**Mohawk College VPN Usage (Students)**

**What is a VPN?**

Virtual Private Networks, or VPNs, once connected, make your device look like it is on a College controlled network. A VPNs 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 Student
* Geography
* College owned device
* A device joined to our college domain

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

Only for applications and software with one or more of the above restrictions. Examples include:

* Some applications on MohawkAPPS
* Various network licenses
* Various software licenses

**What don’t I need a VPN for?**

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

* MyMohawk
* E-mail
* Microsoft Teams
* Office 365
* All Cloud Software Solutions (SaaS)

**How do I access the VPN?**

For help installing and accessing the VPN, please see: <https://library.mohawkcollege.ca/tech-guides/vpn>.