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Hello

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\sb160Thank you for your email correspondence to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives mailbox. We appreciate your patience.

\sb160Note that this service provides guidance and not case-specific advice.

\sb160Please find the answers to your questions below:

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Question

How do we know which free trade agreements are eligible for spousal open work permits? Would the spouse of an Intra-company transfer be eligible?

Response

If the spouse category is specified by a Free Trade Agreement (FTA), they are subject to the requirements outlined in the relevant FTA.

Those ,who are **not** covered under their specific FTA, are subject to the new requirements. Spouses or common-law partners of foreign nationals authorized to work in high-skilled occupations TEER 0 or 1, or select occupations TEER 2 or 3) – [C41]

For more information, please consult the following webpages:

International Mobility Program: International free trade agreements - Canada.ca

We hope this information is of assistance. Do not hesitate to reach out again if you required further clarification.

Sincerely,

Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Representantsimmigration.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>
Objet : SOWP for Intra-Company transfer

Good day,

The new eligibility requirements for Open Work Permits for Spouse includes this paragraph:

> **Work permit holders under a free trade agreement (FTA)**
>
> Spouses or common-law partners of work permit holders under **certain** free trade agreements (FTAs) are eligible for a spousal open work permit. Be sure to check the FTA you're applying under to see if your spouse or common-law partner is eligible.
>
> If your spouse or common-law partner **isn't eligible for an OWP through an FTA**, they may still be eligible to apply for an OWP through this measure.

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