



## International Student Guide: Co-op Work Permit - Requirement for Medical Exam

### Do I need a medical exam for my co-op work permit?

You may need a medical exam to get a work permit if your work placement will be in a job where it is important to protect public health, or where you may come into close contact with people:

- health services,
- child care or
- primary or secondary education

Examples of such jobs are:

- workers in the health sciences field
- clinical laboratory workers
- patient attendants in nursing and geriatric homes
- medical students admitted to Canada to attend university
- medical electives and physicians on short-term locums
- teachers of primary or secondary schools, or other teachers of small children
- domestics
- workers who give in-home care to children, the elderly and the disabled
- day nursery employees and
- other similar jobs

<https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=183&top=17>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/medical-police/medical-exams/requirements-temporary-residents.html#needs>

The following NSCC programs require a medical exam for a Co-Op Work Permit.

- [Continuing Care](#)
- [Dental Assisting – Level II](#)
- [Health Information Management](#)
- [Medical Laboratory Technology](#)
- [Medical Office Administration](#)
- [Occupational Therapy / Physiotherapy Assistant](#)
- [Pharmacy Technician](#)
- [Practical Nursing](#)
- [Practical Nursing Re-entry to Practice](#)
- [Therapeutic Recreation](#)
- [Addictions Community Outreach](#)
- [Behavioral Interventions](#)
- [Child and Youth Care](#)
- [Community Recreation](#)
- [Disability Supports and Services](#)
- [Early Childhood Education](#)
- [Mental Health Recovery and Promotion](#)
- [Social Services](#)

## **I want to work in a job that requires a medical exam, but I already have my work permit. What do I do?**

If you already have your co-op work permit and didn't get a medical exam, but you now want to work in [a job that requires a medical exam](#), follow these instructions:

### **1. If you haven't left your country of residence yet**

You must:

- get a medical exam with an IRCC-approved physician
- provide proof of this medical exam to border services officer when you enter Canada
  - This is the printed "Information Sheet" you'll get from the panel physician who performed the medical exam

The border services officer will adjust the conditions on your work permit before giving it to you.

### **2. If you're already in Canada**

You must:

- get a medical exam with an IRCC-approved physician
- submit an [application to change your work permit conditions](#), with all the required documents (online – using your GCKey)
  - On the IMM 5710 form, for 1 a) **under "Details of intended work in Canada", select "Other"**
  - Also on the IMM 5710 form, for 1 b), **under "Other", write that you need the conditions removed** (not authorized to work in childcare, primary/secondary school teachings, health service field occupations)
  - Include a short letter of explanation as to why you need them removed (to work in a job that requires one) – merge this with your letter of acceptance from NSCC

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