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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
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To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: PGWP duration under the new rules - REP-A-2025-0799 -Due 22-Apr-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:

Question 1: Does the requirement for "eligible field of study" applies to this case, provided that the student was in possession of a study permit prior to Nov 1, 2024, but applied for an extension of this study permit on November 15, 2024, to enroll in a second program?

RESPONSE: Each program is 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.
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 to be considered a PGWP-eligible program.
If the student applies for a study permit **on or after** November 1, 2024 to start a **different program**, this program **must** meet the field of study requirements to be considered a PGWP-eligible program.

Question 2: Assuming that the second program of study is in a PGWP-eligible field, but the first one wouldn't be (especially since this requirement did not exist when they applied for and was granted the first study permit), what would be the duration of their PGWP? The accumulated duration of the two programs? Only the duration equivalent to the second one?

RESPONSE: To qualify for program stacking in relation to PGWP duration, **both** PGWP-eligible programs must

- * be a minimum of 8 months in duration and
- * be completed at a PGWP-eligible DLI within 2 years of the completion of the first program.

If both programs are PGWP-eligible (including meeting field of study requirements, if applicable) and the above criteria are met, the duration of the PGWP could be based on the duration of both programs.

For more information, please consult the following webpages:

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- * Work or live in Canada after you graduate - Canada.ca
- * Post-graduation work permit (PGWP) [R205(c) - C43] – International Mobility Program - Canada.ca

We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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[redacted] or Madams:

Situation:

- * International student with a valid study permit issued before Nov 1, 2024, to enroll in a one-year program of study.
- * On Nov 15, 2024, they applied for a study permit extension to enroll in a second program of study, which also has a duration of one year.
- * This extension has been approved and the student would complete his second program of study on or about April 2026.
- * Emphasis on the fact that the second program of study is not a continuation of the first one. The student completed the first one and will be studying an additional program for which they have been granted a study permit extension.

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Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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