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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:

Question 1: If the first program does not meet the Field of Study requirement, but it was completed within the duration of student's initial study permit, and the student applied for an extension after that to start a new program, will the first program be considered on the PGWP length?

RESPONSE: Each program will be assessed separately against the field of study requirements. Please note that all graduates of bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctoral degree programs, as well as graduates from PGWP-eligible flight schools, are exempt from the field of study requirement.
For the first program, since the student applied for their corresponding study permit **before** November 1, 2024, this program would not need to meet the field of study requirements to count towards their PGWP.
If the student applies **on or after** November 1, 2024 to start a **different program**, this program would need to meet the field of study requirements to count towards the length of their PGWP.
If the student applies for a study permit **on or after** November 1, 2024 to complete the **same program of study** as their initial study permit, then the program does not need to meet the field of study requirement.

Question 2: If the student complete 2 programs that do not meet the Field of Study requirement, but he completes within the duration of the initial study permit, will both programs be considered on the PGWP length?

RESPONSE: If a student completes 2 programs using a study permit that they applied for **before** November 1, 2024, then neither program needs to meet the field of study requirement to count towards the PGWP length.

Question 3: If a student informed IRCC about the change of DLI's before November 1, are they covered by this exception, as IRCC received the information about the change of program before the cutoff date?

RESPONSE: The field of study requirement is applicable to a program based on the study permit application date and level of study. If the student applies for a study permit **on or after** November 1, 2024 for a **new program**, then it would be subject to the field of study requirement. Graduates of bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctoral degree programs, as well as graduates from PGWP-eligible flight schools, are exempt from the field of study requirement.

For more information, please consult the following webpage: 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

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Hi

I hope this email finds you well.

I am reading the Operational instructions and guidelines for **post-graduation work permit (PGWP) [R205(c) - C43] – International Mobility Program** and I have questions about the Program stacking.

On this document there are 3 examples for study permits obtained on or after November 1, 2024, I would like to inquire about students who applied for the initial Study Permit before November 1, 2024

If this student completed the first program and starts a new program after it:

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Question 2: If the student complete 2 programs that do not meet the Field of Study requirement, but he completes within the duration of the initial study permit, will both programs be considered on the PGWP length?

Second question:
When talking about Field of Study requirement, there is an **Exemption note:** For study permit extension applications used to complete the same program of study as the study permit application made before November 1, 2024, there is no field-of-study requirement for the PGWP.

Question 3: If a student informed IRCC about the change of DLI's before November 1, are they covered by this exception, as IRCC received the information about the change of program before the cutoff date?

Looking forward for your response,

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