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Good day,
[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**
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Please see our response to your question.
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If the CO-OP work permit is expiring earlier than the study permit and the full duration is required, the foreign national may request an amendment of their CO-OP as it should be issued to the same expiry date as their study permit. Note that in order to be eligible for a CO-OP work permit, you must have a valid study permit. Work as a co-op student or intern - Canada.ca

In order to be eligible for a PGWP, the applicant must meet the following:

- * have not previously held an open work permit issued under subparagraph R205(c)(ii), administrative code C43 – post-graduation work permit category
- * have had authorization to study in Canada within 180 days of receiving written confirmation from their DLI that they had completed their program when applying for a PGWP, through
  - * a valid study permit
  - * authorization to study in Canada without a study permit under paragraphs R188(1)(a) and or (b)
- * have graduated from an eligible designated learning institution (DLI) and program
- * have completed an eligible academic, vocational or professional training program **in Canada** that was a minimum of **8 months in duration** and led to a degree, diploma or certificate
- * have maintained full-time student status in Canada during each academic session of the program or programs completed, with exceptions made only for the following:
  - * leave from studies
  - * final academic session
  - * special measures between March 1, 2020, and August 31, 2024
- * have received confirmation of completion of their program of study from the eligible DLI by obtaining one of the following:
  - * an official letter confirming that they have met the requirements to complete their program of study
  - * an official transcript issued by their DLI
  - * a transcript copy from their DLI's website
  - * an education credential from the DLI
- * have met the additional language and field of study requirements, if applicable

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

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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Hello IRCC team,

Your departmental operational manual suggests that a Coop Work Permit shouldn't be valid longer than the holder's Study Permit, but I recently noticed that several of our students' Study Permits expire 1 month earlier than their Coop Work Permits do.

- **Study permit holders**
  Work permits issued under subparagraphs R205(c)(i.1) and (i.2), with exemption codes C32 and C33, where the work is essential to the study program, should not exceed the validity date of the study permit.

Conditions and validity period on work permits (temporary workers) - Canada.ca

These students will become eligible for a PGWP after the expiration dates of their Study Permits but before the expiration dates of their Coop Work Permits (C32) and they would like to submit their PGWP applications in Canada as soon as they become eligible.

According to R183 (4)(b.1), R209, and R209.01, these students' Coop Work Permits remain vali[redacted] after the [redacted] their Study [redacted] the requirements [redacted] and can apply for their work permits (PGWPs) in Canada though their Study Permits are expired.

Authorized period ends

(4) The period authorized for a temporary resident's stay ends on the earliest of

- **(a)** the day on which the temporary resident leaves Canada without obtaining prior authorization to re-enter Canada;
- **(b)** the day on which their permit becomes invalid, in the case of a temporary resident who has been issued either a work permit or a study permit;
- **(b.1)** the day on which the second of their permits becomes invalid, in the case of a temporary resident who has been issued a work permit and a study permit;

Application after entry

199 A foreign national may apply for a work permit after entering Canada if they

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- **(a)** hold a work permit;
- **(b)** are working in Canada under the authority of section 186 and are not a business visitor within the meaning of section 187;
- **(c)** hold a study permit;

Invalidity

209 A work permit becomes invalid when it expires or when it is cancelled under section 209.01, 209.02 or 243.2.

- SOR/2024-11, s. 2
- SOR/2025-11, s. 5

Previous Version

Cancellation due to error

209.01 An officer may cancel a work permit that was issued to a foreign national if the officer is satisfied that the work permit was issued based on an administrative error.

Could you please share your PGWP team's understanding of these students' eligibility to submit a work permit application in Canada under R199 (a)?

Regards,