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 to connect with an immigration specialist.

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