**Mohawk College VPN Usage (Staff and Faculty)**

**What is a VPN?**

Virtual Private Networks, or VPNs, once connected, make your device look like it is on a College controlled network. A VPN is useful for accessing applications or software that can only be accessed on site due to licensing requirements.

You do not need a VPN to access most Mohawk applications and services.

**Why do I need a VPN to access some software?**

Some software has restrictions that could be any of the below and are often combined in many cases:

* College controlled network
* Active Staff
* Geography
* College owned device
* A device joined to our college domain

**What do I need a VPN for?**

Only for applications or software with one or more of the above restrictions. Examples Include

* Shared Network Drives
* Home Drives (H:)
* Banner Admin Pages
* Cognos Reporting
* Some applications from MohawkAPPS
* Remote Desktop Services
* Various network of software licenses

**What don’t I need a VPN for?**

Anything that does not have one of the restrictions listed earlier. Examples include:

* MyMohawk
* FAST Suite
* Canvas
* E-mail
* Skype for Business
* Microsoft Teams
* Self Service Banner
* Working at Mohawk
* Office 365
* All Cloud Software Solutions (SaaS)

**How do I access the VPN?**

For help installing and accessing the VPN, please see: <https://www.mohawkcollege.ca/information-technology-services/employee-it-guides/working-from-home-for-employees>.

We have both a staff and student VPN, please use the staff VPN outlined in the link above.