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Foreign nationals may enter Canada or remain in Canada without a study permit to attend a course or program of study of 6 months' duration or less [R188(1)(c)]. This exemption helps to facilitate access to short-term courses, regardless of their subject matter. The course or program of study may be part-time or full-time and **should be completed within the period authorized upon entry** (that is, up to 6 months). For more information, please consult: Study permits: Who needs a study permit - Canada.ca.

It is possible the applicant may benefit from the following Public Policy - Temporary public policy to allow foreign nationals with valid work permits to study without a study permit - Canada.ca

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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I have a question regarding study permit requirements for work permit holders (including PGWP holders). Under IRPR 188(1)(c), a foreign national does not require a study permit for a course or program less than six months in duration, provided it is "completed within the period for their stay authorized upon entry into Canada."

Does this mean a PGWP holder can complete a 4-5 month course because they remain authorized to stay in Canada since their initial entry?

Additionally, work permit conditions often state:
"Unless authorized, prohibited from attending any educational institution, or taking an academic, professional, or vocational training course."

Does this mean a work permit holder cannot take any short-term course (less than six months) without a study permit? Or does it only prohibit academic, professional, or vocational training unless they obtain a study permit first?

Could you please clarify how IRPR 188(1)(c) applies in this context?

Thank you.