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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thu, 23 Jan 2025 20:01:46
To:
Cc: [redacted] Representatives / Représentants [redacted]
Subject: TR: Completion of two-one year programs and PGWP eligibility requirements -(REP-2024-2520 -- REP-2024-2657) -- REP-2025-0178- Due 14-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

Please note that this mailbox is intended for general guidance and does not provide responses to case-specific inquiries but have provided the following information as guidance. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit the IRCC Web form.

Please see our response to your question.

QUESTION:
I appreciate the response below but could you please clarify the statement highlighted below?

> Students who applied for a **study permit extension on or after November 1, 2024, to complete the same program of study** as the study permit they applied for before November 1, 2024, do not need to meet the field of study requirement. However, as you stated below, the student should provide an explanation regarding the program change and relevant date when applying for the PGWP.

What does the statement above means? Does it mean that it will be at the discretion of the IRCC officer to evaluate the explanation that the student gives for changing their program before Nov. 1, 2024? Or is it a matter of the student just proving to IRCC with their Letter of Acceptance or Letter of Enrolment that they've changed their program **before Nov. 1st, 2024**?

RESPONSE:
Please note that we cannot provide case case-specific information.

Regarding the statement you are highlighting, all applications are subject to assessment by a processing officer. The officer is responsible for reviewing the application and making a determination on whether the applicant meets the required program eligibility criteria.

We hope this information is of assistance.

Sincerely,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 16 janvier 2025 12:51
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
Objet : RE: Completion of two-one year programs and PGWP eligibility requirements - REP-2024-2520 -- REP-2024-2657 - Due 22-Jan-25

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Thank you,

[redacted]
Sent: January 16, 2025 6:13 AM
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives [redacted] Représentants immigration (IRC[redacted]
Subject: TR: Completion of two-one year programs and PGWP eligib[redacted]

Good day,

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If a student completed 2 different programs, each program would be assessed separately against the field of study requirements. For example, if a student applies for a study permit for Program A **before** November 1, 2024, then applies **after** November 1, 2024 for a study permit to begin Program B, only Program B would need to meet the field of study requirement to meet the PGWP eligibility requirements.

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[redacted] for [redacted] **study permit extension** [redacted] **after November** [redacted] **to** [redacted] **program** [redacted] **study** [redacted] the study permit [redacted] for before [redacted]

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[redacted] their study permit extension application to [redacted] the [redacted] study requirements [redacted] to their [redacted] study program to [redacted] for [redacted]

We encourage you to visit our website Work or live in Canada after you graduate - Canada.ca for the latest information.

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

Thank you,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 19 décembre 2024 11:48
[redacted]: Immigration Representatives [redacted] Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
Objet : RE: Completion of two-one year programs and PGWP eligibility requirements - REP-2024-2520 - Due 6-Jan-25

[redacted]

[redacted]

In the highlight scenario below, should both programs the student has completed need to meet the field of study requirement, or only the later one under which students made a study permit extension after Nov. 1st, 2024?

If the student applied for both the study permits before November 1, 2024, then the field of study requirement does not apply.

If the student applied after November 1, 2024 for one of the study permits then the field of study requirement will apply.

Also, **yesterday (Dec. 18th, 2024)** it was confirmed during the **IRCC Technical briefing** that if a student changed to a new program **before Nov. 1, 2024** and applies for a **study permit extension after Nov 1, 2024** that this group of students will be **exempted** from meeting the field of study eligibility for a PGWP later. This means that the student will **not** need to meet the field of study eligibility [redacted] for [redacted] the [redacted] an [redacted] the program change and [redacted] date [redacted] for the [redacted] you please confirm this information in writing?

Thank you,

From: Immigration [redacted] ntatives [redacted] Représen [redacted] immigration (I [redacted]

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Sent: December 18, 2024 11:54 AM
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives [redacted] Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
Subject: TR: Completion of two-one year programs and PGWP eligibility requirements - REP-2024-2520 - Due 6-Jan-25

Good Day,

If a student completes two consecutive programs that are **PGWP-eligible** within two years of completion of the first program when applying for a PGWP, both programs could be considered for the purpose of determining the length of the PGWP.

To qualify for program stacking in relation to PGWP duration, both PGWP-eligible programs must be:

- * a minimum of 8 months in duration; **and**
- * completed at a PGWP-eligible DLI within 2 years of the completion of the first program.

In determining whether a program is PGWP-eligible, the field of study requirement is applicable depending on the level of study and when a student applies for their study permit.

If the student applied for both the study permits before November 1, 2024, then the field of study requirement does not apply.

If the student applied after November 1, 2024 for one of the study permits then the field of study requirement will apply.

Note that the student must submit their PGWP application within 180 days of completing a PGWP eligible program.

For more information on PGWP and the duration, please see: Work in Canada after you graduate: About the post-graduation work permit - Canada.ca

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

Thank you,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 6 décembre 2024 14:24
[redacted] : Immigration Representatives [redacted] Représen[redacted] immigration (I[redacted]) [redacted]
Objet : FW: Completion of two-one year programs and PGWP eligibility requirements

[redacted]

I hope this email finds you well.

Could you please clarify how IRCC will take into consideration the eligibility of students who completed two-one year programs and their eligibility to qualify for a 3-year PGWP?

1. 1. Scenario 1: If a student received a Letter of Acceptance for **two** one-year programs that were PGWP eligible programs prior to the Nov. 1st, 2024 changes **but** under the new regulations these programs are **not** related to a field of study **and** this student needs to apply for a study permit extension after Nov. 1st, 2024 to complete their original second program, would they be eligible for a 3-year PGWP?
2. 2. Scenario 2: If a student graduated from a one-year program that was eligible for a PGWP prior to the Nov. 1st changes but it's not currently related to a field of study and now wants to complete a new one-year program that is **not** eligible for a PGWP and needs to apply for a study permit extension after Nov. 1st, 2024 but their original study permit was issued bef

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Nov. 1st, 2024, would they be eligible for a 3-year PGWP?

3. 3. Scenario 3: If a student graduated from a one-year program that was eligible for a PGWP prior to Nov. 1st changes but it's **not** currently related to a field of study and now wants to complete a new one-year program that is eligible for a PGWP and needs to apply for a study permit extension after Nov. 1st, 2024 to complete this second one-year program, would they be eligible for a 3-year PGWP?
4. 4. Scenario 4: What if the student completes two one-year programs that were eligible for a PGWP prior to Nov. 1st changes but both programs are currently **not** related to a field of study and the student does **not** require to extend their study permit, would they be eligible for a 3-year PGWP?"

Thank you,