



修訂規約以更好地保護留學生

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加拿大是國際學生的首選目的地，這要歸功于我們高質量的教育機構、熱情好客的多元化社會，以及一些學生畢業後工作或永久移民的機會。雖然國際學生為全國各地的校園生活和創新做出了貢獻，但他們在加拿大求學期間也經歷了一些嚴峻的挑戰，例如尋找合適的住房。

移民、難民和公民部部長馬克·米勒（Marc Miller）閣下今天宣布，自 2024 年 1 月 1 日起，將提高學習許可申請人的生活費經濟要求，以便留學生為在加拿大的生活做好經濟準備。今後，這一門檻將在加拿大統計局（Statistics Canada）每年更新低收入截止線（LICO）時進行調整。低收入截止線是確保個人不必將超過平均水平的收入用于購買生活必需品所需的最低收入。

自 2000 年代初以來，學習許可申請人的生活費要求一直未變，當時單個申請人的生活費要求為 10,000 加元。因此，隨著時間的推移，資金要求並沒有跟上生活費用的增長，導致學生到達加拿大後才發現資金不足。2024 年，單人申請者將需要證明，除了第一年的學費和旅費外，他們還有 20,635 加元（占 LICO 的 75%）。這一變化將適用於 2024 年 1 月 1 日或之後收到的新學習許可申請。

雖然這將有助於防止學生受到傷害和剝削，但我們認識到，這一變化的影響可能因申請人而異。明年，我們打算與合作夥伴合作，實施有針對性的試點項目，測試旨在幫助代表性不足的留學生群體在加拿大繼續學業的新思路。

在今天的宣布之前，我們于 2023 年 10 月 27 日宣布了對國際學生項目的重要改革，即制定一個新的框架，以表彰為國際學生提供包括住房在內的優質服務和支持的學習機構。我們希望教學機構只接收其能夠提供足夠支持（包括住宿選擇）的學生人數。

在歡迎國際學生的同時，我們有責任確保學生在來到我們國家時得到支持。在 2024 年 9 月新學期到來之前，我們準備採取必要措施，包括限制簽證，以確保指定的學習機構為學生提供充分和足夠的支持，作為學術體驗的一部分。為了取得這一成果，我們必須與各省和地區政府、教學機構及其他教育利益相關方共同努力，以確保國際學生在加拿大取得成功。

米勒部長還介紹了三項影響留學生的臨時政策的最新情況，這些政策都將於 2023 年底到期，其中包括以下政策：

- 國際學生在上課期間每周可在校外工作 20 小時的限制將延長至 2024 年 4 月 30 日。在此之前，已在加拿大的留學生以及在 2023 年 12 月 7 日之前已提交學習許可申請的申請人每周可在校外工作 20 小時以上。今後，我們將繼續研究這一政策的備選方案，例如將留學生在上課期間的校外工作時間延長至每周 30 小時。
- 對於在 2024 年 9 月 1 日之前開始學習課程的學生，我們將繼續實施允許留學生將在線學習時間計入未來畢業後工作許可時間的便利措施，只要在線學習時間不超過學習課程的 50%。這項措施將不再適用於在 2024 年 9 月 1 日或之後開始學習課程的學生。遠程學習便利措施于 2020 年首次實施，以應對新冠疫情期間的旅行限制，並於 2022 年 9 月縮小了範圍。目前，絕大多數國際學生都親自在加拿大學習。
- 為應對新冠疫情期間和新冠疫情後恢復期間勞動力市場的混亂，加拿大曾 3 次推出臨時政策，在畢業後工作許可證持有者的初始工作許可證即將到期時，為其提供額外的 18 個月工作許可證。畢業後工作許可證在 2023 年 12 月 31 日前到期的外國公民仍有資格申請。但是，這項臨時政策將不再延長。

我們珍視國際學生為加拿大帶來的巨大社會、文化和經濟利益，為了使這些利益得以延續，我們必須解決那些使一些學生變得脆弱並對國際學生計劃的完整性提出挑戰的問題。隨著早該提高的生活費門檻的提高，抵達加拿大的學生在開始學業時將有更堅實的經濟基礎。

引述

"國際學生為其所在社區帶來了巨大的文化、社會和經濟利益，但他們也面臨著在加拿大生活的挑戰。我們正在修訂生活費門檻，以便讓留學生了解這裏的真實生活成本。這項措施是他們在加拿大取得成功的關鍵。我們還在探索各種方案，以確保學生找到足夠的住房。這些早該進行的改革將保護留學生免于陷入經濟困境和被剝削"。

- 馬克·米勒，移民、難民和公民部部長

事實簡要

- 國際教育每年帶來的經濟活動超過 220 億加元，超過了加拿大的汽車零部件、木材或飛機出口額，並為加拿大提供了 20 多萬個工作崗位。

- 魁北克省為前往魁北克省教育機構學習的國際學生設立了自己的生活費門檻，並不斷定期提高這一門檻。
- 新的財務准則也適用於 "學生直通流" (Student Direct Stream)，這是一種特殊的學習許可申請程序，適用於 14 個國家的居民，要求申請人提供額外的前期信息，並提供優先處理。

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Revised requirements to better protect international students

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News release

December 7, 2023—Ottawa—Canada is a top destination for international students, thanks to our high-quality educational institutions; our welcoming, diverse society; and the opportunities for some to work or immigrate permanently after graduation. While international students have contributed to life on campuses and innovation across the country, they have also experienced some serious challenges, such as finding adequate housing, as they pursue their studies in Canada.

The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced today that starting January 1, 2024, the cost-of-living financial requirement for study permit applicants will be raised so that international students are financially prepared for life in Canada. Moving forward, this threshold will be adjusted each year when Statistics Canada updates the low-income cut-off (LICO). LICO represents the minimum income necessary to ensure that an individual does not have to spend a greater than average portion of income on necessities.

The cost-of-living requirement for study permit applicants has not changed since the early 2000s, when it was set at \$10,000 for a single applicant. As such, the financial requirement hasn't kept up with the cost of living over time, resulting in students arriving in Canada only to learn that their funds aren't adequate. For 2024, a single applicant will need to show they have \$20,635, representing 75% of LICO, in addition to their first year of tuition and travel costs. This change will apply to new study permit applications received on or after January 1, 2024.

While this will help prevent student vulnerability and exploitation, we recognize that the impact of the change could vary depending on the applicant. Next year, in collaboration with partners, we intend to implement targeted pilots that will test new ideas aimed at helping underrepresented cohorts of international students pursue their studies in Canada.

Today's announcement follows important reforms to the International Student Program announced on October 27, 2023, regarding the development of a new framework to recognize learning institutions that provide top-quality services and support, including housing, to international students. We expect learning institutions to only accept the number of students that they can provide adequate supports for, including housing options.

In welcoming international students, we have a responsibility to make sure that students are supported when they come to our country. Ahead of the September 2024 semester, we are prepared to take necessary measures, including limiting visas, to ensure that designated learning institutions provide adequate and sufficient student supports as part of the academic experience. In order to achieve this result, it is imperative to work together with provincial and territorial governments, learning institutions and other education stakeholders, so we can ensure international students are set up for success in Canada.

Minister Miller also provided an update on 3 temporary policies affecting international students that were all set to expire at the end of 2023, including the following:

- The waiver on the 20-hour-per-week limit on the number of hours international students are allowed to work off campus while class is in session will be extended to April 30, 2024. International students already in Canada, as well as applicants who have already submitted an application for a study permit as of December 7, 2023, will be able to work off campus more than 20 hours per week until that time. We continue to examine options for this policy in the future, such as expanding off-campus work hours for international students to 30 hours per week while class is in session.
- The facilitative measure that has allowed international students to count time spent studying online towards the length of a future post-graduation work permit, as long as it constitutes less than 50% of the program of study, will continue to be in place for students who begin a study program before September 1, 2024. This measure will no longer apply to students who begin a study program on or after that date. Distance learning facilitation measures were first implemented in 2020 in response to travel restrictions during the pandemic, and were [reduced in scope in September 2022](#). At this point, the vast majority of international students are studying in person in Canada.
- In response to labour market disruptions during the pandemic and post-pandemic recovery, a temporary policy was introduced on 3 occasions to

provide an additional 18-month work permit to post-graduation work permit holders as their initial work permit was expiring. Foreign nationals with a post-graduation work permit expiring up to December 31, 2023, remain eligible to apply. However, this temporary policy will not be extended further.

We value the significant social, cultural and economic benefits that international students bring to Canada, and for those benefits to continue, we must tackle issues that have made some students vulnerable and have challenged the integrity of the International Student Program. With the long-overdue increase to the cost-of-living threshold, students arriving in Canada will be on a stronger financial footing as they begin their studies.

Quotes

“International students provide significant cultural, social and economic benefits to their communities, but they have also faced challenges navigating life in Canada. We are revising the cost-of-living threshold so that international students understand the true cost of living here. This measure is key to their success in Canada. We are also exploring options to ensure that students find adequate housing. These long-overdue changes will protect international students from financially vulnerable situations and exploitation.”

– The Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

Quick facts

- International education accounts for more than \$22 billion in economic activity annually, greater than Canada’s exports of auto parts, lumber or aircraft, and supports more than 200,000 jobs in Canada.
- Quebec establishes its own cost-of-living threshold for international students destined for Quebec’s learning institutions and has continued to raise this threshold periodically.
- The new financial guidelines are also being applied to the Student Direct Stream, a special study permit application process available to residents of

14 countries that requires additional up-front information from the applicant and provides priority processing.

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