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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
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To
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Can an applicant apply for a work permit if he/she is already in Canada? - REP-2025-0336 - Due 28-Feb-25
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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:
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https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/apply.html

You need to apply as though you're outside Canada
Even though you're physically in Canada, you must follow the instructions for applying for a study permit from ***outside*** *Canada.*
In our online tools, choose your ***country of citizenship*** *when you're asked for your current country or territory of residence. This is to make sure you get the correct application forms.*
When you fill out the PDF forms, your answers must be accurate, since they're now part of your application. If you're in Canada, use your Canadian address.

Answer:

[redacted] are [redacted] to [redacted] for work permits [redacted] are i[redacted] to worker public policy has ended Canada ends temporary public policy allowing visitors to apply for work permits from within the country - Canada.ca.

You can follow the instructions at Work permit: How to apply - Canada.ca for information on how to apply for a work permit based on your situation. The instructions for how to apply for a study permit are not applicable to work permits.

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