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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
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To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: 2025-03 Education points in CRS calculations - REP-2025-0080- Due 6-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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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International students studying online from abroad or who submit a study permit application no later than August 31, 2022, will continue to be able to complete up to 100% of their program online without affecting their PGWP eligibility.
Link: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/distance-learning-measures.html

Study got his PGWP because of these rules, and gained 1 year eligible Canadian experience
Now the student is creating his Express Entry profile under Canadian Experience Class

Will the student get CRS points for his Canadian education or not.

Answer:

As per Ministerial Instructions(MI) 30, outlines the requirements to obtain Canadian Education points. As part of the applicants' studies, those obtained in winter 2023 fall are outside of the exemption dates as per MI30(6) they would not be awarded Canadian education points.
Eligible credentials

30(4) For the purpose of this section, an eligible credential is one of the following:

- * (a) a degree, diploma, certificate or trade or apprenticeship credential from a Canadian public post-secondary institution or from a Canadian private post-secondary institution that operated under the same rules and regulations as a Canadian public post-secondary institution;
- * (b) a *diplôme d'études professionnelles* (DEP) or an attestation de *spécialisation professionnelle* (ASP) earned through a program of study of at least 900 hours from a private secondary or post-secondary institution in Quebec; or
- * (c) a Bachelor's, Master's or doctoral degree from a Canadian private post-secondary institution, if a provincial statute authorizes that institution to confer that credential.

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Exceptions

30(5) For the purpose of this section, the following are not eligible credentials:

- * (a) credentials obtained in a study or training program in which the study of English or French as a second language amounted to more than half of the program;
- * (b) credentials obtained in a study or training program in which distance learning amounted to more than half of the program; or
- * (c) credentials obtained in a study or training program while receiving a scholarship or fellowship that stipulated that the recipient return to their home country to apply the knowledge and skills gained.

Non-application of paragraph (5)(b)

30(6) Paragraph (5)(b) does not apply in respect of credentials obtained in a study or training program that was undertaken, in whole or in part, during the period beginning on March 1, 2020 and ending on August 31, 2022.

Ministerial Instructions respecting the Express Entry system - current - Canada.ca

Please be advised that the assessment of an application is based on a case-by-case basis; each application will be considered on its own merits, with a final decision based on a review of all the information available to the officer at the time of decision. The onus is always on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements.

We trust that this information will assist you.

Sincerely,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 9 janvier 2025 14:39
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
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