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To
Cc [redacted] Representatives / Représentants immigration ([redacted]
Subject: FW: Request for clarification| PGWP field of study exemption for students who change programs - REP-2025-0412 - Due 7-Mar-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] to [redacted] and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.

If the student changed their program prior to November 1, 2024, they do not need to meet the field of study requirement. However; if the student changed from their original program prior to November 1, 2024, IRCC recommends that the student submit proof of the program change when submitting their application to satisfy the officer of the program change prior to November 1, 2024.

Program changes after November 1st, 2024, must meet the field of study requirements in order to be eligible for PGWP.

For more information: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/eligibility.html#education-level

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoye : 6 février 2025 10:55
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>
Objet : Request for clarification| PGWP field of study exemption for students who change programs

Dear officer,

I hope this email finds you well.

My name is . I am an International Student Advisor at

I would like to request clarification regarding the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) field of study exemption for a student who has transferred to a program different from the one they initially applied for with their Study Permit (SP).

Specifically, I am seeking confirmation on whether the student can still be exempt from the field of study requirement for their PGWP, even if they graduate from a program that is not aligned with eligible PGWP field of study, provided that their initial SP was submitted before November 1, 2024.

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A student submitted their **initial SP** application for Program A **before November 1, 2024**, and later transferred to Program B, which is not aligned with eligible PGWP field of study. The student will graduate from Program B and meet all the general eligibility requirements

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for the PGWP.

Questions

Could you please help me clarify the following questions:

1. Will the student be exempt from the field of study requirement upon graduation from Program B, even though they are graduating from a different program than the one listed on the initial SP?
2. If the student graduates from a program different from the one in the initial SP, are there any additional requirements for them to be exempt from the field of study requirement? Specifically:

    - Does the student need to submit a transfer request, or receive a new Letter of Acceptance, or begin enrollment in the new program before November 1, 2024, to maintain exemption?

3. If the student needs to **extend their SP** for Program B **after November 1, 2024**:

    - As the extension is for a program different from the one on the initial SP, will the student be exempt from the field of study requirement?
    - Or, if the student submits the transfer request, or receives a new Letter of Acceptance, or begins enrollment in the new program before November 1, 2024, can they extend their SP for Program B and still be exempt from the field of study requirement?

4. If the student needs to **apply for a change of conditions** to their SP **after November 1, 2024**:

    - Does an application to change conditions differ from an SP extension, and does it affect the field of study exemption?
    - If the change of conditions request is for a program different from the one on the initial SP, will the student be exempt from the field of study requirement?
    - Or, if the student submits a transfer request, receives a new Letter of Acceptance, or begins enrollment in the new program before November 1, 2024, can they apply for a change of conditions and still be exempt from the field of study requirement?

[redacted] i[redacted]hi[redacted]r. I [redacted] to your response.

All the best,