

Applying At a Port of Entry:

To be eligible to apply at the border, you must be **TRV-exempt***

Even if you were required to have a TRV/Entry Visa to enter Canada, you are TRV-exempt if you are traveling **only to the US and back with a valid Study Permit or Work Permit - see [IRPA Section 190 \(3\) \(f\)](#). Please note, however, that **not all agents are familiar with this exception** and may require you to apply online once you're in Canada. This is why we recommend that foreign nationals who [require a TRV because of their nationality](#) apply only at the US/Canada Land Border – St. Stephen's, NB & Calais MN Border. All other nationalities that do not require a TRV can apply at any Port of Entry.*

Please bring the following documents:

1. **Valid Passport** The PGWP cannot be granted past the validity of your passport. If your PGWP was granted for a shorter period of time than you were eligible for because your passport was expiring, you will need to apply for a new work permit and pay the fees again, once you have obtain a new passport. You should include a letter of explanation stating that your PGWP expired prematurely because of the expiry date of your previous passport.

2. Proof that you have a valid immigration status:

Flagpoling at the US/Canada Land Border - St. Stephen's, NB & Calais MN, USA

- Valid study permit; OR
- Proof of valid visitor status (e.g. visitor record, proof that you applied for visitor status from within Canada)
--> If you are uncertain as to whether you have a valid immigration status when flagpoling, please contact an immigration advisor.
- **3. Letter of degree completion can be obtained** from the Registrar's Office if you are a undergraduate student or if you are a graduate student you can request a letter from the Faculty of Graduate Studies confirming that you have completed all the requirements of your program of study
- **4. Official Transcripts** in a sealed envelope showing final grades/results. Online transcripts are acceptable, however, official transcripts are highly recommended.
- **5. \$155 + new \$100 fee= \$255 (payable by cash, credit card or Canadian debit)**
- **6. \$85 fee for biometrics: IMPORTANT! Immigration Canada has expanded their biometrics program. You may be required to provide biometrics when applying for your PGWP at a port of entry.**
- **Optional documents:** Immigration officers occasionally ask students whether they have enough funds to pay for their living costs while looking for work. It is recommended to have a copy of your **latest bank statement** or any other document proving that you have sufficient funds to pay your rent while looking for work (there is no specific amount required by Immigration Canada).

