HOW TO CALCULATE DATES
Counting starts when you complete your program. This is the date when your final grades are issued in goSFU.

Graduate students in thesis programs: Count from the date your thesis grade is updated to CO in goSFU.

STOP WORKING WHEN YOUR CREDENTIAL COMPLETION LETTER IS ISSUED
Your Credential Completion Letter will normally become available via goSFU 1-2 weeks after the end of your final term. Speak with your Department Advisor or Graduate Program Assistant for more information about the timing of this letter.

You can use your credential completion letter along with your unofficial transcript to apply for a post-graduation work permit.

You must STOP working once your completion letter is issued. You will not receive an automatic notification, and will need to check your goSFU account for the letter.

You may be able to resume work after submitting your work permit application if you meet the eligibility requirements described below.

WORKING AFTER COMPLETION
If eligible to work off campus in your final term of studies, you may continue to work up to 20 hours per week until you receive your credential completion letter.

APPLYING FOR A PGWP WITHIN 90 DAYS
If you apply for a post-graduation work permit in the first 90 days after receiving your final grades, you may work full time starting from the day you submit your application if you meet ALL of the following requirements:
- Your study permit was valid at the time you applied
- Your study permit includes a condition stating you can work
- You were enrolled full time in your final term of studies OR you were enrolled full time in all required terms except your final term
- You did not exceed the maximum allowable hours of off-campus work during your studies and before your credential completion letter was issued
- You stopped working when your credential completion letter was issued

If you do not meet all of the above, you must wait until you receive your work permit before starting work.

APPLYING FOR A PGWP BETWEEN 91 – 180 DAYS
To apply for a post-graduation work permit in days 91-180 after program completion, you must do one of the following:
- Apply in Canada while holding valid visitor status
- Apply outside Canada
- Apply to restore your status from within Canada, if it has expired (note that this process involves additional fees)

You will not be eligible to work in Canada while you await processing of your application if you submit your application during this period. You must wait until you receive your work permit before starting work.

FINAL DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A PGWP
You MUST submit your post-graduation work permit application before this date.

If it has been more than 180 days since you completed your studies, or if your study permit has been expired for more than 180 days, you are no longer eligible to apply.

POST GRADUATION WORK PERMIT (PGWP) TIMELINE

NOTES/ TO-DOS:

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