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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
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To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
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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:

Question:

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Response:

A spouse, common-law partner or conjugal partner living in Canada who's being sponsored for permanent residence who has valid temporary resident status may apply for an open work permit they get their AOR letter. They must apply online in the **IRCC secure account**.

They can only apply for a work permit without an AOR if they meet both of the following criteria:

- * their work permit, study permit or temporary resident status will expire in 2 weeks or less **and**
- * they've applied for permanent residence under one of the following classes:
  - * the spouse or common-law partner in Canada class (SCLPC) as a spouse or common-law partner
  - * the family class as a spouse, common-law or conjugal partner (sponsored overseas)

Please visit our website for more information on Open work permit: Applying as a sponsored spouse or common-law partner in Canada - Canada.ca.

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We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
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Please clarify. Thanks