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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 12 Mar 2025 15:43:36
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Inquiry Regarding Studying a Short-Term Course (less than 6 months duration) while on a Post-Graduation Work Permit - REP-2025-0556 - Due 17-03-2025
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Hi
Please see our response to your questions.

QUESTION:

Are foreign nationals residing in Canada on a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) permitted to enroll in a short-term academic, professional, or vocational course, either full-time or part-time, **with a duration of less than six months**? Considering that Post-Graduation Work Permits have a condition stating, *"UNLESS AUTHORIZED, PROHIBITED FROM ATTENDING ANY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, OR TAKING ANY ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL OR VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSE,"* does this restriction also apply to courses that are less than six months in duration? Are Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) holders allowed to study an academic, professional, or vocational courses, either full-time or part-time, for a duration of less than six months without obtaining a separate study permit, without violating the condition on their PGWP?

RESPONSE:

As stated, per R188(1)(c), foreign workers may engage in occasional studies or programs of study lasting 6 months or less at [redacted] their [redacted] the [redacted] program [redacted] study [redacted] important consideration than the number of months the foreign national intends to study. Even if the foreign nationals plan to study for 6 months or less, if the course or program total length is longer than 6 months, they need a study permit.
Paragraph R188(1)(c) was not intended to allow a foreign national to complete an entire program without a study permit by taking required program courses one at a time. It is expected that these studies should not lead to the completion of a professional certificate, diploma or degree.
For more information, please visit our website: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/who-needs-study-permit.html#courses
We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
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Yours [redacted]