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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Tue, 1 Apr 2025 14:24:59
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Request for Policy Clarification – Holding Valid Work Permit and Visitor Record Simultaneously - REP-2025-0582 - Due 19-03-2025
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.

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Response # 1 :

If the applicant submits a work permit extension before it expires and was approved first, the applicant is authorized to work under the valid work permit. The visitor record does not override the work permit status. A visitor record has nothing to do with the work permit, but once the work permit expires, they have status as a visitor until it says they must leave. Those who changed their status to "visitor" are no longer eligible to apply from inside Canada.

Response # 2.

As long as the applicant submitted their work permit extension in Canada before it expires even when the visitor record application is approved first, they are on maintained status until a decision is made and applicant is eligible to work.

However, if a work permit receives a refusal, the applicant is no longer eligible to apply for a work permit from inside Canada, but they can still remain to stay in Canada as a visitor. Applying for a Visitor Record does not allow you to continue working after your work permit expires. The visitor record is a status document that provides proof of temporary resident status while in Canada and is not a travel document.

he applicant can hold both a valid work permit and a valid visitor record at the same time. A visitor record allows applicant to remain legally in Canada, while a valid work permit allows you to continue working provided they are eligible to work.

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- I applied for a new work permit. Can I stay in Canada if my work permit expires?
- Can I hold 2 valid work permits at the same time? (canada.ca)
- Work permit: Who can apply - Canada.ca
- Canada ends temporary public policy allowing visitors to apply for work permits from within the country - Canada.ca

We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 18, 2025 9:11 PM
[redacted]
Subject: Request for Policy Clarification – Holding Valid Work Permit and Visitor Record Simultaneously

Hi,

I am seeking clarification regarding the status implications of holding both a valid work permit and a visitor record simultaneously. Specifically, in cases where an applicant applies for a work permit extension while also submitting a visitor record application as a precautionary measure (in case of a work permit refusal), I would like to understand how approvals in different sequences impact the applicant's status and ability to work.

The following scenarios require clarification:

1. **Work Permit Approved Before Visitor Record**: If the work permit extension is approved first and the visitor record is approved later, does the visitor record override the applicant's work status? Would the applicant still be authorized to work under the valid work permit?
2. **Work Permit Approved After Visitor Record:** If the visitor record is approved first and the work permit extension is approved later, does the work permit override the visitor status? Would the applicant automatically transition back to worker status?

Additionally, under both scenarios, if an applicant holds both a valid work permit and a valid visitor record at the same time, are they eligible to work?

I appreciate your guidance on this matter. [redacted] and assistance.

Sincerely,

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