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Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
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Good Day,
[redacted] to [redacted] and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.

If the applicant submitted their application before November 1, 2024, they do not need to meet the field of study requirements. Applications submitted after November 1st, 2024, must meet the field of study requirements in order to be eligible for PGWP.

Program stacking is when students complete more than one PGWP-eligible program from a PGWP-eligible DLI. To qualify for program stacking in relation to PGWP duration, **all** PGWP-eligible programs must

- * be a minimum of 8 months in duration and
- * **be completed at a PGWP-eligible DLI within 2 years of the completion of the first program**

The onus is always on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements.

If the foreign national choose to take another program that is not PGWP eligible, they must submit their within 180 days of completion of the PGWP eligible program.

For information on duration of PGWP, please see: Work in Canada after you graduate: About the post-graduation work permit - Canada.ca

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Hello IRCC

My name is I (RCIC reaching out to you from for clarification on [redacted]

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program stacking and PGWP eligibility.

Per IRCC policies, a student may be eligible for PGWP if they complete a PGWP eligible program and apply for PGWP within **180 days** of completing their studies. Further, a student may complete more than one PGWP eligible program within two years ("program stacking") and be eligible for a PGWP of the combined duration of both programs.

Question:
A student obtains a two-year study permit to complete two consecutive one-year programs. Program #1 is [redacted] [redacted] #2 is **not** eligible for PGWP.

- * Once the student has completed **both** programs, will they be eligible to apply for PGWP based on program #1?
- * Does the 180-day PGWP application period follow the completion of studies? **Or the completion of PGWP-eligible studies**?
- * When stacking programs, is it necessary that the **final** program completed be PGWP-eligible in order to apply for PGWP?

[redacted] and consideration on this topic

Kind regards,