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CBSA ports of entry are no longer receiving applications from flagpolers. Flagpoling is defined as 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 for the purpose of obtaining immigration services at a port of entry.

As a result, a foreign national seeking a work permit at a port of entry after a visit to the U.S or St. Pierre and Miquelon may not be able to apply for a work permit if they have valid visitor authorization in Canada from a previous visit.

Clients who hold a valid U.S visa are not exempt and would be flagpoling upon returning to Canada after a visit to the United States.

If an applicant is asked about unauthorized work, they must provide a truthful answer.

Ultimately, the assessment of individual factors rests with the individual CBSA officer who will make the final decision on granting entry.

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Could you please clarify if an applicant who applies to restore their status as a Visitor after losing their status as a work permit holder and subsequently goes for flagpole to obtain a PNP-based work permit after receiving the Visitor Record could be denied entry to Canada by CBSA? The applicant holds a valid U.S. visa.

Scenario 1: The applicant forgot to extend their work permit on time, resulting in one week of unauthorized work before applying for restoration. This was disclosed in the application.
Scenario 2: The applicant had no unauthorized work.

I understand that a flagpole may no longer be an option, but I would like to understand how CBSA would handle an applicant in this scenario. Can a flagpole lead to denied entry, considering the above scenarios? Your clarification on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you