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Good day,

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

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The Visitor Record (VR) itself is not covered in the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* (IRPA) or the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations* (IRPR), and is not valid for re-entry. As per R183(4)(a), once a foreign national leaves Canada, their temporary resident status ends.

Upon arrival at a port of entry (POE), and as per R185, the border services officer (BSO) has the discretion to either:

1 – grant entry to the validity of the VR (if it is still valid),
2 – grant entry for any other length of stay, or
3 – deny entry

We trust that this information will assist you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Dear officer,
A question about the validity of Visitor Record.

As per R183(4), the TR status will automatically end once the TR left Canada if they do not have prior authorization to re-enter. We understand that SP and WP are valid regardless the holder left or re-enter as they have valid TRV for international [redacted]

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But does the same rule apply to VR holders?
And What exactly is the prior authorization to re-enter? TRV?

Some of my clients are holding visitor records in Canada and they may occasionally travel to other countries for vacation and then come back to Canada, when they re-entered Canada, how long can they stay? Another 6 moth based on TRV or until the validity of their VR?

Thank you in advance for any clarification.

Best Regards,
RCIC, LLM

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