

CAN I TAKE ONLINE/DISTANCE EDUCATION FORMAT COURSES DURING SUMMER (MAY-AUG) 2026 SESSION?

From a Post-Graduation Work Permit (“PGWP”) eligibility perspective, starting Fall 2022 term, both online format and distance education format courses are equal/same.

As per the IRCC Guidelines, please note the following regarding the class formats:

- If more than 50% of your study program’s total courses are completed by online/distance education format courses in Canada, you will not be eligible to apply for a PGWP in the future.
- If less than 50% of your study program’s total courses are completed by online/distance education format courses in Canada, a PGWP may be issued; other regular [PGWP eligibility criteria](#) must be met.
- If online/distance education format courses are completed outside Canada, they would be excluded from the time accumulated toward the length of the PGWP.

Considering above, it’s recommended to attend face-to-face (in-person) format courses in your study program. You may take online/distance education format course(s) only if no face-to-face format course is available and online/distance education format courses form less than 50% of your study program’s total courses.

Please note that only the IRCC officers can make a decision on a PGWP application.

Queries:

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