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New work permit being offered to keep more international students in Canada

Government / Immigration

International students are being offered a new work permit by the federal government in a bid to convince more to settle here permanently.

Immigration Minister Marco Mendicino says former students who hold post-graduation work permits that have expired or will soon expire can now apply for open work permits.

He says that will allow affected students 18 more months to remain in Canada to try to find jobs.

The existing work permit program allows international postgraduate students to stay in Canada to work for up to three years after they finish studying.

The program can be used as a path to permanent residency and the Immigration Department estimates of the 61,000 people whose permits were expiring last year, about half have gone that route.

The department estimates as many as 52,000 graduates with expired or expiring permits could benefit from the new policy.

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Trying to convince international students to remain in Canada permanently has been a top priority for governments as they look to immigration to deal with persistent labour shortages.

But the pandemic has sharply cut the flow of international students into Canada and Mendicino has announced several policies in recent months to offset that decline.

"Our message to international students and graduates is simple: we don't just want you to study here, we want you to stay here," Mendicino said in a statement.

The new work permit program will open to applications on Jan. 27.

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Shopify to hire 2,021 technical staff this year

Technology / Professional Services

Shopify Inc. plans to double its engineering team this year and has appointed a new vice-president to help it reach that goal.

The Ottawa-based e-commerce company says it will hire 2,021 new employees this year to work in technical roles.

Shopify says on its website that it is looking for people with experience in front end and back end development, data, mobile and infrastructure work to join the company.

Shopify, which has the largest market cap of any company listed on the **Toronto Stock Exchange**, advertises that the new hires can be located anywhere because it is shifting to a primarily remote workforce.

As Shopify works towards its target, it says it has hired Cathy Polinsky to serve as its new vice-president of engineering.

Polinsky was previously the chief technology officer at online personal styling service Stitch Fix and worked at Salesforce, Oracle and Yahoo.

"Shopify's mission to make commerce better for everyone is incredibly inspiring, and it's what attracted me most to the role," she said in a statement.

"I'm thrilled to join Shopify to tackle the limitless opportunity of levelling the playing field for entrepreneurs and helping to make a better shopping experience for consumers."

Major labour market stories from the past week

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- Alternative energy sector growing despite pandemic ([Click Here](#))

- Canada's labour market loses jobs for first time since April ([Click Here](#))
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- Nominations open for Child Care Awards of Excellence ([Click Here](#))
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This Week in Social Media

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Staples is Holding a Retail Store Managers & Store Associates Job Fair for Terrace, British Columbia

**RSVP to this event by applying here and do join the event via zoom

Tues Jan 12th, 11am – 2pm Pacific Time

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96354924959>

Link: [Please Click Here](#)

CANNEXUS21

January 25 & 27, February 1 & 3, 2021

Virtual Conference

Details: cannexus.ceric.ca

BC Career Development Conference 2021

April 29 and 30, 2021

SFU Harbourside

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Job Postings

Career Development Employment

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Job Developer- WorkBC

ETHOS Career Management Group Ltd

Duncan, British Columbia

Closes: January 15, 2021

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ISSofBC

Vancouver (City Centre, Downtown East Side), British Columbia

Closes: January 19, 2021

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Employment Resource Facilitator *NEW*

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Vancouver (City Centre), British Columbia

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Employment Specialist *NEW*

ISSofBC

Kootenays, British Columbia

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Employment Specialist / Job Developer

CBI Consultants

Metro Vancouver Regional District, British Columbia

Closes: January 19, 2021

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Employment Counsellor *NEW*

Mennonite Central Committee BC

Surrey, British Columbia

Closes: January 25, 2021

Link: [Please Click Here](#)

Employer Relations Specialist *NEW*

Immigrant Services Society of BC
Vancouver, British Columbia
Closes: January 26, 2021
Link: [Please Click Here](#)

Customized Employment Specialist *NEW*

Buxton Consulting Ltd (WorkBC)
Mission/Abbotsford, British Columbia
Closes: January 31, 2021
Link: [Please Click Here](#)

Case Manager and Employment Counsellor *NEW*

ETHOS Career Management Group Ltd.
Duncan, British Columbia
Closes: February 1, 2021
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Employment Consultant *NEW*

Horton Ventures Inc.
Chetwynd, British Columbia
Closes: February 28, 2021
Link: [Please Click Here](#)

Employment Specialists *NEW*

Buxton Consulting Ltd.
Fraser Valley Regional District, British Columbia
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Employment Counsellor

Mosaic
Vancouver (South Location), British Columbia
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Employment Counsellor -WorkBC *NEW*

Pacific Community Resources Society
Surrey, British Columbia
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Employment Counsellor

WCG Services
Rutland, British Columbia
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Did you know?

Fascinating Facts

Employment in British Columbia was little changed in December, as gains in full-time employment were offset by losses in part-time work, while the unemployment rate was 7.2%.

- Statistics Canada

Quote of the Week

Career Inspiration

In looking for people to hire, look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence and energy. And if they don't have the first, the other two will kill you.

— Warren Buffett

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