

### **Workshop 1: Session 1 – International Students: Working During Studies**

International student advisors receive many questions from students about the rules for working on and off campus while on a study permit or a co-op work permit. This workshop will cover the requirements in detail and provide participants an opportunity to ask questions and get answers from an IRCC expert.

Topics will include:

- On-campus employment
- Off-campus employment
- Co-op work permits
- Post-graduation work permits
- Spouse work permits
- Restoration of status

### **Workshop 1: Session 2 – International Students: Working After Graduation**

The Post-Graduation Work Permit helps many international graduates gain enough Canadian work experience to qualify for permanent residence through federal and provincial programs. As such, many international students are keenly interested in ensuring they are eligible for a work permit after graduation. This workshop will cover the eligibility requirements in detail and explain how students can transition smoothly from studying to working.

### **Workshop 2 – Pathways to Permanent Residence for International Students (IRCC & BCPNP)**

Many international students graduating from Canadian post-secondary institutions are well-placed for success as immigrants to Canada: they have a quality Canadian education, proficiency in Canada's official languages, and experience living and working in Canadian communities. The economic programs of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) are designed to create a pathway to permanent residence for qualified graduates, with the aim of retaining international graduate talent in Canada. In this session, an experienced officer from IRCC will answer your questions about study permits, work permits, and federal programs for permanent residence. Anyone who works with international students will leave this session better equipped to help guide them along their pathways to permanent residence.

The BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) provides a permanent immigration pathway for skilled workers and experienced entrepreneurs from across the globe to come to BC to live, work, and raise a family. The BC PNP is the province's direct immigration program which acts as a critical tool to meet BC's labour market and economic development needs and priorities.

This session will provide an overview of permanent residency pathways available for international students.

Attendees will:

- Learn about federal and provincial immigration pathways to stay in Canada as a permanent resident
- Hear an up-to-date and detailed overview of the federal Express Entry system and how it works
- Hear an update on provincial immigration priorities, including the Tech Pilot
- Gain a practical understanding of the BC PNP Skills Immigration Registration System (SIRS) including how the points system relates to invitations to apply
- Learn about resources that can be accessed on a regular basis to obtain the latest updates on federal and provincial immigration programs

To maximise the effectiveness of this opportunity, prior to the session, attendees are strongly encouraged to review:

- The BC PNP's [Skills Immigration](#) and [Express Entry BC](#) processes
- Information on IRCC's federal [Express Entry immigration intake system](#).