CMTN: PGWP-eligible Programs for International Applications

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Important Notice: Changes to PGWP Eligibility

Key Dates:

September 18, 2024

- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) announced major updates to the Post-Graduation Work Permit Program (PGWPP).

November 1, 2024

- **Language Requirement:** If you **submit a Post-Graduation Work permit (PGWP) application on or after November 1, 2024**, college graduates must meet a **language proficiency requirement**.
- **Field of Study Requirement:** International students who **submit a study permit application** for a college diploma, college certificate, or college degree **on or after November 1, 2024**, MUST graduate from a **designated field of study** to be eligible for a PGWP.

June 25, 2025

- New change effective June 25, 2025:
  If a study permit or PGWP application was submitted before June 25, 2025, this new rule does not apply. Eligibility for a PGWP remains after graduation, even if the program is later removed from the approved list—provided students do not change their program.

July 4, 2025

- IRCC has updated the list of PGWP-eligible programs. Some programs that were removed on June 25, 2025 are now added back.

2026 Update – PGWP Field of Study List Frozen

- IRCC has confirmed that no fields of study will be added to or removed from the PGWP eligible field-of-study list during 2026.
- Students subject to the field-of-study requirement should confirm that their program's six-digit Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code meets IRCC's current PGWP eligibility requirements.

Important: PGWP eligibility is determined by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), not by Coast Mountain College. Immigration requirements may change. Students are encouraged to review the current IRCC requirements when applying for a study permit and again before applying for a PGWP.

Impact on Coast Mountain College (CMTN) Students:

The Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) is a system used in Canada to categorize post-secondary education programs by field of study. At CMTN, each program has its own CIP code. Some programs at CMTN are eligible for a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP), while others are NOT. The CIP codes linked to PGWP eligibility on the IRCC website **may change**, so **always check IRCC's official website** for the latest updates.

Important Reminders:

- Completing an eligible program does **NOT** guarantee a PGWP—**final approval is at IRCC's discretion**.
- This document will be updated as new information from IRCC becomes available. However, it is highly recommended to check IRCC's official website for the latest CIP codes and the most up-to-date list of PGWP-eligible programs.

This information is current as of October 2, 2026.

PGWP-Eligible Programs available at CMTN: (*as of October 2, 2026)*

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1. **Criminology Diploma (CIP Code: 45.0401)**
   (Two-year program – September 2027 intake in Terrace, BC and Prince Rupert, BC)
   Note: Criminology programs can lead to policing, corrections, courts, and border services, usually requiring Canadian citizenship or PR. International graduates can gain experience on a work permit in social services or private security, building a foundation for future justice careers. Many CMTN grads have worked in transitional housing, community support, and private security.

2. **Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) | Infant and Toddler Educator Diploma (CIP Code: 19.0709)**
   (Two-year program - September 2027 intake in Terrace, BC)

3. **Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) | Exceptionalities Early Childhood Educator Diploma (CIP 13.1015)**
   (Two-year program - September 2027 intake in Terrace, BC)

4. **Environmental Geosciences Diploma (CIP Code: 30.4101)**
   (Two-year program – September 2027 Terrace, BC and Prince Rupert, BC)

5. **Information Technology - Systems Administration and Networking Diploma (CIP Code: 11.1001)**
   (Two-year program - September 2027 intake in Terrace, BC)

6. **Social Service Worker Certificate (CIP Code: 44.0000)**
   (One-year program – September 2027 in Terrace, BC)

7. **Social Service Worker Diploma (CIP Code: 44.0000)**
   (Two-year program – September 2027 in Terrace, BC)

Other Programs Open to International Students but Are NOT Currently PGWP-Eligible:

1. Associate Degree in Arts, General Studies (CIP Code: 24.0101)
   (Two-year program - September and January intakes in Terrace, BC or Prince Rupert, BC)
   Not PGWP-eligible

2. Associate Degree in Arts, Criminology Specialization (CIP Code: 24.0101)
   (Two-year program – September 2026 intake in Terrace, BC and Prince Rupert, BC)
   Notes: i) The program consists of 66 credits (two additional courses compared to other Associate Degree programs) and includes mandatory field schools, incurring extra costs and summer-term classes/summer field schools. As a result, some students may take slightly longer than two years for program completion.
   ii) Graduates can pursue careers in policing, corrections, courts, parole, intelligence, or border services, though most require Canadian Citizenship or PR. International graduates can gain experience in social support services or private security, building a foundation for justice sector careers after obtaining PR. Many have succeeded in transitional housing, community support, and private security.
   Not PGWP-eligible

3. Associate Degree in Science, Environmental Geosciences Specialization (CIP Code: 24.0101)
   (Two-year program – September 2026 intakes in Terrace, BC, or Prince Rupert, BC)
   Not PGWP-eligible

4. Associate Degree in Science, General Studies (CIP Code: 24.0101)
   (Two-year program - September intake only in Terrace, BC, or Prince Rupert, BC)
   Not PGWP-eligible

5. Business Administration Certificate (CIP Code: 52.0201)
   (One-year program - September intake)
   Not PGWP-eligible

6. Business Administration Diploma (any concentrations) (CIP Code: 52.0201)
   (Two-year program - September intake in Terrace, BC)
   Not PGWP-eligible

7. Post Degree Diploma in Business Administration (CIP Code: 52.0201)
   (Two-year program - September intake in Terrace, BC)
   Not PGWP-eligible

If you are unsure whether a program is PGWP-eligible, please visit IRCC's updated list here: CIP Code