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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.
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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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QUESTION:

As IRCC has transitioned from its more facilitative guidance (OP 130) to the current guidance (Operation Bulletin on Restoration of Status), which is more restrictive. Can you please clarify:

Is it the requirement of IRCC that a person whose last status and authorization as worker must restore both temporary residence status *and* authorization to their most recent authorization (worker) as a condition to make an eligible restoration application, OR may a person whose last status was worker *restore their temporary status only* and still potentially have an eligible restoration application?

Is it the requirement of IRCC that a person whose last status and authorization as student must restore both temporary residence status *and* authorization to their most recent authorization (student) as a condition to make an eligible restoration application, OR may a person whose last status was student *restore their temporary status only* and still potentially have an eligible restoration application?

The questions highlight the ability to restore status only (restore to visitor) without restoring to an authorization.

ANSWER:

Yes, the status can be restored to visitor.

For more information, please consult the following webpages: Restoration of Status and Guide 5551 - Applying to Change Conditions or Extend Your Stay in Canada - online application - Canada.ca.

De :
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Objet : Restoration from Student or Worker to Visitor

Hello,

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2. 2. Is it the requirement of IRCC that a person whose last status and authorization as student must restore both temporary residence status *and* authorization to their most recent authorization (student) as a condition to make an eligible restoration application, OR may a person whose last status was student *restore their temporary status only* and still potentially have an eligible restoration application?

The questions highlight the ability to restore status only (restore to visitor) without restoring to an authorization.

Thank you!

Sincerely,