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From: [redacted] Representatives / Représentants [redacted] (I[redacted]
Sent: Thu, 3 Apr 2025 13:54:56
To
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Clarification regarding work authorization - REP-2025-0644 - Due 21-03-2025
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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If the new program of study starts more than 150 calendar days after the first date they receive written confirmation of program completion from their current institution, the student is eligible to work off campus **only during the first 150 consecutive days** after the first date they receive written confirmation of program completion. They should then either apply to change their status to worker or visitor or leave Canada until their new program commences.

Students who have applied to extend their stay in Canada as a student are required to cease working if their study permit application is refused.

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 21, 2025 8:13 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]IRCC@[redacted]
Subject: Clarification regarding work authorization

Good day, and I hope this email finds you well.

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My name and I am one of the international student adviso1

My question is: Can a student who has received a completion letter from their 1st program, and has also received an acceptance letter to their 2nd program work full-time off-campus **for the first 150 days**, if their 2nd program starts longer than 150 days from the completion of their first program? In this question, we are assuming the student meets all other requirements to work off-campus, and it is only the 150 day gap that is in question.

- From this link it states: *".....If the new program of study starts more than 150 calendar days after the first date they receive written confirmation of program completion from their current institution,* ***the student is eligible to work off campus only during the first 150 consecutive days after the first date they receive written confirmation of program completion****. They should then either apply to change their status (for instance, change it into visitor status) or leave Canada until their new program commences"*

- On the other hand, from this link it states that: *if you're starting a new program, you can work full-time* ***if you will start your new program within 150 calendar days of receiving the confirmation that you completed your previous program.***

Please let me know which of these two links is accurate.

Kind Regards