Visa and Permits

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In order to maintain your status as an international student in Canada, there are several processes, documents, and regulations you will need to familiarize yourself with.

Please note that the policies of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) are subject to change. Refer to the IRCC website for the most up to date information.

*Important policy change: As of November 8, 2024, students intending to change to a new DLI are required to apply for a new study permit. If you are inside Canada, follow this guide to complete a study permit extension application to change your DLI. If you are outside Canada, follow this guide to complete a new study permit application. You may be permitted to begin classes at Seneca while you wait for your new study permit, but only if you meet certain conditions.

Information, Steps and Guidelines:

Initial Study Permits

Extending Study Permits

Temporary Residence Visa

Co-op Work Permits

Post-graduation Work Permits

IRCC Webform: Contact IRCC online

Immigration Advisement

Immigration advisement is available by in-person or virtual appointments. Connect with an immigration specialist and ask questions about the temporary resident documents that are required to study at Seneca Polytechnic including, but not limited to: study permits, visas, work permits and/or Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) eligibility. Visit the immigration

advisement page for details on how to book an appointment or how to join virtual drop-in sessions.

Immigration Topic Workshops

We have various workshops lined up throughout the semester to educate, guide and provide you with critical information in being compliant to the conditions of your study permit, remain legally in status throughout your stay and eligibility to work and meet requirements for post-graduation work permit. Visit our International Student Support page to check for upcoming workshop sessions and register.

You can also watch this video to learn more information about study permits, visas, work permits and Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) eligibility.

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