

# Work off-campus rules for international students

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**Update:** The Government of Canada has officially [announced](#) on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024 that the limit to work off campus is increased from 20 hours to 24 hours a week, effective Nov. 8, 2024.

The Government of Canada has [announced](#) that international students who are in Canada and have permission to [work off campus](#) will now be eligible to work up to **24 hours** or less each week.

This change is in force **beginning Friday, Nov. 8, 2024**.

To work off campus, international students must have:

- a valid study permit or on maintained status
- started a full-time Seneca program that is at least six months long and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate and have full-time student status
- study permit shows that you're authorized to work off campus
- have received a [Social Insurance Number \(SIN\)](#)

It is very important that international students balance their study and work commitments.

Seneca has many resources available to help:

- [Seneca Works](#)
- [The Learning Centre](#)
- [Sessions and Support for International Students](#)

For additional information, visit Seneca's [FAQs for international students](#) or email [theservicehub@senecapolytechnic.ca](mailto:theservicehub@senecapolytechnic.ca) to connect with an immigration specialist.

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