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**To:**
**Cc:** Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
**Subject:** FW: visitors in Canada applying for work permits - REP-2025-0106- Due 7-Feb-25
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**Sensitivity:** None

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Good day,

Please find below the response to your inquiry:

**Question:**
My question is whether visitors can apply for a work permit while physically being in Canada, but following the process for an "outside of Canada" application.

I understand that visitors in Canada can only apply for a work permit from inside Canada in a few very specific situations. These exemptions do not apply to applicants who have had their work permit extension applications refused because their LMIAs have not been approved in time. These people might be able to restore their status to visitor, but then – when they receive their LMIAs – they are not able to apply for their work permit from inside Canada.

Flagpoling is also no longer an option.

Is the only option for these people to leave and then apply from outside of Canada?

Or, is there a way for people who are physically in Canada to use the online application process and apply via the Canadian overseas mission in their home country using the outside of Canada process?

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And would the work permit approval letter allow them to apply a land border?

**Answer:**
The public policy allowing visitors to apply for work permits from within Canada has ended. As a result, a person who is currently a visitor with legal status in Canada is not eligible to apply for a work permit from within Canada. If a visitor would like to apply for a work permit, they can do so from outside of Canada.

Applicants seeking a work permit using the outside of Canada process will receive a port of entry letter of introduction indicating their application is provisionally approved. The letter of introduction [redacted] to [redacted] entry to [redacted] nationals [redacted] temporary [redacted] status in Canada and are provisionally approved to work or study by IRCC are no longer be able to obtain their permit by flagpoling. This includes receiving immigration services at a land border.

Please for more information, visit the following webpages:

- * Canada ends temporary public policy allowing visitors to apply for work permits from within the country - Canada.ca

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- * Work permit: How to apply - Canada.ca
- * Operational bulletin 686 – December 24, 2024 (modified February 14, 2025) - Canada.ca

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**The Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

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