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Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Inquiry Regarding Work Permit Application Process for Foreign Nationals on Visitor Visa - REP-2025-0017-Due 31-Jan-25
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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:
Question:
As I understand, most foreign nationals currently in Canada on a visitor visa are no longer eligible to apply for a work permit at the POE, effective immediately. In this context, I would appreciate your guidance on the following:

1. 1. **Work Permit Application Process**:
    0. 0. Can a foreign national who is currently in Canada on a visitor visa apply for a work permit **online** using the **GCKey** portal?

2. 2. **Inland Applications**:
    0. 0. Is it still possible for foreign nationals to apply for a work permit **inside Canada** using **IMM5710** (Application to Change [redacted] Canada [redacted] Worker), [redacted] was [redacted] under the temporary public policy?
    1. 1. If this option is no longer available, how should foreign nationals apply for a work permit from inside Canada? Are there any alternative pathways or steps they must follow to be eligible for a work permit application?

3. 3. **Additional Information**:

Are there any specific instructions or updated guidelines that foreign nationals and immigration consultants should follow when submitting work permit applications under the current policy?

Answer:

1. 1. A person who is currently a visitor with legal status in Canada is not eligible to apply for a work permit from within Canada. If a visitor would like to apply for a work permit, they can do so from outside of Canada.

2. 2. The temporary public policy allowing visitors to apply for a work permit from within Canada has ended. Canada ends temporary public policy allowing visitors to apply for work permits from within the country - Canada.ca. You can only apply for a work permit from inside Canada if:

- * you have a valid study or work permit;
- * your spouse, common-law partner or parents have a valid study or work permit;
- * you're eligible for a post-graduation work permit and your study permit is still valid;
- * you have a temporary resident permit that is valid for six months or more;
- * you're waiting on a decision on an application for permanent residence from inside Canada;
- * you made a claim for refugee protection;

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- * you've been recognized as a convention refugee or protected person by the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada;
- * you're allowed to work in Canada without a work permit but you need a work permit to work in a different job (this does not apply to business visitors); or
- * you're a trader, investor, intra-company transferee or professional under the Canada – United States – Mexico Agreement (CUSMA).

3. 3. Additional information:
   - * Ending flagpoling for work and study permits at the border - Canada.ca
   - * Work permit: Who can apply - Canada.ca.
   - * Work permit: How to apply - Canada.ca

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De : [redacted]
Envoyé : 3 janvier 2025 15:45
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Objet : Inquiry Regarding Work Permit Application Process for Foreign Nationals on Visitor Visa

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I [redacted] this message [redacted] you [redacted], [redacted] Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC) with license numbe[redacted] I am reaching out to seek clarification regarding the recent changes to the eligibility criteria for foreign nationals in Canada to apply for a work permit at a port of entry (POE).
As I understand, most foreign nationals currently in Canada on a visitor visa are no longer eligible to apply for a work permit at the POE, effective immediately. In this context, I would appreciate your guidance on the following:

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Your assistance in clarifying these questions would be greatly appreciated to ensure I provide my clients with accurate and up-to-date information.
[redacted] support. I [redacted] to your response.
Warm regards,