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Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: clarification on - REP-2025-0562 - Due 17-03-2025 - REP-B-2025-0201 - Due 30-Apr-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

Flagpoling occurs when foreign nationals who hold temporary resident status in Canada, leave Canada and, after a visit to the United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon, re-enter to access immigration services at a port of entry.

Clients who enter the the U.S with a vaild U.S visa and then return to Canada on a valid TRV would be considered flagpolers. As announced by the Government of Canada as part of Canada's Border Plan, work and study permits will no longer be provided to flagpolers at a port of entry, effective December 23 at 11:59 pm ET.

For more information, please see: Ending flagpoling for work and study permits at the border - Canada.ca.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Sent: [redacted] 27, 2025 12:45 PM
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Subject: Re: clarification on - REP-2025-0562 - Due 17-03-2025

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[redacted] **REP-2025-0562.** [redacted] to this response:

Would clients who enter the U.S. with a valid U.S. visa and then return to Canada (on a valid Canada TRV) after a day trip be considered flagpolers?

Regards,

[redacted].ca>

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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:

As announced by the Government of Canada as part of Canada's Border Plan, clients who have received the Port of Entry (POE) Letter of Introduction (LOI) while inside Canada cannot flagpole to receive their permit. Clients must leave and re-enter Canada from a country other than United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon to activate their permit.

Clients returning from a country other than the United States, or St. Pierre and Miquelon would not be defined as flagpolers.

For more information, please see: Ending flagpoling for work and study permits at the border - Canada.ca.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From: I
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Hope you are doing well. I want to seek a general clarification on the following guidelines from the IRCC operational manual on the PGWP application:

"outside Canada

An applicant who no longer has the ability to apply for a work permit in Canada in accordance with section R199, may submit their application electronically for processing outside of Canada under section R197. They may remain in Canada as long as they maintain their temporary resident status, or they may leave Canada and wait for a decision on their PGWP application. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria for the category and apply within the 180-day period.

> ***Note:*** *An applicant may electronically submit an application under section R197 (outside Canada)* [redacted] *their status* [redacted] *the actual work permit. However, they are* ***not eligible*** *to work, in accordance with paragraph R186(w), while waiting for a decision on their PGWP application. In addition, after receiving provisional approval, they will have to leave and re-enter Canada to be examined and issued any provisionally approved work permit."*
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> *(https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/post-graduation-work-permit-program.html#s3:~:text=port%20of%20entry.-,Outside%20Canada,Canada%20to%20be%20examined%20and%20issued%20any%20provisionally%20approved%20work%20permit.,-Eligibility)*

Question: As per the above instructions, when a client receives online approval for the WP application (s197), can they send their passport for stamping to the Canada office in case their TRV has expired and they need to leave Canada and re-enter at the POE to get the permit? Or they must leave to their home country and get it stamped form the local visa office of the home country?

Please advise.