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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
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To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Status Extension Applications - Location of the Applicant - REP-2025-0051- Due 5-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Hello,

Question:
Can you advise if an applicant who is applying for a work, study or visitor status extension must be physically IN CANADA on the date the application is filed with IRCC? Or, are they permitted to use the IN CANADA process for their status extension while outside of Canada temporarily but holding a valid work permit/study permit/visitor record?

If it is the case that the person must be physically in Canada on the date of filing in order to use the in Canada process, can you please confirm the Regulations or OB etc. that requires this?

Answer:
Most foreign workers must apply for a work permit from outside of Canada. A foreign national may apply for a work permit at any time before entering Canada as per section 197 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR). Please see the guide for applications from outside Canada: Guide 5487 - Applying for a Work Permit outside Canada - Canada.ca

Persons who hold a valid work permit or who wish to change their conditions or renew their work permit should apply in Canada, pursuant to section R199. Considering this foreign national holds a valid work permit and has used the "in Canada" application function, their work permit would be processed in a standard manner. The application needs to be submitted online. Please see the guide for applications from inside Canada: Guide 5553 - Applying for a work permit inside Canada – extend, change conditions, initial and open work permits - online application - Canada.ca

An applicant must **physically** be in Canada to apply for a study permit extension. They may continue their studies under the same conditions as their previous study permit until a decision is made on their extension application if they have applied to extend their stay **in Canada** as a student [R189] and only as long as they **remain in Canada**.

When someone is out of the country on maintained status, they might lose their authorization to work or study until a decision is made on their application. The foreign national needs to return to Canada before the expiry of their work or study permit.

For more information, please refer to the IRCC website:
Temporary residents: Maintained status during processing (previously called implied status)
Extend your study permit or restore your status

We hope this information is of assistance.

Regards,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Thank you.

Kind Regards,