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Good day,
[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**
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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**. Applications submitted after November 1st, 2024, must meet the field of study requirements in order to be eligible for PGWP.

Program stacking is when students complete more than one PGWP-eligible program from a PGWP-eligible DLI. To qualify for program stacking in relation to PGWP duration, all PGWP-eligible programs must

- * be a minimum of 8 months in duration and
- * be completed at a PGWP-eligible DLI within 2 years of the completion of the first program

The onus is always on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements.

For information on duration of PGWP, please see: Work in Canada after you graduate: About the post-graduation work permit - Canada.ca

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Sent: [redacted] 8, 2025 2:01 PM
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Dear Officer,

I am writing to seek clarification regarding the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) eligibility for combined programs completed under the same study permit, where the permit application was submitted and approved before November 1, 2024.

According to the IRCC website:
https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/eligibility.html

> If you submitted your study permit application on or after November 1, 2024, you must have graduated in an eligible field of study.

This implies that:

> Students who submitted their study permit applications before November 1, 2024, do not need to meet the field of study requirements.

My question is:

> If a student submitted their study permit application before November 1, 2024, and later transferred to a PGWP-ineligible program at the same designated learning institution (DLI)—thus not requiring a new study permit—and completed the second program under the same permit, would they still be eligible for a Post-Graduation Work Permit?

[redacted]. I [redacted] to your guidance [redacted] this [redacted]

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