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From: [redacted] Representatives / Représentants [redacted] (I[redacted]
Sent: Wed, 9 Apr 2025 18:27:01
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Field of study requirement for PGWP and change of program - REP-2025-0052- Due 5-Feb-25 - REP-A-2025-0842 - 5-May-2025
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,
[redacted] **Representatives Mailbox.**
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Please see our response to your question.
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If a foreign national submitted their application before November 1, 2024, they may change their program, the field of study is not required. If the foreign national requires an extension for a program they changed prior to November 1, 2024, the field of study is not required.

The onus is on the applicant to satisfy the officer that they meet all eligibility requirements.

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

We hope you find this information helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 20, 2025 7:52 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted].gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Field of study requirement for PGWP and change of program - REP-2025-0052- Due 5-Feb-25

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[redacted] However, the response does not directly address the first question, which is:

1. 1. If a student who is currently in Canada and changes their program of study to a diploma program at the same institution after November 1, 2024 but completes the program before their current study permit expires (which was applied for before November 1, 2024): do they have to meet the field of study requirement to be eligible for a PGWP?

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I look forward to receiving a response.
Thank you,

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Sent: [redacted] 28, 2025 2:13 PM
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Background:

Based on https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/eligibility.html

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The changes are factoring the time student applied for a study permit, and no indication about changes of program after Nov 2024 while holding a valid study permit.

Field of study requirement:

If you submitted your **study permit** application before November 1, 2024, there are no field of study requirements.

If you submitted your **study permit** application on or after November 1, 2024, you must have graduated in an eligible field of study.

RESPONSE:

Students who are continuing their original program for which they received a study permit prior to November 1, 2024, are not required to meet the new field of study requirements when applying for a study permit extension. Students who changed their program before November 1, 2024, and need an extension to complete the same program of study are still eligible for a PGWP, and their eligibility is not subject to the new field of study requirements.

However, if a student applies for a study permit extension on or after November 1, 2024, for the purpose of starting a new program, they must meet the updated field of study requirements.

Please note that the changes that came into effect on Nov 1, 2024 are not limited to one factor only. For more information, please visit Work in Canada after you graduate - Who can apply.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 8 janvier 2025 10:20
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Objet : Field of study requirement for PGWP and change of program

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