



# STUDY ABROAD NEWS for Indians



## TOP NEWS

Starting in 2024, Canada has imposed a **35% reduction in the issuance of study permits** due to infrastructure and housing shortages.

Approximately 360,000 students will receive permits, down from previous years.

This decision primarily targets private institutions, whose students will no longer qualify for Post-Graduation Work Permits (PGWP) if they begin their studies after September 2024.

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## U.S. Tightens Regulations on OPT Program

In July 2024, the U.S. government hinted at potential adjustments to the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program, which allows international students to work post-graduation. The changes could reduce its duration or impose stricter qualifications, particularly affecting those in non-STEM fields.

## France's Ambitious Plan to Attract Indian Students

France is looking to attract 30,000 Indian students by 2030 with new incentives. These include offering English-taught programs initially, with later transition support to French courses. Additionally, Indian postgraduate students will benefit from five-year Schengen visas, enabling them to travel freely across Europe after their studies.



## Canada Doubles Cost-of-Living Requirement for Student Visa

Starting January 2024, Canada increased the minimum cost-of-living requirement to CAD 20,635 (from CAD 10,000) for international students.

## Germany's Plan to Attract Global Talent: New Visa Perks for Students

Germany has rolled out new initiatives to integrate international students into its workforce, addressing the country's labor shortages.

Two new programs—FIT (for students without work experience) and Profi Plus (for those with experience)—were launched to prepare foreign graduates for high-demand industries.

Additionally, visa reforms will simplify the process for non-EU nationals, particularly from developing nations, making Germany an attractive destination for Indian students.

Each province and territory will also have a cap on the number of new international students being enrolled in undergraduate programs



## Australia Introduces New Points System for Skilled Migration

Australia has revamped its skilled migration points system as of July 2024, giving priority to international students who have both local qualifications and relevant work experience.

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