



PGWP & Health Insurance Workshop

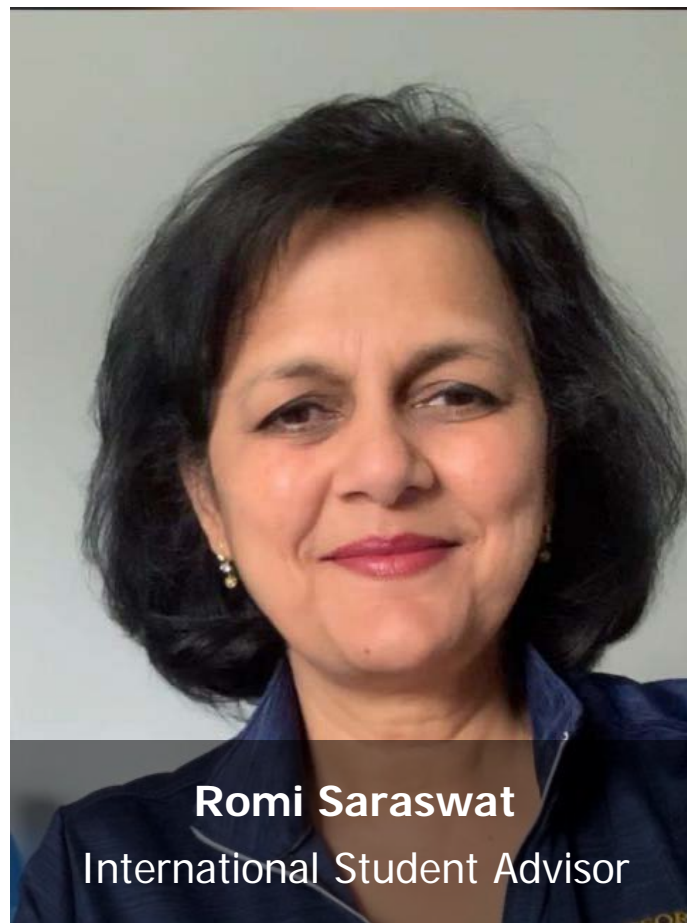


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- Inviting family members to convocation
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Health Insurance for After Graduation

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Health Insurance

Your GSC OHIP Equivalent Health Insurance Plan

To be active in the GSC OHIP Equivalent health coverage; **your GSC card**, you must be a registered student in classes.

If you are finishing classes in **December** and are graduating in the SPRING 2022, you will **not** be registered in classes. Therefore, your coverage will expire **December 31, 2022...BUT** GSC is allowing these university students a 2-month extension upon request ONLY.



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Health Insurance

*If you are interested in extending the coverage for an additional 2 months, until **February 28, 2023**, you must pay the additional fees in your student financial account **and complete the survey by 11:59PM December 12th, 2022***

\$121.61 = student

\$223.52 = student + 1 (spouse/child)

\$275.18 = student + 2 or more (family)



The survey will be posted on Blackboard for you to complete.

Your request will not be honoured if you miss the above deadline; this is a strict rule.



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Your GSC OHIP Equivalent Health Insurance Plan

- Physician visits = clinic, ER Hospital, specialists
- Lab tests = blood work, urine test, etc.
- Diagnostic Testing = MRI, CT-Scans, Ultrasounds, X-Rays, etc.
- Admitted to Hospital
- Surgeries, operations, procedures
- Childbirth
- Ambulance



- **THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE DRUG, DENTAL & VISION CARE COVERAGE**



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Health Insurance



- Once you have secured full-time employment for 3 months or more, you may be eligible to apply for OHIP from Service Ontario. You can visit their website to see what documents you need to apply. You will also need to provide a letter from your employer to confirm you have been employed with them FT for 3 months and will continue to be employed.
- OHIP coverage is **only** provided by the Provincial Government
- your employer will **NEVER** offer you OHIP coverage
- if your employer offers Health Benefits and you don't have OHIP coverage or equivalent, your employer's benefits will be NULL & VOID.



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Health Insurance



- If you are not eligible to apply for OHIP from Service Ontario, other private insurance companies may provide an equivalent or similar coverage.
- You will have to make your own arrangements in **January/March** to purchase private **"travel insurance"** from a private insurance company.
- *A list of [private insurance companies](#) can be found on the ISC website.*
- It is very important that you have Health Insurance coverage while living or working in Canada.



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Post Graduation Work Permit

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PGWP

- The PGWP Program allows students who have graduated from eligible Canadian **designated learning institutions** to obtain an open work permit to gain valuable Canadian work experience.
- Skilled Canadian work experience in the national occupational code TEER 0, 1 , 2 or 3 that is gained through the PGWPP helps graduates qualify for permanent residence in Canada through the **Canadian experience class**, within Express Entry.
- With a post-graduation work permit, graduates can
 - work full time
 - work part time



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Who Can Apply?

- 18 years of age and older
- Complete a program of study that is at least **eight months** in duration at an educational institution
- Complete and pass the program of study and received a written notification of this.
- Have **maintained full time status during each academic session**
- Have valid status in Canada or have left Canada
- Apply for the work permit **within 180 days of receiving written confirmation** from the educational institution indicating that they have met the requirements for completing their program of study.



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Who CANNOT Apply?

- have previously been issued a post-graduation work permit
- have a study permit that expired more than 180 days before you applied
- received funding from Global Affairs Canada(GAC)
- participated in the Government of Canada Awards Program funded by GAC
 - If you got a **Study in Canada scholarship**, you're still eligible for a PGWP
- obtained the Equal Opportunity Scholarship, Canada–Chile
- participated in the Canada–China Scholars' Exchange Program
- participated in the Organization of American States Fellowships Program
- completed the majority of the credits toward the completion of their program of study by distance learning*
- completed a program of study delivered by a non-Canadian institution located in Canada, regardless of their length of stay in Canada.



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Length of PGWP

- A post-graduation work permit may be issued based on the length of the study program for a minimum of 8 months up to a maximum of 3-years.
- **<8 months**, then you are not eligible for this program
- **> 2 years**, then you may receive a 3-year work permit
- **At least 8 months and less than 2 years:** the length of the work permit should coincide with the length of the program
- Course-based master programs (4-5 term) may be qualified for 3-year work permits with the confirmation from DLI that the programs are 2 years.
- The validity period of the post-graduation work permit may not go beyond the applicant's passport validity date.



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Apply to Graduate

- To apply to graduate, [please log on to UWinsite Student](#).
- No fee deadline: March 17, 2023
- *Once your graduation status indicates “Approved,” please submit a request through [ask.UWindsor.ca](#) using the topic: **Transcripts and Documentation > Graduation Eligibility Letter***



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Important Information

- **Processing time:** 4-5 months
- **Application options:** Online
- **Application deadline:** within 180 days after completing the program
- PGWP can only be issued once, so use it wisely.
- **Apply from inside Canada:** Make sure you have a valid student/visitor status when you apply for PGWP.
 - If study permit is expired, restoration is required within 90 days.
 - If you don't apply with a valid status, then you must leave the country.
- **Apply from outside Canada:** As long as within 180 days, valid status is not required. However, it is required the students had valid study permit when they were pursuing their studies.
- **TRV:** Once PGWP is approved, you can apply for TRV if you are from a visa required country.



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Required Documents for PGWP

- **Proof of Completed Studies** - Graduation Visa Letter and final transcript
 - **Graduation Visa Letter:** from ask.uwindsor.ca (once your graduation status in UWinsite is “approved” you can request the letter)
 - **Transcript:** downloadable from UWinsite (unofficial is accepted) Make sure your transcript has all grades uploaded and the bottom says “all degree requirements have been met”)
- **Proof of Identity**
 - A valid passport (all scanned and marked pages)
 - A valid study permit
 - Recent Canadian passport-size photo
- **Payment**
 - \$100 CAD open work permit holder fee and \$155 CAD work permit processing fee, \$85 Biometric fee (if applicable)
- **Letter of Explanation (optional)**
 - Leave of absence (unauthorized or authorized) part time semesters
- **Medical Report (if applicable)**



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Application Process

- Gather academic documents from ask.uwindsor.ca that prove you have met the degree requirements.
 - Create **MYCIC account**
 - Fill out the online questionnaire and application form
 - *(Template is available on ISC's blackboard site)*
 - Scan all supporting documents
 - Upload application forms and supporting documents
 - Pay & submit the application
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- Book an appointment with Amal Jammali or Romi Saraswat on MySuccess to have your application reviewed.



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Work After Graduation

- Graduates who apply for a post-graduation work permit **before the expiry of their study permit** are eligible to work full time without a work permit while waiting for a decision on their application if all of the following apply:
 - They are or were the holders of a valid study permit at the time of the post-graduation work permit application.
 - They have completed their program of study.
 - They met the requirements for working off campus without a work permit under paragraph R186(v)
 - They did not exceed the allowable hours of work under paragraph R186(v)

<https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=1181&top=15>
- You must stop working the day you receive all your final grades on UWinsite.
- Applicants must stop working as soon as they are notified by IRCC (for example, via their MyAccount, by email or by mailed letter) that their application for a work permit is refused.



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Travelling after graduation

You can leave Canada and return, as long as your [visa](#) or [Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#) is still valid. Your permit (study or work) is not a visa and doesn't allow you to travel back to Canada.

If your visa or eTA is expired, you have to get a new one **before** you return to Canada.

When you return to Canada:

- You may enter as a student if your study permit is still valid.
- If we approve your post-graduation work permit while you're away, you may enter as a worker.
- If we're still processing your post-graduation work permit, you may enter as a visitor, and you can work without a work permit until we make a decision on your application.

A border officer will have some questions for you when you arrive back in Canada. The officer may ask you for proof that you applied for a post-graduation work permit, such as a copy of your application or the fee payment receipt.

If the officer believes there is reason to refuse your re-entry, you won't be able to enter Canada.



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SIN Number

- If you applied for your PGWP before your study permit expires, you are on implied status. While you are on implied status you can continue to use your SIN, however you should ensure your employer is aware of the expiry date. The responsibility is to renew your SIN as soon as you get your PGWP.
- Refer your employer to the following link regarding SIN:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/ei/ei-list/ei-employers-sin.html>



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Spouse of PGWP Holders

- The spouse of PGWP holder can apply for a work permit when the PGWP holder meets the following requirements:
 - holds a valid work permit
 - is authorized to work in Canada for a period of at least 6 months after the spousal open work permit application is received
 - is employed in one of the following :
 - a high-skilled occupation (TEER) category 0, 1, 2 or 3
 - is physically residing or plans to physically reside in Canada while employed
 - is in a genuine relationship with the spouse or common-law partner
- Before the spouse is eligible for another work permit, they can extend the stay in Canada as a visitor at the same time with the PGWP application.



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Inviting your family to attend your convocation

- As a courtesy service you can request for the convocation letter once your status in uwinsite is "approved" for graduating
- To make the request submit a request through ask.uwindsor.ca
- You will be charged \$15 on your uwinsite account for the letter
- You are required to write a letter of invitation yourself. Instructions are on our website:
 - <https://www.uwindsor.ca/international-student-centre/88/family>



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Finding your NOC

On November 16, 2022, IRCC switched to the 2021 version of the National Occupational Classification (NOC).

The **2021 National Occupational Classification (NOC)** system is used to classify jobs (occupations). Jobs are grouped into **T**raining, **E**ducation, **E**xperience and **R**esponsibilities (TEER) categories based on the type of job duties and work a person does

TEER	Occupation types	Examples
TEER 0	Management occupations	Advertising, marketing and public relations managers Financial managers
TEER 1	Occupations that usually require a university degree	Financial advisors Software engineers
TEER 2	Occupations that usually require <ul style="list-style-type: none">a college diplomaapprenticeship training of 2 or more years, orsupervisory occupations	Computer network and web technicians Medical laboratory technologists
TEER 3	Occupations that usually require <ul style="list-style-type: none">a college diplomaapprenticeship training of less than 2 years, ormore than 6 months of on-the-job training	Bakers Dental assistants and dental laboratory assistants

Your work experience can be in 1 or more TEER jobs.

- You must show that you performed the duties set out in the **lead statement** of the occupational description in the NOC.
- This includes **all** the essential duties and most of the main duties listed.



Proof of work experience

Purpose

- To prove each work experience claim and to validate that the applicant meets program requirements

Document requirements

The following documents are **mandatory** for each work experience declared:

- a reference or experience letter from the employer, which
 - should be an official document printed on company letterhead (must include the applicant's name, the company's contact information [address, telephone number and email address], and the name, title and signature of the immediate supervisor or personnel officer at the company),
 - should indicate all positions held while employed at the company and must include the following details: job title, duties and responsibilities, job status (if current job), dates worked for the company, number of work hours per week and annual salary plus benefits; and
- If the work experience is in Canada, proof may include copies of T4 tax information slips and notices of assessment issued by the Canada Revenue Agency (the time period for these documents should reflect the work experience timeframe [e.g., work experience from 2006 to 2008 requires only documents from those calendar years]).



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Checklist & Template for PGWP

- Visit <https://blackboard.uwindsor.ca>
- Select "International Student Centre" under My Organizations
- Click on "Immigration and Visas"
- Select the folder of "Post-graduation Work Permit"

The screenshot displays the Blackboard interface for the University of Windsor. At the top, the University of Windsor logo and name are visible. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Training, and Courses. Below this, the breadcrumb trail shows the path: ISC International Student Centre > Immigration and Visas > Post Graduation Work Permit. The left-hand navigation menu is expanded, showing various categories under the ISC International Student Centre. The 'Immigration and Visas' category is highlighted with a red box. The main content area shows the 'Post Graduation Work Permit' folder, also highlighted with a red box. Below this, there are two items listed: 'Post-Graduation Work Permit_PPT' and 'Post-graduation Work Permit Checklist & Template'. The second item, 'Post-graduation Work Permit Checklist & Template', is the focus of the document. It shows that Statistics Tracking is enabled and lists two attached files: 'Checklist_Post-Graduation Work Permit_2018.pdf' and 'Template_Post-Graduation Work Permit_2018.pdf'. A link for PGWP Recording is also provided at the bottom of the item description.

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Home Training Courses

ISC International Student Centre Immigration and Visas Post Graduation Work Permit

ISC (International Student Centre)

ISC Announcements

Community Announcements

General Resources

Immigration and Visas

Health and Medical Insurance

Academic Support

Health and Wellness

Campus Safety

French Conversation Resources

ISC Calendar

ISC Virtual Lounge

Post Graduation Work Permit

Build Content Assessments Tools Partner Content

Post-Graduation Work Permit_PPT

Enabled: Statistics Tracking

Attached Files: Summer 2018_Post Graduation Work Permit Appl

Post-graduation Work Permit Checklist & Template

Enabled: Statistics Tracking

Attached Files: Checklist_Post-Graduation Work Permit_2018.pdf
Template_Post-Graduation Work Permit_2018.pdf

PGWP Recording: <https://ca-lti.bbcollab.com/recording/15875402b51>