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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Mon, 31 Mar 2025 14:32:24
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: 2025-02 - Work permit at POE for applicants entering Canada- REP-2025-0079- Due 6-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] **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.

Situation:
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Applicant received a Valid LMIA from Canadian employer now

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https://www.canada.ca/en/border-services-agency/news/2024/12/ending-flagpoling-for-work-and-study-permits-at-the-border.html

Question:

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Answer:

CBSA ports of entry are no longer receiving applications from flagpolers. Flagpoling is defined as when foreign nationals, who hold temporary resident status in Canada, leave Canada and after a visit to the United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon, re-enter for the purpose of obtaining immigration services at a port of entry including work and study permits.

As a result, a foreign national seeking a work permit at a port of entry after a visit to the U.S or St. Pierre and Miquelon may not be able to apply for a work permit if they have valid visitor authorization in Canada from a previous visit.

If the client is returning from a country other than the United States, or St. Pierre and Miquelon then they would not be defined as

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flagpolers. This includes foreign nationals who return to Canada by transiting, via airplane, through the United States, or St. Pierre and Miquelon.

Foreign nationals who transit the United States, or St. Pierre and Miquelon via any other modes (i.e. land or marine) would still be considered flagpolers and would not be eligible to receive immigration services on entry.

For reference: Work permit: Who can apply - Canada.ca.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoye : 9 janvier 2025 14:21
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Objet : 2025-02 - Work permit at POE for applicants entering Canada

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