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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Thu, 3 Apr 2025 18:52:10
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Work eligibility after applying for PGWP--REP-2022-2023--- REP-2024-2666 - Due 22-Jan-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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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If the applicant is applying from outside Canada, the applicant would no longer have status in Canada and therefore would have to wait for their PGWP to be approved and then they would return to Canada to obtain their permit.

For more information, please visit Post-graduation work permit (PGWP) [R205(c) - C43] – International Mobility Program - Canada.ca.

Please note: If you're in Canada when you get your POE letter of introduction, you must leave the country to activate your study permit. You may not be able to activate your study permit if you re-enter from the U.S. or Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon.

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 19 décembre 2024 16:12
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : Fw: Work eligibility after applying for PGWP--REP-2022-2023--

Greetings from

I am leading a team of International Immigration Student Advisers at (my license

Could you please advise if the below stated interpretation of R186 (W) still applies with respect to the work authorization in case of outside of Canada PGWP application:

Assuming all eligibility requirements are met, R186(w) applies regardless of where the application was submitted. This help desk page provides more information on re-entering Canada while a PGWP application is being processed. However, unlike for in-Canada applications, an interim proof of work authorization is not automatically issued. Please

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refer to this help desk page on the topic. If an applicant requires a proof of work authorization letter they can request one using the web form, as mentioned on that page.

This appears to be widely disputed and advising provided by different educational institutions across Canada varies.

Thank you for clarifying this for us,

From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Sent: [redacted] 16, 2022 9:18 AM
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Subject: RE: Work eligibility after applying for PGWP--REP-2022-2023--

Hello,

Apologies for the delay in responding. Assuming all eligibility requirements are met, [redacted] applies regardless of where the application was submitted. This help desk page provides more information on re-entering Canada while a PGWP application is being processed. However, unlike for in-Canada applications, an interim proof of work authorization is not automatically issued. Please refer to this help desk page on the topic. If an applicant requires a proof of work authorization letter they can request one using the web form, as mentioned on that page.

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From:
Sent: September 20, 2022 3:52 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]IRCC@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: Work eligibility after applying for PGWP

Hello IRCC Representatives Mailbox team,

This account is managed by a team of RCICs and RISIAs.

We've been grappling with a question that we could use your insight on.

While we are aware that students that meet the eligibility criteria (outlined on the public-facing portion of the site and the PDIs) are allowed to work while waiting for the PGWP to be processed, and that the right continues if they apply in Canada and then travel internationaly, we are not clear on whether the right to work is granted to those who apply for their PGWP outside Canada.

Since IRPR 186 (w) doesn't limit authorization to work without a work permit to those applying from a certain location, the implication is that it applies regardless of where the application is submitted. That said, we have received feedback that students applying for their PGWP outside Canada do not receive the interim proof of work letter. The PDI states (**emphasis** is mine):

> "[redacted]ru[redacted]l, after [redacted] the TR [redacted] of [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] **rules, and if all rules exist**, a second letter (IMM 0127 E – WP-EXT for PGWP) indicating the authorization to work under paragraph R186(w) is sent automatically."

Is it possible that the GCMS rules require an in-Canada application? If so, does that mean IRCC's opinion is that work while waiting for an outside Canada PGWP application is not authorized by R186(w) despite its wording?

Best regards,