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From: Immigration Representatives / Représent[redacted] (I[redacted]
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To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Clarification regarding program stacking for PGWP please - REP-A-2025-0761 -Due 9-Apr-25
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Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] 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: What about if student applied for a study permit extension for the second program after November 1, 2024? Based on the PDI, does this mean the first program is not going to be counted in the program stacking?

RESPONSE:
A program does not need to be subject to the field of study requirements that came into effect on November 1, 2024, to qualify for program stacking. To qualify for program stacking in relation to PGWP duration, both programs must be PGWP-eligible and must be:
[redacted]

If a student completed 2 different programs, each program would be assessed separately against the field of study requirements to determine [redacted] whether it is [redacted] student's first pro[redacted]m is not subject to the field of stu[redacted] requirement (e.g., the [redacted]plied for the associated study permit before November 1, 2024), the first program could still qualify for program stacking if all other eligibility requirements are met.

We hope this information is of assistance.

Sincerely,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 10:07 AM
[redacted]
Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Clarification regarding program stacking for PGWP please

Hello IMMRep:

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indicated in the PDI:

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Program stacking for study permits obtained on or after November 1, 2024

Example 1: Completing 2 PGWP-eligible programs

On or after November 1, 2024, if a student completes 2 consecutive programs that are PGWP-eligible within 2 years of completion of the first program, then when they apply for a PGWP, the duration of the PGWP could be based on the duration of both programs.

Example 2: Completing a first program that is not PGWP-eligible and a second one that is PGWP-eligible

[redacted] 1, 2024, if a student completes 2 consecutive programs where the first is not PGWP-eligible, they would not benefit from program stacking when the duration of the PGWP is determined. The duration of the PGWP would be based only on the duration of the PGWP-eligible program.

We would like clarification based on this situation:

Student applied for and received a one-year study permit for a program staring in January 2024. Study permit is issued January – November 2024 (duration of program + 90 days). With the November 1 PGWP eligibility changes regarding "field of study requirements" the completed program of study does not appear on the PGWP eligible program (CIP) list. However, because the student applied for the study permit prior to November 1, 2024, he IS PGWP on that program without having to meet the field of study requirements. This student chose to start a second, one-year program in January 2025 that IS on the PGWP eligible (CIP) list, and needed to apply for a study permit extension in order to do this. Our understanding based on the PDI is if the student applied for the study permit extension before November 1, 2024, he would still be eligible for a 3-year PGWP based on program stacking. **However, what about if student applied for a study permit extension for the second program after November 1, 2024? Based on the PDI, does this mean the first program is not going to be counted in the program stacking? To clarify:**

	First Program (not on CIP list but SP was applied for an issued prior to Nov 1, 2024)	**PGWP Eligible on First Program**	**Date Applied for SP extension for second, one-year program (on CIP List)**	**PGWP For Both Programs (Program Stacking)**	**Rationale**
Student A	January 2024-August 2024	Yes	October 1, 2024	Yes	Both programs are eligible as student applied for both initial and subsequent SP before Nov 1, 2024.
Student B	January 2024-August 2024	Yes	November 15,	?	We believe student should be eligible on both programs as the first program does not need to be on CIP list (as prior to Nov 1, 2024), but does the date extension submitted (after Nov 1, 2024) mean IRCC will only consider second program (which is on CIP list) based on the example in PDI?

Clarification regarding this matter would be greatly appreciated, as this is a very common scenario at colleges.

Sincerely,

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