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To:
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Subject: FW: SOWP - REP-2025-0626 - Due 21-03-2025
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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.

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Please note that we can not answer any case specific questions.

\sb160Please refer to Family members of foreign nationals authorized to work in high-skilled occupations (TEER 0, 1, 2 or 3) – [R205(c)(ii) – C41 and C46] – Canadian interest – International Mobility Program (IMP) - Canada.ca for the answer to your question.

At the time of the PGWP application submission, the study permit holder and the family member(s) can submit their different work permit applications as a family group. As with the family group outside Canada, the principal foreign national's PGWP application would be assessed first, and then the family member's open work permit application would be finalized.

We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
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We note that there is an exception to eligibility for an SOWP if:

- You're applying for a PGWP, but haven't received a positive decision on your application at the time the decision on your

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spousal work permit application is made.

In most cases, the spouse of a PGWP applicant, will hold a SOWP that was valid to the same date as the study permit that was provided to the spouse. This means that typically, we would submit the extension applications as a family group. The PGWP application and the spouse's SOWP extension. Is this still an option? Will an officer first make a decision on the PGWP and then consider the SOWP that was submitted in the family group submission? Or, do we have to wait for a decision on the PGWP before submitting the SOWP given this requirement?