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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 16 Apr 2025 19:04:39
To: _____
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Applying for a Study Permit (Overseas) or Work Permit (overseas) while physically present in Canada - REP-B-2025-0375 - Due 14-May-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None
Attachments:

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.

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Question:

1. 1. Can a visitor still make a study permit application while inside Canada as an overseas application, or is this a change in guidance?

Response:

A foreign national may submit an outside Canada application however, they will have to leave Canada to obtain their permit. If the foreign national chooses to stay in Canada, they must have authorization to stay in Canada during this time. Please note that "flagpoling" is no longer allowed for most foreign nationals. Flagpoling occurs when foreign nationals who hold temporary resident status in Canada, leave Canada and, after a visit to the United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon, re-enter to access immigration services at a port of entry.

A foreign national who submits the outside Canada application will have to leave Canada and return from a country other than the United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon in order to be examined at a port of entry ahead of being issued a study permit.

Question:

2. 2. Furthermore, can a visitor still make a work application while inside Canada as an overseas application, or is there a possible change in this guidance pending, too?

Response:

The public policy allowing visitors to apply for work permits from within Canada ended in August of 2024: Canada ends temporary public policy allowing visitors to apply for work permits from within the country - Canada.ca. As a result, a person who is currently a visitor with legal status in Canada is not eligible to apply for a work permit from within Canada. If a visitor would like to apply for a work permit, they can do so from outside of Canada.

If a client has applied for a work permit using the outside of Canada process, they may receive a letter indicating they have [redacted] **entry to**

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Canada to demonstrate the client still meets the requirements of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act,* its Regulations, and any other Canadian legislation.

As announced by the Government of Canada as part of Canada's Border Plan, clients who have received the Letter of Introduction (LOI) while inside Canada cannot flagpole to receive their permit. Clients are not advised to apply for a work permit using the outside Canada process while they are physically inside Canada.

For reference:
Work permit: After you apply - Canada.ca.
Ending flagpoling for work and study permits at the border - Canada.ca.

We hope you find this information helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 11, 2025 1:28 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Subject: Applying for a Study Permit (Overseas) or Work Permit (overseas) while physically present in Canada

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Hello,

There was an update on the front-end guidance from https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/apply.html noted (see screenshots below).

Until the March 28, 2025 update, a visitor inside Canada who does not meet eligibility to make an in-Canada application was instructed that they may make an application outside of Canada while physically in [redacted] the guidance suggests they must leave Canada.

Additionally, I received guidance on March 8, 2025 that the practice of making a work permit (overseas) application as a visitor inside Canada was possible (see REP 2024-2175 below).

Questions
1) Can a visitor still make a study permit application while inside Canada as an overseas application, or is this a change in guidance?

2) Furthermore, can a visitor still make a work application while inside Canada as an overseas application, or is there a possible change in this guidance pending, too?

Thank you!

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Sincerely,

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Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 9:59 AM

Hello,

Please find your answer below.

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Question:

Can a person who holds legal status (visitor) but who is not eligible to make a work permit application inside of Canada make an overseas (e.g., IMM 1295) work permit application while inside of Canada?

Please note that the dropdown options on the IRCC website suggest that this is allowed.

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/apply-work-permit-outside-canada.html

If this is possible, what are the processing times?

Response:

The public policy allowing visitors to apply for work permits from within Canada has ended. As a result, a person who is currently a visitor (IRCC legal status in Canada is not eligible to apply for a work permit from within Canada. If a visitor would like to apply for a work permit, they can do so from outside of Canada. In the field of study, "Canada" appears as the dropdown options for the list of those who are eligible to apply from within Canada. Work permit: Who can apply - Canada.ca

For more information: Work permit: How to apply - Canada.ca

For processing [redacted] please [redacted] to check [redacted] - Canada.ca

Please for more information, visit the following webpage

- Canada ends temporary public policy allowing visitors to apply for work permits from within the country - Canada.ca

Thank you kindly,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 1:31 PM
To: Immigration Representatives [Représentants] (IRCC) [redacted]
Subject: Making an Work Permit Application for Outside of Canada [redacted]

Hello,

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Please note that the dropdown options on the IRCC website suggest that this is allowed.

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