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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Fri, 28 Mar 2025 17:53:04
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Clarification on entry in canada from USA and TRV stamping from inside canada - REP-2025-0105- Due 7-Feb-25
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:

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(physically staying inside Canada and applied online under section 197 or study permit from outside Canada imm1294).

And if such applicants hold a valid B1/B2 visa, can they go to the states and while returning (via land border POE or airport POE) present themselves to Canada immigration (considering they hold a valid TRV) for the examination and issuance of study or work permit (considering they already have in principle approval for the work/study authorization)? This scenario will also be considered under flag poling or a new entry?

Also, if approved under section 197 (physically being inside Canada), can they send passport to inside Canada office (if applicant is from visa required country and previous TRV is Expired) for TRV stamp or it has to be from outside Canada office?

Answer:

If a client has applied for a work permit or study permit using the outside of Canada process, they may receive a letter [redacted] letter [redacted] Letter [redacted] (LOI) and requires the client to present themselves for examination upon entry to Canada to demonstrate they still meet the requirements of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act,* its Regulations and any other Canadian legislation.

As announced by the Government of Canada as part of Canada's Border Plan, clients who have received the Letter of Introduction (LOI) while inside Canada cannot flagpole to receive their permit. Clients must leave and re-enter Canada from a country other than United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon to activate their permit.

Clients who hold a valid B1/B2 visa are not exempt and would be flagpoling upon returning to Canada after a visit to the United States.

Clients returning from a country other than the United States, or St. Pierre and Miquelon would not be defined as flagpolers.

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Immigration offices inside Canada can only prints visas for those who are eligible to apply for a visa from within Canada. Meaning, current study permit and work permit holders. A visa does not grant status in Canada – it just allows the holder to travel. https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/apply-new-temporary-resident-visa-within-canada.html

For more information, please see: Ending flagpoling for work and study permits at the border - Canada.ca.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 12 janvier 2025 14:48
À : Immigration Representa[redacted]mmigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Objet : Clarification on ent[redacted]SA and TRV stamping from inside canada

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