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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.
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Please note that the Updated temporary public policy for nationals of Iran in Canada as temporary residents (TPP) does not define whether 'arrived in Canada' refers to the foreign national's original entry date or their last entry date to Canada. However, this TPP is intended to support Iranian nationals who were in Canada with valid temporary resident status on or before February 28, 2025 (the date that the previous TPP ended), and who have maintained their temporary resident status.

An individual applying for a work permit, a work permit renewal, or for a study permit under this TPP must be in Canada at the time of application and when a decision is rendered. However, applicants may leave Canada while their application is pending, or between applications. Continuous physical presence in Canada is not required to maintain eligibility. In addition to any supporting documents provided by the client with their application, IRCC leverages the Entry/Exit Program with the Canada Border Services Agency to confirm whether clients meet the eligibility criteria of the public policy.

Please note: A foreign national who leaves Canada no longer holds valid temporary resident status and must present themselves at the port of entry where a decision will be made whether to permit re-entry as a temporary resident. Visa-required foreign nationals who leave Canada and wish to come back must hold a valid temporary resident visa to be able to travel back to Canada.

For details on how to apply, please see : Situation in Iran: Temporary immigration, passport and citizenship measures - Canada.ca.

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Hello,

I am an RCIC . I am writing to seek clarification regarding the eligibility criteria for the special measures for Iranians, as outlined on the following page: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/iran.html

I would like to confirm the meaning of the term **"arrived in Canada"** in the context of these special measures. Does this refer to:

1. 1. The **original date of entry** into Canada (the first time the individual entered Canada), or
2. 2. The **most recent entry** into Canada (for example, after a temporary trip abroad)?

Thank you in advance for your guidance and support.

Sincere regards,