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Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
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Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

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Please see our response to your question:

QUESTION:
Situation: International Student just finished Study Program and wants to travel outside Canada before applying for PGWP. The Student will be applying within 90 days of course completion.

Question: IIn such a situation, is the student authorized to work in Canada on maintained status, while waiting for his/her PGWP decision?

RESPONSE:
Please note that we are unable to provide case-specific information.

An applicant can work full-time until a decision is made on their PGWP application if they

- * had a valid study permit at the time **they submitted their PGWP application**
- * completed their study program
- * were eligible to work off campus without a work permit while studying and they didn't work more hours than they were allowed to.

If the applicant does not have a **valid** study permit when they submit their PGWP application, they are not eligible to work until their PGWP application is approved.

We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From
Sent: [redacted] 5, 2025 9:22 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

I am a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant and I am regulated by CICC under the below mentioned credentials:-
Name:
RCIC:

I am writing to you to get clarity on PGWP Applicants travelling outside Canada.

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Looking forward to your guidance, so that we help our clients in a better way. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.