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From: [redacted] Representatives / Représentants [redacted]
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To:
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Category-based selection - 6 month experience - REP-A-2025-0777 -Due 08-Apr-25
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Hello,

[redacted] to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives mailbox. We appreciate your patience.

Answer:

Please be advised that we are not able to answer case-specific enquiries or intervene on a decision made by a delegated officer, as we must adhere to appropriate procedures. Case-specific enquiries should be routed via the IRCC Web form.

Under the category-based selection rounds qualifying work experience must be acquired continuously over a period of at least six months (or 780 hours of work experience over a period of at least six months); work in excess of 30 hours per week over a shorter period cannot compensate for any shorter overall period of experience.

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] 25, 2025 1:31 PM
[redacted]
Subject: Category-based selection - 6 month experience

Hello,

I have a question regarding Express Entry – Category-based selection eligibility. An applicant gained 5 months and 3 weeks of experience in an eligible NOC occupation before their work permit got refused. They however never took any day off (so they accumulated a week of paid vacation) and according to their paystubs, they got exactly 780 hours of paid experience in the eligible NOC occupation (only 30 hours/week counted).

IRCC considers 1560 hours as a year of experience. Would a candidate with 780 hours of experience accumulated in 5 months and 3 weeks be eligible to apply under the Category-based selection? Or would both have to be met (6 months and 780 hours of experience)?

Thank you in advance.

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Kind Regards,