



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 7, 2022

Alberta Students' Executive Council applauds removal of work hour cap

Over the last few years, Alberta's international student presence has grown significantly. As such, international student priorities have been integrated into the fabric of our advocacy - one such priority being the off-campus work hour cap for international students. The removal of the off-campus work hour cap is an incredible win for our Membership.

"We are excited about the ability for international learners to begin working twenty-plus hours off campus. This brings opportunities for students to pay into their student debt, and gain experience in a Canadian workplace setting. We applaud the Government of Canada for allowing international learners the opportunity to create income during their studies."

Dhruv Jani

Director of the Board, Alberta Students' Executive Council

This change will come into effect November 15, 2022. This allows international students the opportunity to get valuable experience needed to apply for permanent residency, as immigrants require experience in the O, A, and B classifications of the National Occupational Classification, often which are full-time positions. This also allows them to keep pace with their own living expenses as we see inflation rising at unprecedented rates.

"We applaud the federal government for taking the initiative to support and advance the career development of international learners. The removal of work hour limitation will be beneficial for the international students to work and gain more experience in different sectors and gain work experience in industries that didn't offer part time employment."

Navleen Kaur

Director of the Board, Alberta Students' Executive Council

We are encouraged when we see advocacy produce actionable and meaningful results. Through diligent work with the Federal Student Advocacy Alliance and other federal student advocacy organizations, the Alberta Students' Executive Council celebrates this win with their Membership and international students across the country.

For more information, contact:

ASEC Public Relations

publicrelations@albertastudents.ca / (780) 913-2732