet the requirements, you may have to leave Canada.

You can work as an international student in Canada if your study permit lists a condition that says you are allowed to work on- or off-campus.

You can work off-campus, without a work permit, if you meet all of these requirements:

- you have a valid study permit that includes a condition that says you can work off-campus
- you’re a full-time student at a designated learning institution (DLI)
- you’re enrolled in a:
  - post-secondary academic, vocational or professional training program, or
  - secondary-level vocational training program (Quebec only)
- you’ve started studying
- your study program:
  - is at least 6 months long, and
  - leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
- you have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)

If you’re a part-time student, you can work off-campus only if you meet all of the requirements above and you’re only studying part-time, instead of full-time, because:

- you’re in the last semester of your study program
- you were a full-time student in your program in Canada, up until your last semester
- you don’t need a full course load to complete your program

If you’re on an authorized leave from your studies, or you’re switching schools and you’re not studying:
### ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

You can work as an international student in Canada if your study permit lists a condition that says you are allowed to work on- or off-campus.

You can work on your school campus, without a work permit, if you:

- are a full-time post-secondary student at a:
  - public post-secondary school, such as a college or university, or CEGEP in Quebec
  - private college-level school in Quebec that operates under the same rules as public schools, and is at least 50% funded by government grants, or
  - Canadian private school that can legally award degrees under provincial law
- have a valid study permit, **and**
- have a Social Insurance Number (SIN).

You **must** stop working on-campus:

- on the day you stop studying full-time
- when your study permit expires
- if you’re on an [authorized leave from your studies](#)
- if you’re switching schools and aren’t currently studying

You can return to work only once you are back to studying and you meet all the requirements to work on-campus.