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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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- * The student then transfers credits from Program "A" to gain direct admission into the third year of another program (Program "B"), which is a three-year advanced diploma at an eligible DLI.
- * The student completes Program "B" in one year through full-time studies.

Given this scenario:

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3. 3. Would the part-time status in program "A" still impacts the length and eligibility of PGWP?

RESPONSE:
Please note that we can't provide case-specific information.

For eligibility requirements and how to apply, please see:
Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca

Note that the eligibility requirements state the student must:

- * maintain **full-time** status as a student in Canada during each semester of their study program.

- * There are some exceptions to this requirement, including
  - * studying part-time during their final semester
  - * taking an approved leave from your studies

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- * having to stop studying or changing to part-time studies between March 2020 and the fall semester in 2020 for reasons related to COVID-19

When submitting the PGWP application, we would recommend submitting all relevant documents to prove they meet the eligibility criteria and a letter of explanation, as necessary.

We hope you find this information helpful.

Thank you,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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[redacted]. I [redacted] to your response.