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Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
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Good day,
[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**
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Please see our response to your question.
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It's the work permit that must be valid for at least 16 months.
The program delivery instructions provide that the principal applicant must be authorized (that the work permit issued or authorized to work without a work permit under R186) or be provisionally approved for a work permit (that the letter of introduction was issued) to work in Canada for a period of 16 months or longer after the receipt date of the family member's open work permit application.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 12 mars 2025 00:38
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : Spousal open work permit

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Dear Officer,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am emailing to get clarification on eligibility requirements for spouses of high-skilled workers. On the Who can apply page, under Principal Applicant Requirements, one of the requirements is:

*Your work permit or authorized work must be valid for at **least** 16 months **after** we receive your spouse or common law partner's open work permit application.*

Could you clarity if this requirement applies just to the validity of the principal applicant's work permit, or if their job offers must also be for a minimum of 16 months? Specifically, in the case of PGWP holders employed in a high-skilled

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occupation, does their job offer need to be at least 16 months, or is it sufficient that their work permit meets the 16 months duration requirement?

[redacted] to [redacted] this clarification.

Best regards,