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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.

If the PGWP extension was issued to the primary applicant prior to the January 21st changes, the spouse may be eligible for the pre-January 21st requirements listed here: 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

If the primary applicant's extension was approved **after** January 21st, the spouse would not be eligible to be assessed against pre-Jan 21 rules.

We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 18, 2025 9:39 AM
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Dear Officer,

I am writing on behalf of a prospective client, with a question regarding their work permit and their spouse's

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eligibility.

Client was issued a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) for 2 years in 2023, despite being eligible for 3 years, due to their passport's 2-year validity at the time. Since then, my client has renewed their passport and is now eligible to apply for the remaining duration of the work permit.

Additionally, my client's spouse was issued a 2-year open work permit based on my client's 2-year PGWP. However, my client now works in a Teer 2 job, and with the new regulations introduced last year, their spouse is no longer eligible for an open work permit in this role.

Given that my client's work permit was approved before the implementation of these new rules, could you kindly clarify if their spouse would be exempt and eligible to apply for the remaining 1 year of the work permit?

[redacted] your time and assistance. Look forward to your response.