

Extending Study Permits

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Your study permit allows you to legally study in Canada. Make sure you know when your study permit expires. If your study permit is due to expire before you complete your program, you will need to apply for an extension to be able to continue studying in Canada. The best time to submit your request to extend your study permit is four to five months prior to the expiry date of the current one.

For more steps and information on how to extend your study permit and the documents required, view the [Study permit extension \(in-Canada online\)](#) guide.

Important: You must use the [IRCC secure account](#) (GCKey or Sign-in Partner) to apply for your study permit extension from inside Canada. This would allow you to obtain maintained status while your application is processing. DO NOT use the [IRCC Portal](#) as you will not have maintained status and may lose your status as a student. IRCC portal is mainly for outside Canada applications only.

[Extending Study Permits FAQs](#)

If you have additional questions or require guidance and assistance in reviewing your application with an Immigration Specialist, you can book a virtual or in person on-campus appointment with them. Gather all your relevant documents and bring along to the meeting. Visit the [immigration advisement page](#) for details on how to book an appointment.

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