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Good day,
[redacted] **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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We have recently updated our webpage for clarification in these scenarios.

If a foreign national submitted their application before November 1, 2024, they may change their program, the field of study is not required. If the foreign national requires an extension for a program they changed prior to November 1, 2024, the field of study is not required. IRCC recommends that the foreign national submit proof of the change of program with their application. The onus is on the applicant to satisfy the officer that they meet all eligibility requirements.

If the foreign national completes a program and starts a new program after November 1, 2024, they must meet the field of study requirement for that new program.

For more information, please see: Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca

We hope you find this information helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De : [redacted]
Envoyé : 15 mars 2025 00:15
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : Request for Clarification on PGWP Eligibility Requirement Change
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Dear Sir/Madam,
I am seeking clarification regarding a recent change to the **Post-Graduation Work Permit eligibility criteria** related to the field of study requirement.
When this requirement was first announced, the IRCC website stated:
"If you applied for your study permit before November 1, 2024, you do not need to meet the field of study requirements in order to be eligible for a Post-Graduation Work Permit."
However, the wording has recently been updated to:
"If you graduated from a program that you started before November 1, 2024, you don't need to meet the field of study requirements."
This change has significant implications, as many students made educational decisions based on the original statement, assuming their PGWP eligibility would be maintained. I reviewed previous versions of the webpage using the Wayback Machine, and the update appears to have been made without an official announcement.
I have attached screenshots of both the previous and current versions of the webpage for reference.
Could you please confirm:

1. 1. **The reason for this change** and whether it reflects an official policy revision.
2. 2. **If students who applied for a study permit before November 1, 2024, but started their programs after this date, will still be eligible** for a PGWP, as per the original wording.
3. 3. **If any transitional measures will be considered** for those affected by this change.

I appreciate your time and clarification on this matter, as it impacts many students who relied on the initial announcement.
Looking forward to your response.
Best regards,

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Field of study requirement: Current information

If you graduated from a program that you started on or after November 1, 2024, you must have graduated in an eligible field of study.

▼ If you graduated from a program that you started before November 1, 2024

You **don't** need to meet the field of study requirements.

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February 25, 2025 snapshot from web.archive.org

Field of study requirement:

If you submitted your **study permit** application before November 1, 2024, there are no field of study requirements.

If you submitted your **study permit** application on or after November 1, 2024, you must have graduated in an eligible field of study.