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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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Please be advised that we are not able to answer case-specific enquiries or intervene on a decision made by a delegated officer, as we must adhere to appropriate procedures. Case-specific enquiries should be routed via the IRCC Web form.

\sb160Under the Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSWP) work experience accumulated during a period of self-employment in Canada may be eligible for selection criteria points if it meets all the requirements. Such work experience, however, will not be assigned Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) score.

\sb160For the purposes of meeting the eligibility requirements of FSWP, the applicant may accumulate the qualifying work experience as an employee and self-employed at the same time, if the work experience meets all the other requirements.

\sb160You must enter periods of work experience as an employee and as self-employed separately in work history section of the Express Entry profile. Please make sure to check the ¡°Self-employed work¡± check box for periods of self-employment.

\sb160Please be advised that the assessment of an application is conducted on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the specific circumstances and the supporting documentation available to the officer. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate that they meet the requirements.

We trust that this information will be of assistance to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From: [redacted]
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Subject: Self-employed work experience in Canada vs FSW program

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Good day,

[redacted]

My name is

I would like to clarify whether self-employed work experience gained **in Canada** can be counted towards the **Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSWP)** under Express Entry.

From my understanding:

- **Self-employed work experience obtained in Canada with proper authorization** can be considered for **eligibility criteria** (67 points) under the **FSWP**, as outlined in **section 75(2)(a)(b)(c)** of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations, assuming it meets all the other conditions. The Reglementation does not specify that the work experience for the eligibility purpose must be acquired outside Canada and shall not be acquired as self-employed. In fact, we have helped many self-employed clients aboard to obtain PR under this program in the past.
- However, this experience **cannot** be used for **CRS scoring**¡ªneither as **foreign work experience** nor as **Canadian work experience**, as per the **Ministerial Instructions**.

Could you confirm so?

Additionally, can work hours as an **employee** and as **self-employed** during the same period be combined to meet the **30-hour per week requirement**?

For example, if a **French teacher** who has an open work permit in Canada works 20 **hours per week as an employee** and, during the same week, she works **10 hours per week as a self-employed worker** for the **same school under the same conditions**, can this be counted as **30 hours per week** for eligibility purposes?

\sb280Thank you very much.

Best,

Specifically, I would like to confirm whether the job offer must be **full-time (minimum 30 hours per week) and non-seasonal**, or if a **part-time or seasonal position** could qualify, provided all other conditions are met.

I didn't find this requirement in the ministry¡¯s instructions or on the IRCC website for this program, but I would like to confirm with you for certainty.

I appreciate your guidance on this matter.

Best regards,

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Immigration Representatives / Repr¨¦sentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRC[redacted]

Hello,

Please see our response to your question.

Question:

I am seeking clarification regarding the job offer requirements for a work permit application under the Mobility Francophone program.

Specifically, I would like to confirm whether the job offer must be **full-time (minimum 30 hours per week) and non-seasonal**, or if a **part-time or seasonal position** could qualify, provided all other conditions are met.

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Response:

There is no requirement that an offer of employment made under the Francophone mobility program be part-time or full-time.

However, the employer must ensure that they comply with all other regulations set out in the [redacted] and Protection Regulations and the provincial and territorial labour laws of the province or territory in which the employment will be performed.

We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Objet : Job offer Requirements for a Work Permit under the Mobility Francophone program.

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