Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada
Information disclosed under the Access to Information Act
L'information divulguée en vertu de la loi sur l'accès à l'information

Archived: June 2, 2025 10:05:43 AM
From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Tue, 21 Jan 2025 17:01:00
To:
Cc: [redacted] Representatives / Représentants immigration [redacted]
Subject: T[redacted]: I[redacted] T[redacted] Work Permit - REP-2025-001[redacted]
Due 30-Jan-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None
Attachments:
New_Mix.jpg;

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:

[redacted] Canadian Immigration Consultant . [redacted] Representative ID [redacted] IRCC's Authorized Representative Portal is I have a question regarding the possibility of an individual studying a short-term course (less than six months in duration) in Canada, either full-time or part-time, while holding a valid Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP).

I understand that under the public policy announced by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), certain work permit holders are permitted to study in Canada without requiring a separate study permit. Specifically, individuals who applied for their work permit on or before June 7, 2023, are allowed to study without a study permit until the earliest of the following dates:

- The expiry date of their work permit, or
- The expiration of the public policy (June 27, 2026, or earlier if revoked).

However, my question pertains to individuals who applied for their PGWP after June 7, 2023.

Additionally, I acknowledge that under section 188(1)(c) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR):

- A foreign national may study in Canada without a study permit if the course or program of study is six months or less in duration and will be completed within the period authorized for their stay in Canada.

Scenario: Consider an individual who arrived in Canada as an international student in May 2022 and completed a two-year diploma program (from a public DLI) from May 2022 to August 2023. After completing their studies, they applied for and received a three-year PGWP, valid from January 2024 to January 2027. This individual has not left Canada since arriving in January 2022, instead, applied for their PGWP from inside Canada.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada
Information disclosed under the Access to Information Act
L'information divulguée en vertu de la loi sur l'accès à l'information

Question: Can this individual undertake a short-term program (less than six months in duration) while holding a valid PGWP without violating the conditions of their work permit or in board sense without violating the conditions of IRPA/IRPR imposed on PGWP holders.

RESPONSE:

Foreign nationals may remain in Canada without a study permit to attend a course or program of study of 6 months' duration or less [R188(1)(c)]. The course or program of study may be part-time or full-time and should be completed within 6 months.

For more information, please visit our website: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/who-needs-study-permit.html#courses

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 2 janvier 2025 17:24
[redacted]
Objet : Inquiry Regarding Studying a Short-Term Course While on a Post-Graduation Work Permit

Respected Officer,

[redacted]

short-term course (less than six months in duration) in Canada, either full-time or part-time, while holding a valid Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP).

I understand that under the public policy announced by Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), certain work permit holders are permitted to study in Canada without requiring a separate study permit. Specifically, individuals who applied for their work permit on or before June 7, 2023, are allowed to study without a study permit until the earliest of the following dates:

- * The expiry date of their work permit, or
- * The expiration of the public policy (June 27, 2026, or earlier if revoked).

However, my question pertains to individuals who applied for their PGWP after June 7, 2023.

Additionally, I acknowledge that under section 188(1)(c) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR):

- * A foreign national may study in Canada without a study permit if the course or program of study is six months or less in duration and will be completed within the period authorized for their stay in Canada.

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada
Information disclosed under the Access to Information Act
L'information divulguée en vertu de la loi sur l'accès à l'information

Scenario: Consider an individual who arrived in Canada as an international student in May 2022 and completed a two-year diploma program (from a public DLI) from May 2022 to August 2023. After completing their studies, they applied for and received a three-year PGWP, valid from January 2024 to January 2027. This individual has not left Canada since arriving in January 2022, instead, applied for their PGWP from inside Canada.

Question: Can this individual undertake a short-term program (less than six months in duration) while holding a valid PGWP without violating the conditions of their work permit or in board sense without violating the conditions of IRPA/IRPR imposed on PGWP holders.

I appreciate your response on this matter.

Yours [redacted]