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To:
Cc: [redacted] Representatives / Représentants immigration [redacted]
Subject: TR: Clarification on PGWP Eligibility Rules for Students Extending Study Permits - REP-2025-0048- Due 4-Feb-25
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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:
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However, there is considerable confusion regarding how these changes apply to students who were already in Canada, actively studying, but now need to extend their study permits to complete their education. Specifically, we would like to clarify:

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Response:
If the student applies for a study permit extension under **the same program of study** as the study permit they applied for before November 1, 2024, then they do not need to meet the field of study requirement.

If the student applies for a study permit extension under a **different program of study** than the study permit they applied for before November 1, 2024, then their study permit extension application must meet the field of study requirements applicable to their study program to be eligible for a PGWP.

Please note that all PGWP applications (except those from flight school graduates) submitted on or after November 1, 2024 must comply with the new language requirements, regardless of when the student applied for their study permit or when they started their program of study.

We are in the process of updating the program manual instructions, in the meantime we have recently updated our website to provide clients with further details on the new PGWP eligibility requirements at the following link: Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca

We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 7 janvier 2025 21:19
[redacted]: Immigration Representatives [redacted] Représentants immigration [redacted]
Objet : Clarification on PGWP Eligibility Rules for Students Extending Study Permits

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Given the widespread uncertainty surrounding this matter, we would greatly appreciate IRCC's interpretation and guidance to assist affected students and ensure compliance with the rules.

[redacted]. [redacted] to your response.

Sincerely,