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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Tue, 18 Mar 2025 12:59:41
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Question regarding visitor record holder - REP-2025-0569 - Due 17-03-2025
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:

An applicant's LMIA is currently being processed, and their work permit has expired. To maintain their status in Canada, they have applied for a visitor record as a restoration of status. Once the LMIA is approved, how can they apply for a work permit while still in Canada?

Response:

Please note that this service provides guidance and not case-specific advice.

If an applicant's work permit has expired and they have applied for and received a visitor record, they are a visitor with temporary resident status in Canada.

\sb240The public policy allowing visitors to apply for work permits from within Canada has ended. As a result, a person who is [redacted] with [redacted] status [redacted] Canada [redacted] not [redacted] to [redacted] for [redacted] work permit from [redacted] to apply for a work permit, they can do so from outside of Canada.

\sb240Applicants seeking a work permit using the outside of Canada process will receive a port of entry letter of introduction indicating their application is provisionally approved. The letter of introduction is to be presented upon initial entry to Canada. Foreign nationals who hold temporary resident status in Canada no longer able to obtain their permit by flagpoling. This includes receiving immigration services at a land border.

If an applicant's work permit has expired, they can apply for restoration of that status within 90 days of it's expiry: Restore your status and get a work permit - Canada.ca.

Please for more information, visit the following webpages:

- Canada ends temporary public policy allowing visitors to apply for work permits from within the country - Canada.ca
- Work permit: How to apply - Canada.ca

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- Restore your status and get a work permit - Canada.ca
- Extend or change the conditions on your work permit: What to do if your work permit expires or is expiring - Canada.ca

We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 16, 2025 6:44 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Subject: Question regarding visitor record holder

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