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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Mon, 24 Feb 2025 20:23:53
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Authorization to work while PGWP application is pending - REP-2025-0529 - Due 14-03-2025
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Hi

Please see our response to your question.

QUESTION:
I have a question regarding the authorization to work after the PGWP application was submitted but not approved.

The information at https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/after-you-apply.html says:

Working while we process your application

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- * completed your study program
- * were eligible to work off campus without a work permit while studying and you didn¡¯t work more hours than you were allowed to

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If a study permit extension was submitted before the original study permit expired, placing the applicant in maintained status, would this be considered a "valid study permit" and, consequently, authorize the individual to work while their Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) application is pending?

RESPONSE:
A student can work full-time until we make a decision on their work permit application if they had a valid study permit at the time they submitted their application, along with other eligibility requirements.

Regarding maintained status and work authorization, students may have the conditions on their study permit that authorizes them to work on or off campus if they meet the requirements of R186(f) and R186(v). However, both of these sections of R186 require that the client is a full-time student, so even if they maintain their temporary resident status via the SP-EXT application, the client will no longer meet the requirements of R186(f) or (v) if they completed their program of studies.

Our client webpages regarding on and off-campus work indicate when a client must cease working which may be helpful resources for the rep:

- * Work on campus - Canada.ca
- * Work off campus as an international student - Canada.ca

We hope this information is of assistance.

Thank you kindly,

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Sent: [redacted] 13, 2025 2:08 PM
[redacted]
Subject: Re: Authorization to work while PGWP application [redacted]

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Sincerely,
[redacted]