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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
Sent: Fri, 7 Feb 2025 16:31:09
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Field of study requirement for PGWP - REP-2025-0130- Due 11-Feb-25
Importance: High
Sensitivity: None

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:

Case1)
Completed A- 1year PGWP eligible program with a study permit which was approved before NOV1, 2024.
Continuing B- 1year PGWP eligible program from Jan 2025 and applied for study permit extension on FEB 1, 2025.

Question) Will this student be eligible for a PGWP after completing both programs ?
Question) If yes, will the PGWP maximum validity be 1year, 2years or 3years?

Case2)
Completed A- 1year PGWP eligible program with a study permit which was approved before NOV1, 2024.
Continuing B- 1year PGWP ineligible program from Jan 2025 and applied for study permit extension on FEB 1, 2025.

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Case5)
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Started a new program at B DLI from January 2025 and completed.

Question) Will this student be eligible for a PGWP after completing a program from B institution ?

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Received a study permit with a Letter of Acceptance from A DLI, notified IRCC change DLI to B on November 7, 2024
Started a new program at B DLI from January 2025 and applied for a study permit extension on February 1, 2025.

Question) Will this student be eligible for a PGWP after completing a program from B institution ?

Response:

[redacted] Immigration Representatives Mailbox [redacted] reply to [redacted] immigration program [redacted] poli[redacted] related enquiries and therefore no case specific responses can be provided.

- * In general, students who are continuing their original program for which they received a study permit prior to November 1, 2024, are not required to meet the new field of study requirements when applying for a study permit extension. Therefore, students who changed their program before November 1, 2024, and need an extension to complete the same program of study are still eligible for a PGWP, and their eligibility is not subject to the new field of study requirements.

- * If a student applies for a study permit extension on or after November 1, 2024, for the purpose of starting a new program, they must meet the updated field of study requirements.

- * Program stacking allows students who complete two PGWP-eligible programs of at least 8 months each at a PGWP-eligible Designated Learning Institution (DLI) within two years of the completion of the first program to combine these programs when determining PGWP eligibility. Completing two years of study through stacked PGWP-eligible programs, such as two consecutive eight-month certificates from PGWP-eligible DLIs, will make a student eligible for an up to three-year PGWP.

- * For a student who completed an eight-month certificate program and then plans to start another eight-month certificate in January 2025, if they apply for a study permit extension **on or after November 1, 2024,** as long as they pursue the **same** studies (i.e., the second program) as the study permit for which they applied prior to November 1, 2024 and complete their studies at PGWP-eligible DLIs within 2 years of the completion of the first program, they can pursue program stacking and remain eligible for a PGWP without the new field of study requirement for both programs. If a student applied for a study permit extension after November 1st, 2024 to pursue a **different** program of study, the second program would have to align with the field of study requirement in order to be PGWP eligible and to benefit from program stacking.

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

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Objet : Field of study requirement for PGWP
Importance : Haute

Hello,
My name is
I am currently employed at . We would appreciate some clarification regarding the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) field of study requirements, particularly in relation to stacking programs.
Your guidance on the rule and the cases outlined below would be greatly appreciated.

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Your supports will be greatly appreciated.
Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you.
Regards,