

law partners as people of the same or opposite sex who currently cohabit and have cohabited in a conjugal relationship for at least 12 consecutive months (one year).

To assess your eligibility for an open work permit, please refer to the following table:

<p>Are you applying for the open work permit for the first time?</p> <p>Starting April 30, 2024, you may be eligible to apply for an open work permit within Canada, if your spouse/common-law partner meets the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- have a valid study permit;</li><li>- study <a href="#">full-time</a> or have proof of full-time enrollment;</li><li>- enroll in <a href="#">a master's/doctoral/professional degree</a> program or participating in an <a href="#">eligible pilot program</a>; and</li><li>- be physically residing in Canada or plan to stay in Canada while pursuing your program.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <a href="#">institutions</a> such as SFU; and</li><li>- be physically residing in Canada or plan to stay in Canada while pursuing your program.</li></ul>
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Note: to apply for a work permit within Canada, you must have val

Passport	Scanned copies of all relevant passport pages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x Include all pages with photos, signatures, entry stamps, visas and any other markings</li> </ul>	Check the expiration date of your passport. IRCC will not issue a work permit longer than your passport's validity.
Proof of relationship	Evidence that you are the genuine spouse or common-law partner of a study permit holder : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x A scanned copy of your marriage certificate (must be in English, French or a certified translated copy if document is not in English/French) OR</li> <li>x A Statutory Declaration of Common-Law Union (<a href="#">IMM 5409</a>) form and applicable documentary evidence of common-law relationship.</li> </ul>	
Digital Photo	Refer to your online document checklist for photo specifications	
Proof of your family member's status in Canada (To be provided by the SFU student)	The following documents are provided by your spouse or common-law partner who are SFU students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x Scanned copy of your spouse/common-law partner's current and valid study permit (both sides); and</li> <li>x Scanned copy of their passport pages including all pages with photos, signatures, entry stamps, visas and any other markings</li> </ul>	Combine these documents together and upload as a single document.
Proof of SFU's student enrollment	Confirmation of enrollment (COE) - for your spouse/common-law partner showing full-time enrolment status at SFU	To generate the COE, visit SFU's " <a href="#">Confirmation of Enrollment</a> " page.

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