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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Tue, 25 Mar 2025 15:49:53
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Inquiry - PGWP Eligibility - REP-2025-0321 - Due 28-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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:
I've been receiving a lot of questions from students who are in optional co-op programs. In those programs, students typically get accepted into their program after completing 3 semesters.
Some students started their program before the new PGWP rule (field of study requirements) came out, however, they are now accepted into a co-op stream and they need to submit a study permit extension since the co-op stream requires 3 additional semesters. The issue is their program is not considered PGWP anymore.
In this case, if they submit a study permit extension application to do their co-op placement (for example from Architectural Technology to Architectural Technology co-op), will it be considered a program change and will the field of study requirements apply to them?
Response:
If a student is studying under **the same program of study** for which they applied for a study permit before November 1, 2024, they do not need to meet the field of study requirements. Students who choose a concentration **within the same program of study** also do not need to meet the field of study requirement.
The onus is always on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements.
We hope that this information is helpful to you

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 30 janvier 2025 15:16
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.I[redacted]gc.ca>
Objet : Inquiry - PGWP Eligibility

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This is , RCIC # , an international student advisor and immigration specialist at

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If you could provide any clarification on it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,