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Good day,

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

Please see our responses below to your questions.

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
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Objet : Clarification on Field of Study Requirement for PGWP Eligibility

Hi,

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to seek clarification on a specific question regarding the policy on Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) eligibility, as the current guidelines do not provide explicit clarity on this matter.

Question:

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If a foreign national's study permit was approved before November 1, 2024, and they subsequently change their field of study while remaining at the same Designated Learning Institution (DLI), will the new field of study requirement for PGWP eligibility apply to them?

Context:

The operational guidelines state that if a study permit was approved before November 1, 2024, the foreign national is not required to meet the new field of study requirement for PGWP eligibility, but does it still apply even if they:

1. Change their program of study at the same DLI, or
2. Extend their study permit.

Specific Points of Clarification:

1. Is the exemption from the field of study requirement tied to the original study permit application date (i.e., approval before November 1, 2024)?

Response : The exemption from the field of study requirement is tied to the date of the change in program.

If the program change occurred prior to November 1, 2024, the student does not need to meet the field of study requirement, however; it is recommend that they submit proof of the program change date with their application to satisfy the officer of this requirement.

Program changes that occur 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

2. If a foreign national extends their study permit or switches programs after November 1, 2024, does the field of study requirement retroactively apply to them, even if their original study permit was issued before November 1, 2024?

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Response : If the applicant is submitting an extension and they are continuing the same program of study from their initial study permit application that was submitted prior to November 1, 2024, they are not required to meet the field of study requirement.

I would greatly appreciate your guidance on this matter to ensure compliance with the updated regulations.

[redacted] and assistance.

I believe this is sufficient, if you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours Sincerely,

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