



FEQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

On January 22, 2024 Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) made changes to various policies regarding international students applying for the 2024-2025 academic year.

There are still many unknowns, even for us at the institution level, and please be assured that we will be updating you with new information as soon as it's available to us.

Here are the things that we know to date:

Post Graduate Work Permits

Saskatchewan Colleges are **public** colleges and our programs are brokered from other **public** colleges.

All programs continue to be post graduate work permit eligible. The impact of the new policy is in the length of the PGWP that will be offered for students starting in September 2024. For students in this intake the new PGWP will be issued based on length of the program you are studying. (i.e.: 1 year program = 1 year PGWP, 2 year program = 2 year PGWP).

Letter of Attestation

This new requirement announced by IRCC will be necessary for all study permit applications submitted **after** January 22nd, 2024. We are currently working with our provincial government and IRCC to determine the content of the Letter of Attestation so that it meets IRCC's requirements. Letters of Attestation will be issued to all applicants who have paid tuition deposits (received a Letter of Acceptance), but have not yet applied for a study permit.

Spousal Open Work Permit

This may be the biggest negative impact of the recent announcements. IRCC indicated that individuals who attend any undergraduate level studies on a study permit, will no longer be allowed to apply for an open work permit for their spouse.

I will be updating this information as frequently as I can, or as new information becomes available.

1. Is North West College a Designated Learning Institute?
Yes. North West College is a Designated Learning Institution and our number is: DLI# O265527598312.
2. Is North West College a public institution? **Yes, it is a public institution.**
3. Will I be eligible for a PGWP, Post Graduate Work Permit when I finish the program?

PGWP-As a Designated Learning Institute, North West College's International programs are eligible for a **Post Graduate Work Permit** so long as they meet the PGWP requirements/ For the most up-to-date and accurate information about the Post Graduate Work Permit, including eligibility, please see:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/post-graduation-work-permit-program/eligibility.html>

Aside from attending an institution on the DLI list, it is the student's responsibility to ensure they adhere to the PGWP requirements and are in a PGWP eligible program.

4. Does North West College offer scholarships?

Yes. We offer a variety of scholarships.

Entrance Scholarships Application Based Scholarships (application required) All applicants must have submitted a scholarship application to North West College by October 1st . Scholarship applications can be located on the NWC website at northwestcollege.ca/funding. Application based entrance scholarships are presented to a full-time student (minimum 60% load) who is registered for their first time in a qualifying certificate, diploma or university program offered entirely through North West College. A student may only receive this award once. Each award description will list any additional eligibility requirements. Check the College website at <https://northwestcollege.ca/funding.html> for details on each scholarship.

Merit-Based Scholarships (application not required) 'Choose North West College' awards are presented to full-time students (60% course load) entering a North West College institute credit or university program. Students entering an institute credit program must have applied by August 1st to be eligible for Choose North West College awards.

Completion Scholarship Merit-based completion scholarships are presented to full-time students (60% course load) who have successfully completed a North West College post-secondary program for the first time. These scholarships are merit-based scholarships and do not require an application form. The College will consider students in all eligible programs of that academic year. All eligible students are automatically considered for the merit-based scholarships.

5. Is there an English Language Proficiency requirement for the international programs at North west College?

Yes. Program requirements are listed on the website under each program, if you check under "Admission requirements".

https://www.northwestcollege.ca/international_students.html

Applicants that come from countries that are exempt from the language requirement are listed in the International Student Manual.

Note: Applicants from the Philippines can meet the English language Proficiency, (ELP) requirement by submitting an "attestation" from the school, where they completed at least 2 years, where the medium of instruction was in English.

English language Proficiency, (ELP) tests are valid for a period of two years. Each testing service has its own policies concerning re-testing timeframes, etc.

Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL CE and Online) Minimum score of 60 with a minimum score of 50 in each component. (CE and Online accepted).

Duolingo English Test-

A minimum overall score of 105 on the online [Duolingo English Test](#) as the equivalent to the minimum overall IELTS score of 6.5

International English Language Testing System (IELTS), Academic Module

Overall minimum score of Band 6.5 with a minimum score of 5.0 in each component.



Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – Internet-based

An overall minimum score of 81 on the Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT), with a minimum score of 19 in each of reading, listening, speaking and writing. The TOEFL iBT Home Edition is also accepted (utilizes students' equipment and a human proctor online).

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – Paper-based

Minimum test score of 550 with a minimum TWE of 3.5 and a minimum TSE of 50.

Pearson Test of English Academic (PTEA)

A minimum score of 63 with minimum component scores of 50.

Applicants from Philippines are exempt from the English Language (ELP) requirements only:

* with successful completion of at least two years of study at a recognized post secondary school or institution where English is the primary language of instruction; submit **an attestation from the school that English is the language of instruction**

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6. Do North West College International programs require a tuition deposit?

Yes, a deposit is required to hold a seat in the program for a student. The tuition deposit depends on the program. The tuition and fees for the international programs are listed on our international website under “Application Process”, Tuition and Fee Schedul.

https://www.northwestcollege.ca/mrws/filedriver/International/International_Tuition_Fee_Schedule_2023-25.pdf

7. Is the tuition deposit refundable? A refund for the tuition deposit will be issued minus \$500.00 CAD for administration fees, if the Student Visa is denied. A copy of the denial letter must be submitted. The North West College International refund policy is listed in the Student Manual.

8. How can I pay the tuition deposit?

If you have someone who wants to pay an Application fee or tuition deposit and that person is in Canada, they can come to the college and pay or call the front desk, 306-937-5100, and say the name of the person and the program and that the payment is for an international student.

Or, if not in Canada, you can by Fly Wire:

Go to Flywire.com.

<https://www.flywire.com>

1. Press Explore our industries on the first page
2. Then on the next page that comes up in the top left hand corner, it says “**Make a Payment**”-click on that blue button
3. On the next page it says Make a payment and **Select an Institution, and you can scroll down to North West College**
4. Then press the blue button that says “**Continue**”
5. On the next page select the country it is coming from under “**The payment will come from**”, drop-down menu (**find your country**)
6. Then select the amount of money you are sending.(Since you have already selected North West College it will indicate it is being sent in Canadian Dollars)
7. **It will then indicate the amount you will be sending in your currency** and give you an **option for 5 different methods** of payment: Bank Transfer, Debit/Credit, American Express, Diners Credit Card, or ICICI Net Banking.



8. **Choose your preferred method** and then click the “Select” button
9. **Complete the Payer Information**

10. **Follow the prompts** to complete the payment.