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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 9 Apr 2025 18:50:50
To: [redacted]
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: PGWP application eligibility -- REP-2024-0451 --REP-2025-0518 - Due 13-03-2025
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**

Please note that this mailbox is intended for general guidance and does not provide responses to case-specific inquiries but have provided the following information as guidance. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit the IRCC Web form.

Please see our response to your question.

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Students who have completed their studies on maintained status under R189 are eligible to apply for a PGWP, as long as they meet the other eligibility requirements. Please note that the current regulation only allows applicants to apply for a PGWP in Canada if their study permit is still valid (not expired) or if they meet one of the other requirements of section R199 at the time they submit their application.

If an applicant is eligible for a PGWP and they don't hold a valid study permit, they are eligible to apply from outside Canada.

For more information, please visit Post-graduation work permit (PGWP) [R205(c) - C43] – International Mobility Program - Canada.ca.

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 12, 2025 1:44 PM
To: Immigration Representatives [redacted] Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Subject: Re: PGWP application eligibility -- REP-2024-0451 --

Hello:

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I reached out to you in March 2024 and asked about PGWP application eligibility, specifically about whether under **maintained status** international students can apply for the PGWP.

Based on the reply I received from you on April 15, 2024 , the answer was Yes, they can apply for PGWP if the students are still waiting for the decision on their study permit extension decision after they have graduated.

However, we noticed some changes on IRCC's website (Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca), under General Eligibility,

This sentence was removed:

...

- submitted an application to extend your study permit in Canada before your study permit expired **and** no decision has been made on your application

A new sentence was added:

- your study permit was valid at some point during the 180 days after you graduated

Under the PDI updated on Feb, 5, 2025, the note (quoted below) clearly indicates that **under maintained status students can't apply for PGWP**.

- ***Important:*** *If a foreign national has submitted an application to extend their study permit and they are studying under section R189, section R199 does not apply to them, and they must wait until their new study permit is received in order to be eligible under R199.*

To provide accurate advise to students, I hope to get your confirmation and clarification on this topic: whether students under maintained status can apply for a PGWP or not?

Hope to hear from you soon!

Best regards

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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Sent: [redacted] 15, 2024 8:47 AM
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC [redacted]
Subject: RE: PGWP application eligibility -- REP-2024-0451 --

Good morning,

Question:

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Hi:

I am an international student advisor at I have one doubt about application eligibility for PGWP. The following two IRCC PDIs seem to provide different explanations to the eligibility, specifically for those students who are under maintained status of study permit and then have graduated. Are these students eligible to apply for the PGWP when their study permit application is still process? Based on the following PDI, they are eligible to apply. Please see below.

General PGWP eligibility requirements

Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca

You can apply for a PGWP if you

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- have a study permit that has been valid within the last 180 days
- *submitted an application to extend your study permit in Canada before your study permit expired **and** no decision has been made on your application,*

However, when looking at this PDI (below), it seems like they are not eligible to apply till they receive the renewed study permit.

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Can you please clarify it?

Response:

Work in Canada after you graduate: Who can apply - Canada.ca provides the following information:

General PGWP eligibility requirements

You can apply for a PGWP if you

- maintained **full-time** status as a student in Canada during each semester of your study program
- have a study permit that has been valid within the last 180 days
- submitted an application to extend your study permit in Canada before your study permit expired **and** no decision has been made on your application

A foreign national may apply for a PGWP if they submitted an application to extend their study permit before it expired and their application to extend has not been refused. In this case, where a foreign national is awaiting decision on their study permit extension, they may apply for a PGWP.

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From:
Sent: [redacted] 18, 2024 9:52 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
[redacted]
Subject: FW: PGWP application eligibility

Hi:

I am an international student advisor a[redacted] I have one doubt about application eligibility for [redacted] following [redacted] IRCC [redacted] to [redacted] to the eligibility, specifically for those students who are under maintained status of study permit and then have graduated. Are these students eligible to apply for the PGWP when their study permit application is still process? Based on the following PDI, they are eligible to apply. Please see below.

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Thank you!

Best regards

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