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Please see our response to your question.
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If the applicant submitted their application before November 1, 2024, they do not need to meet the field of study requirements.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Good morning,

[redacted] your response. I appreciate the information. One more clarification: you indicated that "If the foreign national completes a program and starts a new program after November 1, 2024, they must meet the field of study requirement for that new program." This is clear to me. What is a foreign national DOES NOT complete a program of study and decided to CHANGE PROGRAMS but does not need to extend their study permit to complete the new program. Do they or do they not need to meet the field of study requirement in this case?

Thank you,

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Apologies for the delayed response, we have recently updated our webpage for clarification in these scenarios.

If a foreign national submitted their application before November 1, 2024, they may change their program, the field of study is not required. If the foreign national requires an extension for a program they changed prior to November 1, 2024, the field of study is not required. IRCC recommends that the foreign national submit proof of the change of program with their application. The onus is on the applicant to satisfied the officer that they meet all eligibility requirements.

If the foreign national completes a program and starts a new program after November 1, 2024, they must meet the field of study requirement for that new program.

For more information, please see: Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca

We hope you find this information helpful.

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De :
Envoye : 28 novembre 2024 08:28
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Cc :
Objet : Program change & PGWP Eligibility Criteria

Good morning,

I hope this email finds you well. I am looking for clarification on the following scenarios related to the November 1 exemption to fields of study requirements.

Context: We have many programs that share a first year curriculum but then have different second year curriculums. Students are able to transfer from a one year program in that area to a two year program that had the same first year courseload. On the other hand, students in a two-year program would have the opportunity to exit that program after one year with a one-year credential instead.

Scenario: A student has a study permit issued before November 1, 2024 for Administrative [redacted] started the program in Fall 2024 with expected graduation in Spring 2025. The student's study permit is valid until September 2026. In this scenario, they are eligible for a PGWP because they have a valid study permit that was issued before November 1 for a specific program (even if that program is no longer eligible for a PGWP under the fields of study requirement).

Question: If that student decides to bridge to the two-year Administrative Professional: Health Services program, will they and their NEW program remain eligible for the PGWP given that they have "changed programs" after November 1, 2024?

Scenario: A student has a study permit issued before November 1, 2024 for Administrative Professional: Health Services (two year program). They started the program in Fall 2024 with expected graduation in Spring 2026. The student's study permit is valid until September 2026. In this scenario, they are eligible for a PGWP because they have a valid study permit that was issued before November 1 for a specific program (even if that program is no longer eligible for a PGWP under the fields of study requirement).

Question: If that student decides to exit the program after one year to receive a one-year certificate for Administrative Professional, will they and their NEW program remain eligible for the PGWP given that they have "changed programs" after November 1, 2024?

I look forward to your response and appreciate your insight.

Best,

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