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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Mon, 10 Mar 2025 14:55:53
To: [redacted]
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Refugee family members work permit - REP-2025-0549 - 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.

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\sb160Please find the answers to your questions below:

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\sb160Question

\sb160Can the **spouse or a family member** of a **refugee, refugee claimant, or protected person** apply for an **open work permit** if they are **already inside Canada**? Additionally, in a different scenario, can they apply if they are **outside Canada**, based on the information provided in the following IRCC website link?

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\sb160Response

\sb160 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.

\sb160However, 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.

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\sb160For more information, please consult the following webpages:

\sb160Applicants with no other means of support [R206 – S61 and S62] – International Mobility Program - Canada.ca

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\sb160We hope this information is of assistance. Do not hesitate to reach out again if you required further clarification.

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\sb160Sincerely,

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\sb160Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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From:
Sent: [redacted] 14, 2025 5:16 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Subject: Refugee family members work permit

Dear sir or madam,

I hope this email finds you well. I would be grateful if you could clarify the following question:

Can the **spouse or a family member** of a **refugee, refugee claimant, or protected person** apply for an **open work permit** if they are **already inside Canada**? Additionally, in a different scenario, can they apply if they are **outside Canada**, based on the information provided in the following IRCC website link?
Who can apply for an open work permit?

I appreciate your guidance on this matter, as many applicants are becoming out of status. They are family members of refugees and protected persons and are unable to leave Canada.

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Best regards,