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From: [redacted] Representatives / Représentants [redacted] (I[redacted]
Sent: Thu, 3 Apr 2025 19:06:50
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Clarification on Canadian Work Experience and Online Overseas Studies - REP-A-2025-0779 -Due 8-Apr-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.

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Requirements for Canadian work experience for the purposes of Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) are described in section 15 of the Ministerial Instructions respecting the Express Entry system.

Please note that a period of distance learning that does not require an in-Canada portion of the course or program, such as an online degree at a foreign educational institution, is not considered "study" for the purposes of paragraph 15(7)(a). As such, full-time or part-time foreign distance learning is not applicable when calculating Canadian work experience.

Canadian work experience, therefore, may be accumulated while full-time studying online for degree from a foreign county.

Please be advised that the assessment of an application is conducted on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the specific circumstances and the supporting documentation available to the officer. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate that they meet the requirements.

We trust that this information will be of assistance to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 26, 2025 12:23 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]IRCC[redacted]
Subject: Re: Clarification on Canadian Work Experience and Online Overseas Studies

Dear Sir or Madam,

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I am seeking clarification about the CRS score. Assume that an applicant who worked full-time in Canada while studying full-time online for a U.S. degree.

The ministerial instruction states that Canadian work experience gained while studying full-time does not count toward the CRS score. Would this restriction apply to full-time online studies for a degree from an overseas institution?

Additionally, how is full-time or part-time status determined for an online degree from a foreign country?

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Best regards,