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Good Day,
[redacted] to [redacted] and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.

If you apply to extend or change the conditions of your study permit before it expires, you're legally allowed to stay in Canada while we process your application. You may continue to work under the **same conditions on your study permit** as long as you continue to meet the **eligibility requirements**.

If your study permit expires before you submit an applicant to extend your stay as a student, then you must stop studying and working until there is a decision made on your application. Extend your study permit or restore your status: What to do if your permit expires - Canada.ca

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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I hope this finds you well.

I would like clarification of the authorization to work of international students who are on maintained status after having applied to extend their study permit before its expiry.

Subsection R183(5) grants an extension of the period of authorized stay by operation of law, allowing a foreign national to maintain their temporary resident status. So a student who applies for an extension of their study permit before it expires, would have temporary resident status until a decision is made on that application. However, R183(5) does not automatically authorize a temporary resident to continue working while their application for a renewal of their permit is in progress. The temporary resident must also meet the requirements of paragraph R186(u) to continue working.

In the case of students, they would not have submitted an application for a work permit under section R201, so R186(u)

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would not apply for them.

Can international students who have authorization to for under 186(f) and (v) continue working after their study permit expires if they applied if they apply to extend their study permit?

If so, is this authorization given under 186(u), of is there an operational manual that provides details of that authorization?

It is clear to me that under section R189, a foreign national who has made an application under subsection 217(1) is authorized to study without a study permit until a decision is made on the application if they have remained in Canada since the expiry of their study permit and continue to comply with the conditions, other than the expiry date, set out on the expired study permit. However, it is less clear whether students in this situation would maintain their authorization to work on and off campus under 186 (f) and (v).

Your guidance would be appreciated.

Warm regards,