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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
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Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Request for further clarity regarding PGWP eligibility - REP-2025-0297 - Due 27-Feb-25
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Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration 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:

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. Program changes after November 1st, 2024, must meet the field of study requirements in order to be eligible for PGWP.

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

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Envoyé : 29 janvier 2025 11:50
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Objet : Request for further clarity regarding PGWP eligibility

Good morning,

I am writing to seek further information on PGWP eligibility as per the changes implemented on November 1, 2024, as related to my position as an International Academic Advisor at the **RISIA number**

On the IRCC page, it states that "If you graduated from a college program or other non-university program, [and] if you

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submitted your study permit application before November 1, 2024, there are no field of study requirements." I had originally interpreted this to be in reference only to the initial study permit application, excluding study permit extensions as long as the student remained in their original program of study and their program was PGWP eligible before November 1, 2024.

However, I recently spoke with a Business Management student who informed me that yesterday they had been told by an IRCC representative that any student who is extending their study permit on November 1st or later, under a field of study that is not PGWP [redacted] under the [redacted] rules, [redacted] this [redacted] the [redacted] Management Diploma program, which was PGWP eligible under the requirements prior to November 1, 2024, in January 2024. Due to a deferral of their start date, they will need to extend their study permit before September 30, 2025 to complete their final semester of study.

Further, this student's claim seems to be supported by various literature, such as the following:

"Students who had their study permits before November 1 were 'grandfathered' into being PGWP eligible, even if their program of study wasn't tied to a CIP code that determines its eligibility under the new rules. Now, unless the students changed to a PGWP eligible program, if they need to extend their permit, they will not be able to remain in Canada on a work permit after graduation." IRCC ends 'grandfathering' for study permit extensions.

Therefore, I am seeking clarification on whether students who began studying programs that were PGWP eligible prior to November 1, 2024 but are no longer PGWP eligible under the new rules, can still be approved for a PGWP if they apply for a study permit extension on or after November 1, 2025.

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