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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
Sent: Fri, 28 Mar 2025 12:40:44
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Validity of visitor record - REP-2025-0526 - Due 13-03-2025
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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 received:

A foreign national holds a valid visitor record in Canada with expiry date on 31 July 2026. Assuming the foreign national left Canada on 1 January 2025, returned on 1 February 2025 and will continue meeting conditions and requirement of the visitor record:

1. Will the foreign national continue to have valid status in Canada till the visitor record expires on 31 July 2026? **OR**
2. The visitor record is considered no longer valid once the foreign national leaves Canada?

Approved response:

The Visitor Record (VR) itself is not covered in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA) or the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations* (IRPR), and is not valid for re-entry. As per R183(4)(a), once a foreign national leaves Canada, their temporary resident status ends.

Upon arrival at a port of entry (POE), and as per R185, the border services officer (BSO) has the discretion to either:

1 – grant entry to the validity of the VR (if it is still valid),

2 – grant entry for any other length of stay, or

3 – deny entry

We trust that this information will assist you.

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Sent: [redacted] 12, 2025 11:50 PM
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Subject: Validity of visitor record

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Your kind clarification and information on this would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,