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**From:** Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
**Sent:** Tue, 25 Mar 2025 13:27:16
**To:**
**Cc:** Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
**Subject:** TR: Clarification on Program Stacking and PGWP Eligibility - REP-2025-0473 - Due 11-Mar-25
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Good day,

[redacted] **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:**

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Specifically, I have a question regarding the operational guidance outlined at the following link:

Post-Graduation Work Permit Program - IRCC

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/post-graduation-work-permit-program.html#s17

**Clarification Sought:**

Under **Example 3** in the section on **Program Stacking for Study Permits Obtained on or after November 1, 2024**, it states: *"On or after November 1, 2024, if a student completes two consecutive programs where the first is PGWP-eligible, and the second is not, they would not benefit from program stacking when the duration of the PGWP is determined. The duration of the PGWP would be based on the duration of the PGWP-eligible program, and the applicant would have to apply for a PGWP within 180 days of receiving confirmation that they have completed the PGWP-eligible program."*

I would appreciate clarification on the following points:

1. If a student's **initial study permit** was issued **before November 1, 2024**, and they applied for an **extension before November 1, 2024** to pursue a second program that is **non-PGWP-eligible**, would they still benefit from program stacking when determining the PGWP duration?
2. If a student's **initial study permit** was issued **before November 1, 2024**, and they applied for an **extension before November 1, 2024**, but received **approval or the extended study permit after November 1, 2024,** for a non-

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PGWP-eligible program, would they still benefit from program stacking when determining the PGWP duration?

Given the limited policy guidance and ambiguity in the wording, I would greatly appreciate your clarification to ensure we provide accurate advice to our applicants.

**RESPONSE:**

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

We have recently updated our website, please see: Work in Canada after you graduate: Field of study requirements - Canada.ca

We hope this information is of assistance.

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**The Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

**From:**
**Sent:** [redacted] 10, 2025 9:06 PM
**To:** Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
**Subject:** Clarification on Program Stacking and PGWP Eligibility

[redacted]

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[redacted] to your response.

Best regards,