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[redacted] representative with [redacted] client regarding the proper classification of their work experience for the Canadian Experience Class (CEC) under Express Entry. My client seeks confirmation on how to accurately report work performed during their Master's studies at [redacted], beginning in September 2022.

Key Facts:

- * My client was authorized to work full-time under a temporary IRCC public policy (due to COVID-19), in effect until April 2024.
- * They also held an open work permit under the special measure for Iranian citizens, allowing unrestricted employment in Canada.
- * While maintaining full-time student status, my client had no remaining coursework after December 2023 and continued working full-time under the open work permit.
- * All work was performed in compliance with IRCC policies.

Clarification Requested:

1. 1. Can work experience gained under the temporary public policy count toward CEC eligibility?
2. 2. How should my client answer the Express Entry profile question:
   "Were you studying full-time while doing this job?"
3. 3. Given that my client had no coursework remaining as of December 2023 but was still officially a full-time student, does this impact eligibility for CEC?

Your guidance on these points would be greatly appreciated to ensure accurate representation in the Express Entry application.

Best Regards,

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