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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Tue, 8 Apr 2025 15:28:17
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Inquiry Regarding Remote Work - REP-A-2025-0776 -Due 8-Apr-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Hello,

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

Question: I am seeking clarification regarding the eligibility of remote Canadian work experience completed outside of Canada, specifically in the context of the Canadian Experience Class (CEC) under the Express Entry system. As I understand it, the work experience requirements for the CEC, as outlined in section 87.1 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR), do not consider remote work completed outside Canada as valid for meeting the work experience criteria. If this understanding is correct, I would appreciate confirmation that such remote Canadian work experience would be classified as foreign work experience instead.

Furthermore, I would like to inquire whether this foreign work experience could be considered when calculating a Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) score, and if so, under what specific criteria.

Answer: As defined in section 87.1(2)(a) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations, work experience must have been acquired **in Canada** for it to be considered eligible for the Canadian Experience Class (CEC). Skilled work experience for the purpose of the CEC must have been gained by working in Canada while authorized to work under temporary resident status. If work was done remotely, the applicant must have been physically in Canada and working for a Canadian employer. This information is also available on our website.

\sb280However, remote work for either a Canadian or foreign employer may be eligible for the purposes of Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) points calculation under the Skills Transferability factors as foreign work experience, provided it meets all other requirements depending on the client's personal circumstances

Note that the system does not currently capture remote work. When an applicant is invited to apply, please submit an explanation, detailing the remote work agreement, and where the employer and employee are physically located.

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

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Sent: [redacted] 25, 2025 12:55 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration [redacted]
[redacted]@cic.gc.ca>
Subject: Inquiry Regarding Remote Work

Dear Sir/Madam,

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[redacted] to this [redacted] to your guidance and clarification.

Sincerely,

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