



EXTENSION OF STUDY VISA & SPOUSE PERMIT 2026

Extending your Canadian permits on time is critical. Apply BEFORE your current permit expires to maintain 'maintained status' – which allows you to continue studying or working while IRCC processes your application. All extensions are done online through your IRCC Secure Account.

Min. 30 Days Apply Before Expiry	CAD 150 Study Permit Fee	CAD 255 OWP Extension Fee	~90% Our Success Rate
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STUDY PERMIT EXTENSION

When to Apply	At least 30 days before expiry – applying earlier is always recommended
Eligibility	Must be enrolled and maintaining academic progress at a DLI in good standing
Application Portal	IRCC Secure Account (online) – preferred and significantly faster
Processing Time	2–8 weeks (varies by season and current IRCC workload)
Maintained Status	If applied before expiry, you may continue studying while awaiting decision
Application Fee	CAD 150 per study permit extension application
DLI Status Check	Confirm your DLI has not been suspended or had designation revoked

SPOUSE OPEN WORK PERMIT EXTENSION

When to Apply	Apply before OWP expiry – can be renewed alongside study permit renewal
Linked to Study Permit	Spouse OWP validity is tied to the principal applicant's study permit
Application Fee	CAD 255 per OWP extension application
Key Proof Required	Updated enrollment letter confirming principal is still a full-time student
Maintained Status	Apply before expiry to maintain legal work authorization throughout
After Graduation	If principal has PGWP, spouse OWP can be extended separately

EXTENSION CHECKLIST

- › Set calendar reminders 3 months before your permit expiry date
- › Verify your DLI is still in good standing on the IRCC DLI list
- › Ensure passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond desired extension period
- › Gather updated enrollment letter, transcripts (if requested), and bank statements
- › Apply online via IRCC Secure Account – paper applications are significantly slower
- › Save your 'maintained status' confirmation email after applying
- › Notify employer (for spouse) that OWP extension is in process – work may continue

2026 TIP: Always use your IRCC Secure Account to track application status. If your DLI was suspended or lost designation, consult a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC) immediately before applying. Applying with an inactive DLI can result in refusal and affect all future immigration applications.

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