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## COVID Update from IRCC – July 20, 2020

CBIE is in close communication with senior IRCC officials, in coordination with other national associations, to highlight the various ways that the COVID-19 crisis is impacting the immigration status of and policies pertaining to international students and faculty. Working closely with our Immigration Advisory Committee, CBIE is also seeking clarification of rapidly evolving immigration policies within a very fluid and ever-changing environment.

As we receive clarifications, we will share these with our members. We encourage you to also monitor the Government of Canada publications regarding COVID-19. These are being reviewed and updated on a regular basis:

- [Special measures to help temporary and permanent residents and applicants affected by the novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Temporary Resident COVID-19 program delivery](#)
- [New Measures for COVID-19 Response](#)
- [IRCC Twitter](#)

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### **Program delivery update: COVID-19 – Study permits and travel to Canada**

From: [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada](#)

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The study permit instructions have been updated with the following:

- further instructions on non-optional and non-discretionary purposes of travel for students
- information on passports expiring within the next 6 months
- additional information on distance learning and study permit issuance
- new measures for students destined to Quebec whose program of study start date has been postponed from the summer semester to the fall semester information on student on-campus work authorization during COVID-19
- additional information on the fall cohort and their eligibility for a post-graduation work permit
- information on the public policy exempting students working in essential services and functions from the requirement not to exceed the allowable hours of work under paragraph 186(v) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations

### **Updated instructions:**

- [Study permits: COVID-19 program delivery](#)