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From: [redacted] Representatives / Représentants [redacted] (I[redacted]
Sent: Wed, 5 Feb 2025 15:59:47
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Temporary Policy for Spouses of [redacted] Workers - REP-2024-2244 --- REP-2025-0032- Due 30-Jan-25
Importance: High
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:

On January 30, 2023, the Minister included the work performed by all family members defined in subsection R1(3) as necessary under R205(c)(ii).This interim measure was intended for 2 years. Please note as of January 21, 2025, at 5:00 UTC, the eligibility requirements have changed for open work permits for family members of workers. Please refer to Open work permits for family members of foreign workers for more details.

Regards,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 2 janvier 2025 12:21
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Objet : RE: Temporary Policy for Spouses of [redacted] Workers - REP-2024-2244 [redacted] 1-Dec-24

Hello,

[redacted]

Before the changes are finalized an announced, could you please confirm **the exact date** when the temporary measure below is set to expire?
Thank you.

Best regards,

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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Sent: [redacted] 24, 2024 7:52 AM
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Subject: TR: Temporary Policy for Spouses of [redacted] Workers - REP-2024-2244 - Due 11-Dec-24

Hello,

Apologies for not responding sooner.

Per the news release, Employers and temporary workers to benefit from family work permits to address labour shortages - Canada.ca, this was intended to be a temporary 2 year measure.

[redacted] September [redacted] Minister [redacted] to open work permits for spouses: [redacted] temporary residence programs for sustainable volumes - Canada.ca.

The department is currently finalizing the implementation approach, with the view to provide further details regarding this program change on our website later this year. We look forward to sharing this information soon.

Regards,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 13 novembre 2024 15:56
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted].gc.ca>
Objet : Temporary Policy for Spouses of Low-skilled Workers

Hello Immigration Representatives,

I hope my message finds you well.

Could you please help me clarify the expiry date of the temporary policy allowing spouses of low-skilled workers to apply for an open work permit?

In this announcement it was confirmed that this would be a 2-year temporary policy.

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In the LMIA exemption code description it was confirmed that the policy commenced on January 30, 2023.

> On January 30, 2023, the minister designated the work performed by family members of principal foreign nationals who are or will be employed in low-skilled occupations as necessary for public policy reasons related to the competitiveness of Canada's academic institutions, or economy, under subparagraph 205(c)(ii) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR). Prior to this date, family members of low-skilled workers were not eligible to apply for an open work permit under subparagraph R205(c)(ii).

Considering this, I have two questions please:

1. 1. Is it safe to advise applicants that the policy is in place until January 29th, 2025? Is this the correct policy expiry date?
2. 2. Is IRCC planning to extend the policy?

[redacted] to your reply.
Have a great day.

Best regards,