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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
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To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Policy Clarification CUKTCA - REP-B-2025-0119 - Due 22-Apr-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,
[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**
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Please see our response to your question.
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The term "*cumulative*" as used in this context of CUKTCA, refers to the total authorized duration of stay, up to 12 months within any 24-moth period, regardless of the actual time spent in Canada.

Accordingly, even if the individual is only present in Canada intermittently, the entire duration of the work permit(s) counts toward the 12-month cumulative stay permitted within any 24-month period, or the duration of the contract, whichever is shorter.

Resource:
Contractual service suppliers and independent professionals – CUKTCA [R204(a) – F66, F60] –Agreements or arrangements – International Mobility Program - Canada.ca

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 20, 2025 3:49 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Subject: Policy Clarification CUKTCA

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Please provide clarification to the below. This pertains to the length of work time of one in Canada with a work permit issued under CUKTCA. The word "cumulative"…does this pertain to the cumulative time one has physically been in Canada working OR is cumulative in reference to the total number of months a work permit is issued? For example if a person has a 12 month work permit and worked a cumulative time of 6 months in Canada during that one month (one month on, one month home in the UK), are they entitled to another 12 month work permit allowing another 6 months of cumulative work in Canada? Six months on WP one and six months on WP two for a total cumulative time of 12 months in a 24 month period. Please confirm.

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/foreign-workers/international-free-trade-agreements/agreement-cuktca/contract-independent-professionals.html#i6

Length of stay

A cumulative period of no more than 12 months in any 24-month period or for the duration of the contract, whichever is less. Permits for contractual service suppliers and independent professionals may be extended up to 12 months from the start of the initial work permit and must fall within the overall 24-month window permitted for these categories.

Thank you,