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Good day,
[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**
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Please see our response to your question.
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As per 188(1)(c), a foreign national may study in Canada without a study permit if the duration of their course or program of studies is six months or less and will be completed within the period for their stay authorized upon entry into Canada.

Therefore, an individual with a work permit may attend a course of program of study that is less than 6 months. However, please note that it must be completed within the period for their stay authorized upon entry in Canada.

We hope this information is helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 12 mars 2025 14:41
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Objet : IMPORTANT: Studying while on work permit for courses less than 6 months

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Dear Team,

I know that a foreign national holding a visitor record can study without a study permit if the program is under six months, as per the IRCC website (https://ircc.canada.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=484&top=15).

My question is: **Can someone who holds a work permit also study a course of six months or less without needing a separate study permit?** I'm aware that work permits generally include a condition that prohibits any academic, professional, or

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vocational training unless authorized or exempted by public policy. However, I am **not** referring to individuals who fall under the specific public policy described here: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/public-policies/study-without-study-permit.html.

Could you please clarify whether a work permit holder is permitted to enroll in short-term studies (under six months) without obtaining a study permit?

Thank you in advance for your assistance. I look forward to your response on the same.

Best Regards,