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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Fri, 7 Feb 2025 19:56:02
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Inquiry: Vulnerable Open Work Permit - REP-2025-0165- Due 13-Feb-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:

Family members **who are currently in Canada** (including spouses, common-law partners, or working-age children) are eligible to apply for an open work permit under subsection 207.1(2) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations.

Family members are defined in section 3 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, and include:

a. a. The spouse or common-law partner of the person;
b. b. A dependent child of the person or of the person's spouse or common-law partner; and
c. c. A dependent child of a dependent child

Family members must complete their own application (they may submit it together with the vulnerable workers OWP-V application), and benefit from the same fee exemptions as the vulnerable worker. If approved, their open work permit is issued for the same duration as the OWP-V held by the vulnerable worker or until the expiry of their passport or travel document, whichever comes first.
Dependent children **in Canada** are eligible for a new fee-exempt visitor record or study permit for the same duration as the vulnerable worker's open work permit, **if their immigration status is expiring** before the end of the validity of the vulnerable worker's open work permit.

Family members must provide sufficient evidence of their relationship with the vulnerable worker. Examples of documentation that may be provided include the following:

- * Marriage certificate
- * Statutory Declaration of Common-Law Union (IMM 5409)
- * Birth Certificate
- * Adoption papers

While family members are *not automatically* required to provide evidence of financial support (i.e., evidence that the vulnerable worker is employed and can financially support them), applicants are required to provide all relevant evidence and documents that the officer reasonably requires and requests from the applicant to determine their eligibility and admissibility to Canada.

For further information please see: Open work permit for vulnerable foreign workers who are victims of abuse - Canada.ca

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We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 16, 2025 2:11 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Subject: Inquiry: Vulnerable Open Work Permit

Respected Officer,

I hope this message finds you well.

I have a client who was initially in Canada on an LMIA-based work permit and later applied for a Vulnerable Work Permit, which has since been approved.

The client's family, including their spouse and children, is also in Canada. I would like to confirm whether the spouse and children are eligible to apply for an extension of their work and study permits based on the principal applicant's Vulnerable Work Permit.

If they are eligible, I would appreciate clarification on the following:

1. 1. Do they need to pay the government fees for these extensions?
2. 2. Does the spouse, who holds a vulnerable open work permit, need to be employed and provide three pay stubs to support their application?

I have searched for this information but have been unable to locate a clear answer. Your guidance on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

[redacted] and assistance.

Thanks & Regards,