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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Thu, 20 Feb 2025 16:40:37
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Clarification on CEC Eligibility for Full-Time Students with Work Permits - REP-2025-0484 -Due 12-Mar-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Hello,

[redacted] to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives mailbox. We appreciate your patience.

Question:

Question A) If a full-time student holds an **open work permit under a public policy** or a closed work permit (excluding a Co-Op work permit) and works full-time while studying full time, would their work experience be considered eligible for the Canadian Experience Class (CEC) after one year, assuming the job falls under TEER 0 to 3?

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Answer:

Work experience obtained in Canada during a period of full-time study will not be considered Canadian work experience under Express Entry and does not count towards the eligibility of the Canadian Experience Class (CEC), or assigned Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) score, regardless of the type of work authorization held during the period. These provisions are outlined in section 87.1(3)(a) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations and in the Ministerial Instructions 15(7)(a) respectively.

The definition of full-time study is determined by the applicant's learning institution. Graduates must have proof of program completion from their institution to begin accumulating work experience in Canada.

Please be advised that the assessment of an application is conducted on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the specific circumstances and the supporting documentation available to the officer. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate that they meet the requirements.
We trust that this information will be of assistance to you.
Sincerely,

Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From
Sent: [redacted] 11, 2025 1:03 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
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[redacted] I [redacted] Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC). I [redacted] your guidance on the following matter.

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Best Regards