

# Open Work Permit For Spouse



## ? Eligibility

Your spouse or common-law partner may be eligible for an open work permit if you:

- Public post-secondary school, such as a college or university, or CEGEP in Quebec
- Private college-level school in Quebec
- Canadian private school that can legally award degrees under provincial law (for example, Associate Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate degree)

## 🕒 Validity

Your spouse or common-law partner's work permit will be valid for the same period of time as your study permit.

## ✎ How To Apply

IN MOST CASES, YOUR SPOUSE OR PARTNER MUST APPLY ONLINE FOR A WORK PERMIT.

How applying online helps applicants:

- No courier fees or mail delivery time – IRCC gets their application instantly.
- Their applications may be processed more quickly.
- It helps them make sure their application is complete before they submit it.
- They can quickly submit more documents online (if IRCC asks you to).
- They get updates on the status of their application directly in their online account.

## 📄 DOCUMENTS YOU MUST GIVE YOUR SPOUSE (APPLICANT)

1. Confirmation of Enrollment from Columbia College  
\*You can request this from Main Reception Office and regular processing time is 2 business days.  
Rushed service is \$20 and you can pick it up within 2 hours (Cut-off is 3PM).
2. A copy of your Marriage Certificate
3. A copy of your passport
4. A copy of your study permit



For more information, please refer to the following links:

- Instruction Guide:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugeescitizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/guide-5553-applying-changeconditions-extend-your-stay-canada-worker.html>



- Document Checklist:

<https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/ircc/migration/ircc/english/pdf/kits/forms/imm5556e.pdf>

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