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From a Post-Graduation Work Permit (“PGWP”) eligibility perspective, both online and distance education courses are the same.

As per the IRCC Guidelines, please note the following regarding the class formats:

- Until August 31, 2024, you must complete at least 50% of your program in Canada.
- Starting September 1, 2024, you must complete at least 50% of your program .
- All of the time you spent studying online at a PGWP-eligible DLI from outside Canada between March 2020 and August 31, 2022, counts toward the length of a PGWP.
- This policy changed as of September 1, 2022.

The following time won’t count toward the length of a PGWP:

- time spent studying outside of Canada after December 31, 2023 (
- time spent studying before you applied for a study permit

Considering the above, if you hope to apply for a PGWP, it is recommended to attend face-to-face (in-person) format courses as much as possible during your study program. You may take online/distance education format courses if they form less than 50% of your study program’s total courses.

Please note that only the IRCC officers can make a decision on a PGWP application.

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