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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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This requirement applies to the validity of the principal applicant's work permit.

The principal foreign worker must hold a work permit valid for sixteen months or longer, or has been approved for a work permit for sixteen months or longer, at the time that the family member's open work permit application under this category was received by IRCC.
Please refer to the following instructions Spouses or common-law partners of foreign nationals authorized to work in high-skilled occupations TEER 0 or 1, or select occupations TEER 2 or 3 – [R205(c)(ii) – C41] > Eligibility
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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 12 mars 2025 00:38
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : Spousal open work permit

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Dear Officer,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am emailing to get clarification on eligibility requirements for spouses of high-skilled workers. On the Who can apply page, under Principal Applicant Requirements, one of the requirements is:

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*Your work permit or authorized work must be valid for at **least** 16 months **after** we receive your spouse or common law partner's open work permit application.*

Could you clarity if this requirement applies just to the validity of the principal applicant's work permit, or if their job offers must also be for a minimum of 16 months? Specifically, in the case of PGWP holders employed in a high-skilled occupation, does their job offer need to be at least 16 months, or is it sufficient that their work permit meets the 16 months duration requirement?

[redacted] t[redacted]e to [redacted] this clarification.

Best regards,