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Good Day,

Answer:

In order to be eligble for a PGWP a student must:

- * apply for their PGWP within **180 days** of confirmation that they completed their program of study
- * their study permit **was valid** at some point during the 180 days after they graduated and **before** they submitted their PGWP application

For more information, please see the following on PGWP instructions for clients: Work or live in Canada after you graduate - Canada.ca

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Dear officer,

I want to seek clarification whether an applicant is required to hold a valid study permit or have held a study permit within 180 days when an applicant is applying for [redacted] manual, which I highlighted below, is not clear.

Scenario:
Student A's study permit expiry date is June 30, 2024, and he submitted a SP extension on June 1, 2024, which decision is still pending. He completed his studies and received written confirmation on Dec 30, 2024.

Questions:
1.Is the applicant eligible for PGWP, assuming he meets other criteria in the eligibility criteria below, other

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than the highlighted, which I am seeking clarification for?
2. Must he wait for the approval for the SP extension before he can be eligible to apply for a PGWP?
3. Can the applicant submit an outside of Canada PGWP application while he is phycially in Canada and the SP extension is in process since he does not meet R199?

Eligibility

*Officers must review the submission date of **both** the study permit application and the post-graduation work permit (PGWP) application to determine eligibility criteria. To obtain a PGWP, on the date of receipt, the applicant must meet the applicable criteria below.*

A PGWP applicant must

- ** have not previously held an open work permit issued under subparagraph R205(c)(ii), administrative code C43 – post-graduation work permit category*
- ** have had authorization to study in Canada within 180 days of receiving written confirmation from their DLI that they had completed their program when applying for a PGWP , through*
    - ** [redacted] valid study permit*
    - ** authorization to study in Canada without a study permit under paragraphs R188(1)(a) and or (b)*
- ** have graduated from an eligible designated learning institution (DLI) and program*
    - ** Programs delivered on behalf of a PGWP-eligible institution through a curriculum licensing agreement are not eligible unless the enrolment timeline meets the criteria for one of the exceptions below.*
- ** have completed an eligible academic, vocational or professional training program **in Canada** that was a minimum of **8 months in duration** and led to a degree, diploma or certificate*
- ** have maintained full-time student status in Canada during each academic session of the program or programs completed, with exceptions made only for the following:*
    - ** leave from studies*
    - ** final academic session*
    - ** special measures between March 1, 2020, and August 31, 2024*
- ** have received confirmation of completion of their program of study from the eligible DLI by obtaining one of the following:*
    - ** an official letter confirming that they have met the requirements to complete their program of study*
    - ** an official transcript issued by their DLI*
    - *[redacted] from their DLI's [redacted]*
    - ** an education credential from the DLI*
- ** have met the additional language and field of study requirements, if applicable*

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Regards,