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To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Impact of Flagpoling Restrictions on IEC Applicants Activating Work Permits - REP-2025-0093- Due 7-Feb-25
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Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

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Please see our response to your question:

Question:

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I would appreciate your guidance on how IEC applicants should proceed in this situation.

Answer:

As announced by the Government of Canada as part of Canada's Border Plan, clients who have received the Port of Entry (POE) Letter of Introduction (LOI) while inside Canada cannot flagpole to receive their permit. Clients must leave and re-enter Canada from a country other than United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon to activate their permit.

Clients returning from a country other than the United States, or St. Pierre and Miquelon would not be defined as flagpolers.

For more information, please see: Ending flagpoling for work and study permits at the border - Canada.ca.

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À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.
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