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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Mon, 3 Feb 2025 12:52:34
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: PGWP: College eligibility if completed 1 + 1 - REP-2024-2445 -- REP-2025-0099- Due 7-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None
Attachments:

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:
Could you please clarify the following? If an applicant applied for a study permit for Program A, which was PGWP-eligible, before November 1, and later obtained the permit but switched to a non-PGWP-eligible program, my understanding is that the PGWP program requirements would not apply. This is because the key factor is the date the study permit application was submitted, rather than the start date of the study program. Is this interpretation correct?

Suggested Response:
Please consider the information provided as general program guidance and not a directive for case-specific enquires.

The field of study requirement is applicable depending on the student's level of study and when they applied for their study permit. As such, if a student is authorized to study in a program with a study permit that they applied for before November 1, 2024, then there are no field of study requirements when applying for PGWP.

Please note that all PGWP applications (except those from flight school graduates) submitted **on or after November 1, 2024** must comply with the new language requirements, regardless of when the student applied for their study permit or when they started their program of study.

For more information, please visit Work in Canada after you graduate - Who can apply.

We hope this information is of assistance.

Sincerely,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Envoyé : 10 janvier 2025 18:09
: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration [redacted]
Objet : Re: PGWP: College eligibility if completed 1 + 1 - REP-2024-2445 - Due 30-Dec-24

Hi,

Could you please clarify the following? If an applicant applied for a study permit for Program A, which was PGWP-eligible, before November 1, and later obtained the permit but switched to a non-PGWP-eligible program, my understanding is that the PGWP program requirements would not apply. This is because the key factor is the date the study permit application was submitted, rather than the start date of the study program. Is this interpretation correct?

Best,

On Mon, Dec 23, 2024 at 5:32 'a0AM Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted] wrote:

> Good day,
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> [redacted] regarding the field of study for college graduates.
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> Eligibility requirements based on study program can be found under the section *Special cases* and also under the section *Eligibility requirements based on study program* on the following link: Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca
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> Where an applicant applies for a second study permit on or after November 1, 2024:
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> - * If the application is to extend their authorization to study in Canada under the **same program** as the study permit they applied for before November 1, 2024, then they do not need to meet the field of study requirement.
> - * If the application is to extend their authorization to study in Canada under a **different program of study** than the study permit they applied for before November 1, 2024, then their study permit application must meet the field of study requirements applicable to their study program to be eligible for a PGWP.
>
> You will also find useful information in the section *How long is a post-graduation work permit valid? a*t the following link: Work in Canada after you graduate: About the post-graduation work permit - Canada.ca
>
> General guidance on field of study can be found in the section *How to use CIP codes and titles* at the following link: Work in

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Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca The Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) is used to classify post-secondary education programs according to field of study in Canada.

Please [redacted] that [redacted] from [redacted] DLI [redacted] for [redacted] all designated learning institutions and not all programs of study make a student eligible for the Post-Graduation Work Permit [redacted] the DLI list to [redacted] programs.

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

Thank you,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 29 novembre 2024 09:52
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Objet : PGWP: College eligibility if completed 1 + 1

Hi IMMREP,

The Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) program has specific rules regarding the field of study for college graduates. How are these rules applied if an applicant has applied for more than one study permit? For example, suppose someone first applied for a study permit on October 5, 2024, for a PGWP-eligible program, and then applied for another study permit in December 2024 for a non-PGWP-eligible program. How does this affect the application of PGWP rules in their case?

Field of study requirement:

If you submitted your **study permit** application before November 1, 2024, there are no field of study requirements.

If you submitted your **study permit** application on or after November 1, 2024, you must have graduated in an eligible field of study.

Best,