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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 2 Apr 2025 14:49:38
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Personal Loan while on Leave- Client unable to work and applying for restoration - REP-2025-0527 - Due 14-03-2025
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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This falls outside IRCC purview since the matter is between the employer and the foreign national.

Work is any activity that you are paid to do, or you are not paid to do but is a job that:

- you would usually be paid for, or
- would be a valuable work experience for a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (for example, an unpaid intern).

https://ircc.canada.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=1288&top=17

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 13, 2025 11:58 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Subject: Personal Loan while on Leave- Client unable to work and applying for restoration

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A client has received a denial of his work permit extension application. As the original work permit has already expired, he can not work.

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The client will apply for restoration and he has informed his employer of the issue.

The employer has placed the client on unpaid personal leave and the employer has offered a personal loan to support the client while he waits for a new work permit.

Could you please confirm if a personal loan received from the employer may create any issues? We have reviewed the following definition of work:

"Work" is defined in the Regulations as an activity for which wages are paid or commission is earned, or that competes directly with activities of Canadian citizens or permanent residents in the Canadian labour market.

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/foreign-workers/what-is-work.html

At this moment, the client is not receiving any salary or commissions and he will need to return the money received as a loan.

Thanks a lot for your feedback.