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To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Question about Work Permits for CL Partners of Refugee Claimants - REP-2025-0566 - Due 17-03-2025
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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

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Response

Section R206 **does not** include family members who are not themselves described in paragraph R206(a) or (b). Family members of refugee claimants or of persons subject to an unenforceable removal order are not entitled to an open work permit under this section.

However, they can apply for a work permit from within Canada as per section R199 with a labour market impact assessment (LMIA) or under an LMIA-exempt category if eligible.

For more information, please consult the following webpages:

Applicants with no other means of support [R206 – S61 and S62] – International Mobility Program - 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

From:
Sent: [redacted] 16, 2025 1:45 PM

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