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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.

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Please note the PGWP webpages have been recently changed: Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca

**Field of study requirement:**

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

If you submitted your study permit application before November 1, 2024 you **don't** need to meet the field of study requirements.

The onus is on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements. If the applicant changed programs from what they initially applied for, IRCC recommends that they submit proof as to what date the change occurred.

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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**Subject:** Clarification on PGWP Eligibility for Study Permit Extension Exemption

Good day,

I hope you are doing well. I am reaching out as a RCIC to seek clarification on the interpretation of the study permit extension exemption for PGWP eligibility.

The IRCC manual states:

"For study permit extension applications used to complete the same program of study as the study permit application made before November 1, 2024, there is no field-of-study requirement for the PGWP."

Could you please clarify how IRCC defines "**same program of study**" in this context? Specifically:

1. Does the program need to remain the same in **both field of study and length** to qualify under the exemption?

2. Or is maintaining the **same field of study** sufficient for the program to be considered the same?

3. If a student transitions from a **certificate to a diploma** within the same field of study, would this be treated as the same program of study for the purposes of PGWP eligibility under this exemption?

Your clarification on this matter would be greatly appreciated. [redacted] and assistance.

Best regards,