

FAQ

International Students and Manitoba Health Services Insurance Plan

1. What legislation or regulations were changed? Where can I read the changes?

The changes will be made to the *Residency and Registration Regulation* http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/current/_pdf-regs.php?reg=54/93 under The Health Services Insurance Act.

2. Who from the Manitoba Government can I contact if I have questions?

Contact Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living's General Enquiries Line at 204-786-7101, Toll Free at 1-800-392-1207 or by email at insuredben@gov.mb.ca

3. Where will international students get health insurance now?

It is recommended that international students explore private health insurance options, either through their educational institutions or through a private insurance company to ensure sufficient coverage for their health care needs.

4. Are all international students ineligible for provincial health insurance?

No, this will depend on an individual's situation and if they meet eligibility requirements. To find out more about eligibility for provincial health insurance please contact Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living at the contact information listed below.

Examples of situations to be aware of:

a) International student or their spouse has a work permit:

An individual who holds a work permit(s) of 12 consecutive months or longer, and meets the other residency requirements set out in The Health Services Insurance Act and the Residency and Registration Regulation, is eligible for provincial health insurance.

If an international student or their spouse/common-law partner holds a work permit, please advise them to contact Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living at the contact information listed below to find out if they are eligible for provincial health insurance. Examples of work permits an international student may hold include: coop/internship work permit or post-graduation work permit.

b) International student with a study permit that allows them to work in Canada for 12 consecutive months or longer

An international student who is entitled to work in Canada based on their study permit is not eligible for provincial health insurance on that basis.

These students are allowed to legally work in Canada, not based on a work permit, but based on their study permit, as a result of regulation changes made by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) effective June 1, 2014, which exempts certain study permit holders from the work permit requirement to legally work in Canada.

c) Canadian born children of international students

Canadian born children, who meet the other residency requirements under The Health Services Insurance Act will retain their eligibility for provincial health insurance. If there is uncertainty about the status of the Canadian born children's provincial health coverage, they should contact Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living at the contact information listed below.

Contact Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living at:

Online: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/mhsip/index.html>
Email: insuredben@gov.mb.ca
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