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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Fri, 4 Apr 2025 20:12:59
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Question - REP-2025-0462 - Due 11-Mar-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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Clients are not advised to apply for a work permit using the outside Canada process while they are physically inside Canada.

The public policy allowing visitors to apply for work permits from within Canada has ended. As a result, a person who is [redacted] with [redacted] status [redacted] Canada [redacted] not [redacted] to [redacted] for [redacted] work permit from [redacted] to apply for a work permit, they can do so from outside of Canada.

If a client has applied for a work permit using the outside of Canada process, they may receive a letter indicating they have been [redacted] letter [redacted] Letter [redacted] (LOI) [redacted] to [redacted] **entry to Canada** to demonstrate the client still meets the requirements of the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act,* its Regulations, and any other Canadian legislation.

As announced by the Government of Canada as part of Canada's Border Plan, clients who have received the Letter of Introduction (LOI) while inside Canada cannot flagpole to receive their permit.

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\ For reference:

\ Work permit: After you apply - Canada.ca.

\ Ending flagpoling for work and study permits at the border - Canada.ca.

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From:
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 2:24 PM
To: Immigration Representatives ▮ Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
Representantsimmigration.IRC[redacted]
Subject: Question

Hello,

My question is if a person is on visitor status in Canada, and does not fall under any of these categories as shown in the screenshot below. Can they apply for a work permit while staying in Canada and using the apply outside Canada application package?

* **Do any of these situations describe you? (required)**

You can apply from inside Canada if one of these applies:

- You have a valid study or work permit.
- Your spouse, common-law partner or parent has a valid study or work permit.
- You're eligible for a post-graduation work permit and your study permit is still valid.
- You or your spouse, common-law partner or parent has a temporary resident permit that is valid for 6 months or more.
- You're in Canada and waiting on a decision on an application for permanent residence for the
  - spouse and common-law partner in Canada class OR overseas family class
  - temporary resident permit holder class
- You made or will make a claim for refugee protection.
- You've been recognized as a Convention refugee or protected person by the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.
- You're allowed to work in Canada without a work permit, but you need a work permit to work in a different job (this does not apply to business visitors).
- You're a trader, investor, intra-company transferee or professional under the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA).

This is another screenshot where if you select "I'm a visitor in Canada", it shows you the option for an outside Canada application but it does not say if the applicant can stay in Canada and use the outside Canada application package and apply for a work permit.

* **Select the option that best describes you: (required)**

○ My work permit has expired, and I have no status in Canada.
◉ I'm a visitor in Canada.

You can't apply for a work permit from within Canada

▮u're not [redacted] to [redacted] for ■ work permit from ▮thin [redacted] may be eligible to apply for one from outside Canada.

To get the forms you need, tell us how you're applying and where you're applying from.

Get the application to apply from outside Canada

Next: After you apply →

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Thank you,

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