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Subject: FW: Work Permit Extension Eligibility - REP-2025-0135- Due 11-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Hello,

Please see our response to your question.

Question:

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Response:

With regards to your first question, temporary work permit extension eligibility requirements may be found here: Extend or change the conditions on your work permit: Who can apply - Canada.ca.

As for your second question, an applicant has applied to extend their work permit extension, they may travel outside [redacted] Canada and [redacted] ill [redacted] to Canada.

1. 1. They may be allowed to come back to Canada as a visitor, if we have not yet decided to extend their work permit. **If this is the case, they *cannot* work until they get their work permit extension**. The officer at the port of entry may ask them to prove they have enough money to support themselves in Canada.
2. 2. They may be allowed to come back to Canada as a worker, if the officer at the port of entry finds out that we extended their work permit while they were away.
3. 3. They may be asked to apply for a new work permit at the port of entry.

They must also meet all other applicable entry requirements.

Please visit our website for more information on: I have applied to extend my work permit. Can I travel outside Canada?

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