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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 30 Apr 2025 13:44:02
To: [redacted]
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Foreign work experience or Canadian work experience - REP-2025-0460 - Due 11-Mar-25
Importance: Normal
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.

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Question: A PGWP open work permit holder, who is physically located in Canada, is self-employed in a skilled job under TEER 1 and working for a company based in the U.S. They issue invoices and receive USD payments in their Canadian bank account. Would this be considered foreign work experience? They file taxes in Canada and have an NOA from the CRA.

Answer: Remote self-employed work for a foreign employer while residing or studying in Canada may be eligible under the Express Entry as foreign work experience if it meets all the other requirements. Such work experience may also be eligible towards the Federal Skilled Worker Program selection criteria.

Question: Since the company hiring this PGWP open work permit holder does not operate in Canada or participate in the Canadian labor market, does this work experience count as foreign work experience for CRS point purpose, even though they are physically present in Canada while performing the job?

\fi720Answer: The foreign work experience gained while working for an employer in the U.S. maybe eligible for CRS points under Express Entry for Skills Transferability Points.

Please be advised that the assessment of an application is based on a case-by-case basis; each application will be considered on its own merits, with a final decision based on a review of all the information available to the officer at the time of decision. The onus is always on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements.

We trust that this information will assist you.

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From:
Sent: [redacted] 10, 2025 1:50 PM
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[redacted]gc.ca>
Subject: Re: Foreign work experience or Canadian work experience

Dear sir or madam,

I have a general question regarding foreign work experience.

A PGWP open work permit holder, who is physically located in Canada, is self-employed in a skilled job under TEER 1 and working for a company based in the U.S. They issue invoices and receive USD payments in their Canadian bank account. Would this be considered foreign work experience? They file taxes in Canada and have an NOA from the CRA.

Since the company hiring this PGWP open work permit holder does not operate in Canada or participate in the Canadian labor market, does this work experience count as foreign work experience for CRS point purpose, even though they are physically present in Canada while performing the job?

Thank you so much for your time.

\sb280Best regards,