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Good day,

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

If a foreign national submitted their application before November 1, 2024, the field of study is not required.

If the applicant is extending their study permit to continue the same program they started before November 1, 2024, they do not need to meet the field of study requirement. The onus is on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements.

If the foreign national requires an extension for a program they changed prior to November 1, 2024, the field of study is also not required. IRCC recommends that the foreign national submit proof of the change of program with their application. The onus is on the applicant to satisfied the officer that they meet all eligibility requirements.

If the foreign national starts a new program after November 1, 2024, they must meet the field of study requirement for that new program, unless exempt.

For more information, please see: Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca

We hope you find this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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I hope you are doing well. I am seeking clarification regarding the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) program eligibility

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requirements, specifically concerning the field of study requirement.

As per the guidelines, students who submitted their initial study permit application **before November 1, 2024**, do not need to meet the field of study requirement, whereas those who applied **on or after November 1, 2024**, must graduate from an eligible field of study.

Could you please confirm whether a student who originally submitted their study permit application **before November 1, 2024**, but later applies for a study permit **extension**, would still be exempt from the field of study requirement? Or would the extension be considered a new application, making them subject to the updated criteria?

Your clarification on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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Kind regards,