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## **Government of Canada Expands Online Services for International Students**

OTTAWA, ONTARIO--(Marketwire - April 7, 2009) - International students can now apply online to extend their study permit, Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Minister Jason Kenney announced today.

"We want Canada to be the destination of choice for international students," said Minister Kenney. "Our new e-Services are yet another way our government is working towards attracting and retaining international students."

Since a pilot project was launched in June 2008, over 6,000 international students have applied online for an off-campus work permit. Now, international students at over 200 participating educational institutions will be able to apply for an off-campus work permit and confirm their eligibility online. For a complete listing of participating institutions, please visit our Web site at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/institutions/participants.asp>

"We are committed to serving our international students as effectively and efficiently as possible," said Minister Kenney. "Our new e-Services will facilitate the application process, improve employment opportunities and contribute to long-term integration."

Protecting the personal information of our applicants is important. CIC has put in place appropriate safeguards by using the Government of Canada Secure Channel, a system that assures security and privacy for all online transactions. Secure Channel is consistent with federal privacy standards.

Students who gain skilled work experience after graduation may be eligible to apply for permanent residency under the Canadian Experience Class. International students can access our e-Services by visiting us at [www.cic.gc.ca/english/e-services/index.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/e-services/index.asp)

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