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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 this service provides guidance and not case-specific advice. Therefore, our responses reflect general information.

Q1: Can a minor child get a study permit for three years if the parent has a three year open work permit?

Generally, the study permit would be issue to the same date as the parent's permit unless their passport is expiring.

Q2: Can a minor child (16) who has a study permit and is studying in high-school, and whose parent has a valid open work permit, get a work permit?

Depending on the situation of the child and the parent they may be eligible to apply for a work permit: Who can apply for an open work permit?

If the child is required to work as part of their studies curriculum they may be eligible to apply for Work as a co-op student or intern - Canada.ca.

Guide 5580 - Applying for a Work Permit - Student Guide - paper application - Canada.ca may provide additional information required to make an informed decision.

There are other specific eligibility requirements for place and level of educational study in Work off campus as an international student - Canada.ca.

Q3: Does the minor child of an open work permit holder have to get a visitor record every six months to retain valid status as a TR?

An officer has discretion to issue a visitor record with validity to match the parent's permit, or the expiry of the child's passport, whichever comes first. However, it is important to note that visitor records are not valid upon re-entry, and a new visitor record may be required if the child leaves Canada.

Minors who are outside Canada and are applying to come to Canada to attend school while accompanying their parents who hold a study or work permit must apply for a study permit, as per IRPR 9(1). If they apply for a temporary resident visa instead, this application may be refused.

It is recommended that dependent children of foreign nationals on work/study permits, who are already in Canada and who are of school age, apply for a study permit even if they do not require one. As a study permit holder, they [redacted] to [redacted] for [redacted] TRV from [redacted] are [redacted] to [redacted] study permit, such as gaining access to social services. Please see here: Studying in Canada as a minor.

Q4: If a minor child has a study permit for three years, does the child need to get visitor records every six months to retain valid status as a TR?

No, the study permit provides the temporary resident status.

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We hope this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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