

International Enrolment

Work Permit

Work Permits issued to non-Canadian citizens has resulted in many newcomer families arriving in Canada and settling on Vancouver Island. Many of these individuals bring with them their family members including school age children. The school district has very specific guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education and Childcare that outlines who is a funded student for the purposes of free education in British Columbia.

There are a number of students who do not qualify for free education in British Columbia. These students would be fee paying students. This FAQ is intended to outline the basis for when a student is and is not funded for the purposes of free education due to their parent working in BC. To be clear, Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools will always do our best to admit international students on a fee-paying basis if they do not meet the requirements issued by the Ministry of Education and Childcare.

FAQ

What are the requirements for admission as a non-fee-paying student per the Ministry of Education and Childcare?

The parent/legal guardian must have a valid work permit issued by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada. The requirements can be found using the link [here](#).

How long does my work permit need to be valid for?

Work permits, for at least one of the legal guardians, must be valid for a minimum of one year for a student to be eligible for funding.

I am here on a work permit; do I need to be employed to have my child registered for school as a non-fee payer?

Yes, you need to be employed. The district will require a current proof of employment letter from your employer, confirming your position, duties and current work schedule confirming you are working 20+ hours a week as well as two (2) current paystubs.

Can I be employed and paid by a company from my home country?

No, you will need to be actively employed and paid by an employer here in British Columbia.

What if I don't have all the requirements as I just started my job?

Once you are able to provide the required documents you will then be able to register your child for school as a non-fee paying student.

What if my status changes mid-year and I now meet the requirements to have my child enrolled as a non-fee-paying student?

In such instance, the district does not provide a refund of tuition after September 29th as the district does not receive funding for new non-fee paying students from the Ministry of Education and Childcare.

