Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada
Information disclosed under the Access to Information Act
L'information divulguée en vertu de la loi sur l'accès à l'information

Archived: June 3, 2025 8:45:20 AM
From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Thu, 3 Apr 2025 19:10:42
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Interim Working Authorization Clarity for PGWP Extension of 2022 - REP-2025-0528 - Due 28-03-2025
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] **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.

***

Upon further review of your request, we identified that it may in reference to the *Temporary public policy to facilitate the issuance of an open work permit to certain former or current post-graduation work permit holders* that was signed on April 14, 2022.

If this is correct, the application of the public policy would have been different from the previous response provided to your question. Please note that we are unable to provide case specific information.

However, in general, it is important to note that **status and authorization are two separate things under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and its regulations**.

The email notice providing the interim work authorization (IWA) under the 2022 public policy would have only allowed the individual to work at the time until the expiration date on the letter. Please note that it does not restore legal temporary resident status if the person's status expired. It was intended to ensure that those with expired and expiring post-graduation work permits could work while they waited for an updated or new open work permit.

Generally, once a refusal letter for a work permit is received, foreign nationals are no longer authorized to work under R186(u) and are advised of this in the refusal letter, however the PGWP public policy provided a separate authorization to work independent of R186(u).

\sb240If the individual's work permit application was refused, the individual would be considered out of status, and they must have applied to restore their status.

For more information, please consult: New measures for foreign nationals with expired or expiring post-graduation work permits and applicants to the temporary resident to permanent resident pathways - Canada.ca.

***

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada
Information disclosed under the Access to Information Act
L'information divulguée en vertu de la loi sur l'accès à l'information

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 13, 2025 1:05 PM
To: Immigration Representatives [redacted] Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
Representantsimmigration.IRC[redacted]
Subject: Interim Working Authorization Clarity for PGWP Extension of 2022

[redacted]

I [redacted] received [redacted] response to [redacted] email about the P[redacted] [redacted] a l[redacted] [redacted] this response:
https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/after-you-apply.html

[redacted] information.

This link states that the information above for the interim working authorization is for a 180-day period.

The situation I am dealing with is a bit different. The situation I have is for a candidate who received his letter for a PGWP Extension with the Interim Working Authorization on August 10, 2022, and the Interim Working Authorization was valid until May 31, 2023, as stated in the letter. This is a duration of 294 days.

The topic I am investigating is the PWGP Extensions that were emailed to candidates in 2022 and lasted until 2023. Online it states the following for what I believe is the same program but a different year:

"The [interim working authorization] authorizes holders to begin or continue working in Canada until May 31, 2024, while they apply for a new open work permit under the public policy and await a decision on the application."

Link: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/foreign-workers/pgwp.html

I am wondering if there is another website/link that indicates that if a refusal has occurred on the application for a PGWP Extension in 2022-2023, this interim working authorization would cease and the candidate would enter restoration. You stated the candidate would enter restoration in your previous email, which helps and is appreciated, but the link provided isn't for the exact same program. The purpose stated in the quote above supports the notion that the candidate would enter restoration if their PGWP Extension application is refused but does not directly state that.

If there is a link that provides this information, I would greatly appreciate it.

--

[redacted]

Yours truly,

Page 1936

is withheld pursuant to section

est retenue en vertu de l'article

19(1)

of the Access to Information Act

de la Loi sur l'acces a l'information