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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
Sent: Fri, 21 Mar 2025 17:51:12
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: PGWP eligibility and field of study requirement - REP-2025-0236 -- REP-2025-0359 - Due 4-Mar-25 - REP-A-2025-0722 -Due 14-Apr-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

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Please see our response to your question:

QUESTION:
I just want to follow up on the below answer: If a student does not need to extend their study permit ; then they are not subject to the field of study requirements, even with a change in program if the student can complete the new program within their original study permit validity period?

RESPONSE:
If a student submitted their **study permit** application on or after November 1, 2024, they must have graduated in an [redacted] field of study.

If a student submitted their **study permit**application before November 1, 2024, they **don't** need to meet the field of study requirements.

We hope this information is of assistance.

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 3, 2025 6:10 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
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Hi,

[redacted]

I juts want to follow up as I think there are contradicting IMM Rep that institutions are receiving regarding the field of study requirements.

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Thank you,

From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
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Sent: [redacted] 24, 2025 1:19 PM
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Representantsimmigration. [redacted]
Subject: FW: PGWP eligibility and field of study requirement - REP-2025-0236 -- REP-2025-0359 - Due 4-Mar-25

EXTERNAL: Use caution.

Hi

Please see our response to your question.

QUESTION:
Students who decide to exit with a diploma are completing a different program that the one they applied for an initial study permit for. Based on the below reply, does it mean that anyone who received a study permit prior to November 1, 2024, is not

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required to meet the field of study?

RESPONSE:
If the student changed their program prior to November 1, 2024 - they do not need to mee the field of study requirement. If the student changed from their original program prior November 1, 2024, IRCC recommends that the student submit proof of the program change when submitting their application. The proof should confirm that the student in fact changed their program prior to November 1, 2024.

If the changes their program after November 1, 2024, they must meet the field of study requirement.

We hope this information is of assistance.

Sincerely,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 3 février 2025 12:31
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Objet : RE: PGWP eligibility and field of study requirement - REP-2025-0236 - Due 20-Feb-25

[redacted] I would appreciate further clarification.

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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Sent: [redacted] 3, 2025 9:58 AM
To:
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At , we offer degree programs with a diploma exit option. We would appreciate clarification on the following:

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2. 2. If a student is currently enrolled in a degree program, has extended their study permit after November 1, 2024, and then decides to exit with a diploma, does the diploma exit need to meet the field of study requirement for PGWP eligibility?

RESPONSE:

Students who received a study permit prior to November 1, 2024, are not required to meet the new field of study requirements. Students who applied an extension to complete the same program they applied for before November 1, 2024, are also not subject to the new field of study requirements.

For PGWP eligibility and how to apply, please visit Work in Canada after you graduate - Who can apply.

We hope this information is of assistance.

Thank you,

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De :
Envoyé : 22 janvier 2025 16:50
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]

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Warm Regards,