

About the Spousal Open Work Permit

If you're International student who studying full-time course with valid study permit, your dependent partner or Spouse would be able to apply for open work permit. SOWP empower your spouse or common-law partner to work full time on or off-campus while you study.

It's a permit that is not job-specific. It allows your spouse or common-law partner to accept any job with any employer.

As a foreign national authorized to study and work in Canada, you may want your spouse and dependent children to join you in Canada.

- A spousal work permit allows your spouse to engage with the local community, earn income from gainful employment and allows for family unification.
- Your spouse/partner will not require a job offer to apply, and his/her permit will be valid for the same period as your study permit.
- It also allows your children to study in Canada in preschool, elementary, middle or higher secondary school levels.
- The spousal open work permits allow your spouse to work for any employer in any kind of job.
- No IELTS requirement: It's not mandatory to have IELTS score for Spousal open work permit
- Work full-time: Your spouse can work full time.
- Extend Work permit: Your spouse can extend their visa considering your validity of valid study permit.

Requirements For The Spouse Open Work Permit

- The application for a spousal work permit cannot be done if you enroll for a program that is less than 6 months
- Any inadmissibility issues render you unable to apply for a spousal open work permit (any medical, criminal concerns are included here)

Who Can Apply?

- You possess a valid study permit which allows you to study as a full-time student in a Canadian institute
- You have a work permit that is valid under the “post-graduate work program”
- You must have valid temporary resident status (as a visitor, student, or worker) and live at the same address as your sponsor

When Can You Apply?

Preferably when your study visa is approved

Processing Time:

Take average of 60 - 90 days to process it