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Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
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Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

Please note that this mailbox is intended for general guidance and does not provide responses to case-specific inquiries but have provided the following information as guidance.. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit the IRCC Web form.

Please see our response to your question:

Question:

I have a client who holds a valid closed work permit, but he lost his job as soon as his closed work permit was approved. This closed work permit is valid until March 2026.
I understand **he is allowed to stay in Canada as a worker until this date, but he cannot work** for another employer unless this new employer closes another work permit for him.
He spoke to a lawyer recently and the lawyer said that since he lost his job, he would be **without status 90 days after his last day of work**.
Can you please clarify which situation is true?

Response:

You are correct, the client can legally stay in Canada without employment as long as the closed work permit remains valid until its expiration but client is no longer able to work for the current employer or work another job for a different employer. If the client would like to continue working, they need to find a new LMIA-approved job offer and apply for a new work permit.

The client can apply to restore their lost status if they apply within 90 days of losing their status. Please refer Restore your status and get a work permit - Canada.ca

We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox.

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[redacted] I am an immigration consultant at

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