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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Thu, 3 Apr 2025 19:18:03
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Subject: Request for Consideration to Reopen or Extend Applications for Open Work Permits (Foreign Workers with Provincial or Territorial Support Letters) - REP-2025-0674 -Due 24-03-2025
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.

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[redacted] your [redacted] open work permit application refusals.

As you may know, immigration officers have the authority to refuse applications if required documentation is not provided. Each application category has specific requirements that must be met for a decision to be made. The burden of proof rests with the applicant, who must demonstrate that they meet all criteria. While our team is unable to fulfill the reconsideration request directly, we encourage you to utilize the IRCC web form to submit your request for reconsideration. This will allow the processing office to evaluate each client's unique situation.

I also recommend visiting our website, where we provide helpful information about decision-making processes, and an overview of refusals for temporary residents.

We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 24, 2025 8:42 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: Subject: Request for Consideration to Reopen or Extend Applications for Open Work Permits (Foreign Workers with Provincial or Territorial Support Letters)

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I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to respectfully bring attention to a matter that has impacted lots of applicants for the "Open Work Permit for Foreign Workers with a Support Letter from a Province or Territory," a policy that closed in December 2024.

As an immigration consultant, I have assisted numerous qualified applicants in submitting their applications under this program, only to find that a significant number of them were refused due to the failure to provide the IMM 5707 family information form. **While this form is indeed a required document, I believe that its omission does not undermine or disqualify the applicant's overall eligibility for the program, particularly when all other criteria have been met.**

Unfortunately, due to the closure of this policy, these applicants now face the unfortunate situation of losing their status and [redacted] to [redacted] these [redacted] legitimate, well-documented cases for the open work permit, and their failure to submit the IMM 5707 form was either a simple oversight or a misunderstanding regarding its significance.

In light of this, I would like to respectfully request that IRCC provide applicants who were refused for this reason with an opportunity to supplement the IMM 5707 form. This form, while required, should not be seen as a disqualifying factor when the applicant otherwise meets all necessary qualifications. A pathway for supplementing this missing documentation would ensure that these individuals are not unfairly penalized for a technical omission.

Additionally, I kindly request that IRCC consider reopening these cases or extending the policy in a way that would allow applicants to restore their status or rectify the missing documentation. This will not only prevent unnecessary disruption for individuals and families but will also demonstrate a fair approach to handling minor procedural issues in light of the overall eligibility for the program.

[redacted] that [redacted] an [redacted] with IRCC's [redacted] to [redacted] and will help mitigate the negative impact on applicants who have otherwise complied with the policy's intent. I look forward to your favorable response and am happy to provide any additional information or clarification if needed.

Sincerely,