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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
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Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: PGWP Grandfathered status and change of program - REP-2025-0379 - Due 5-Mar-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Hello,

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If a student is studying under **the same program of study** for which they applied for a study permit before November 1, 2024, they do not need to meet the field of study requirements. Students who choose a concentration **within the same program of study** also do not need to meet the field of study requirement.

As such, if the the DLI considers it the same program, there should be no concerns and the student should provide documents confirming that they've graduated in the same program of study when they are applying for PGWP.

Please be advised that the assessment of an application is based on a case-by-case basis, considering the particular circumstances in conjunction with the supporting documentation available to the officer. The onus is always on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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De :
Envoyé : 4 février 2025 13:55
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : PGWP Grandfathered status and change of program

Hello,

I would like to confirm the impact on PGWP eligibility if a student changes their program. Some information has been circulating in the sector, and we would appreciate your confirmation on the following:

- If the student applies for a study permit extension on or after November 1, 2024, under **the same program of study** as the study permit they applied for before November 1, 2024, then they do not need to meet the field of study requirement. If the student applies for a study permit extension on or after November 1, 2024, under a **different program of study** than the study permit they applied for before November 1, 2024, then their study permit extension application must meet the field of study requirements applicable to their study program to be eligible for a PGWP.

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- If the student change their program before November 1, 2024, applies for a study permit extension on or after November 1, 2024, under the program of study they changed into before November 1, 2024, then they do not need to meet the field of study requirement.

At Saskatchewan Polytechnic, we offered a Business Diploma Program that offers various specialty. The first year courses provides a foundation in core business concepts, including accounting, computers, economics, human resources, insurance, organizational behavior, marketing and more. For the second year, students are required to select a specialization in one of the following areas of expertise: accountancy, financial services, human resources, insurance, management, marketing, municipal administration and sport management.

Students must select a specialization when applying in our program. To cover those whose interest may have changed after studying the core business concepts in first year, student may change specialty prior to second year. At our DLI, there is no change in program but a mere change in specialization within the same Business Diploma program. However, the program and specialty in the letter of acceptance submitted for study permit application will be different from completion documents.

For Business Diploma program details, please visit https://saskpolytech.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/Business-Diploma.aspx

I would like to confirm that change in specialty should not impact the PGWP eligibility of a program. Hence, if the student applies for a study permit extension on or after November 1, 2024, under **the same program of study** or **the same program of study but different specialization** as the study permit they applied for before November 1, 2024, then they do not need to meet the field of study requirement.

If you have any suggestion for our DLI to ensure future application of our graduates are not perceived as change in program, please let us know.

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