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Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: PGWP Changes-Study Permit Extensions after Nov. 1/24 - REP-2024-1871 -- REP-B-2025-0039 - Due 16-Apr-25
Importance: Normal
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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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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 :
Envoye : 12 mars 2025 18:16
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]gc.ca>
Objet : RE: PGWP Changes-Study Permit Extensions after Nov. 1/24 - REP-2024-1871 - Due 4-Nov-24

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[redacted] your response!

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I can see that the response you gave me has been uploaded to this webpage, which I appreciate:

> **Exemption note:** For study permit extension applications used to complete the same program of study as the study permit application made before November 1, 2024, there is no field-of-study requirement for the PGWP.

However, the following two statements on the IRCC website seem to conflict with the above information.

1. 1. The first is found on this website:

   Field of study requirement:

   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.

2. 2. The second statement is on this webpage:

   ▼ Who doesn't need to meet the field of study requirements

   You **don't** need to meet the field of study requirement if **one** of the following applies to you:

   - You submitted your PGWP application **before** November 1, 2024, regardless of level of study.
   - You graduated from a PGWP-eligible flight school.
   - You graduated with a bachelor's degree, master's degree or doctoral degree.
   - You graduated from any other program of study you started before November 1, 2024.
     - If you changed your program and then completed it, you must provide proof that you changed programs **before** November 1, 2024.

   If you don't meet one of the exceptions above, use the table below to check if your program is eligible for a PGWP.

Can you please confirm what is the deciding factor in whether a program is exempt from the eligible field of study requirement:

- * Whether the student is **completing the same program of study as the study permit application made before November 1, 2024** OR
- * If the student is **completing a program that they started before November 1, 2024**

Based on the information we received from you in November and the link provided at the top of this e-mail, we have many students who are applying for study permit extensions after November 1, 2024, **under a different program of study than the study permit they applied for before November 1, 2024,** and have been made to understand that their study permit extension application must meet the field of study requirements applicable to their study program in order to be eligible for a PGWP. Is this no longer true?

Thanks a bunch!

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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
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Subject: TR: PGWP Changes-Study Permit Extensions after Nov. 1/24 - REP-2024-1871 - Due 4-Nov-24

Hello,

Please see our response to your question.

QUESTION:
Can you please confirm if a student applies for their **initial study permit before November 1, 2024**, but has to apply to **extend their study permit after November 1, 2024**, will their post-graduation work permit (PGWP) eligibility be limited by the field of study requirement if they graduate from a college?

RESPONSE:
If the student applies for a study permit extension on or after November 1, 2024, under **the same program of study** as the study permit they applied for before November 1, 2024, then they do not need to meet the field of study requirement. If the student applies for a study permit extension on or after November 1, 2024, under a **different program of study** than the study permit they applied for before November 1, 2024, then their study permit extension application must meet the field of study requirements applicable to their study program to be eligible for a PGWP.

For more information on PGWP eligibility requirements, please see the following: Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca

We hope this information is of assistance.

Thank you!
Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 4 octobre 2024 17:19
À : Immigration Representatives / Représent[redacted]mmigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : PGWP Changes-Study Per[redacted]s after Nov. 1/24

Hi There,

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Thank you!