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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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Students who have completed their studies on maintained status under R189 are eligible to apply for a PGWP, as long as they meet the other eligibility requirements. Please note that the current regulation only allows applicants to apply for a PGWP in Canada if their study permit is still valid (not expired) or if they meet one of the other requirements of section R199 at the time they submit their application.

If an applicant is eligible for a PGWP and they don't hold a valid study permit, they are eligible to apply from outside Canada.

\sb240An applicant can work full-time until we make a decision on their work permit application if they

- had a valid study permit at the time **they submitted their application**
- completed their study program
- were eligible to work off campus without a work permit while studying and they didn't work more hours than they were allowed to.

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

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Sent: [redacted] 19, 2025 2:28 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]ic.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Clarification on PGWP Application and Work Eligibility with Expired Study Permit

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I am a lawyer in good standing with the I (I hope this message finds you well.

I am seeking clarification regarding the eligibility to apply for a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) for cases where an individuals study permit has expired and they are awaiting adjudication of their study permit extension and receipt of their school completion letter. Specifically, I would like to know:

1. Is an individual eligible to file a post-graduate work permit (PGWP) application while in maintained status and within 180 days after their study permit expires?;
2. If yes, can an individual continue to work (part/full-time) once their (study permit) extension application is adjudicated, despite it being approved **after** the PGWP application is filed;
    1. If not, would an individual need to wait for the PGWP to be approved in order to begin working?

Your guidance on this matter would be greatly appreciated. [redacted]

Best,