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Correct, if a foreign national submitted their application before November 1, 2024, they may change their program, the field of study is not required.

We hope you find this information helpful.

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Good morning,

I appreciate your response.

Just to further clarify this so I can be certain when providing general information to our students:

If a student changes their program **after** November 1, 2024 but does **not** need to submit a study permit extension to complete the new program, they can do so and remain eligible for the post-graduation work permit (PGWP) regardless of field of study requirement?

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We recently updated our webpage to clarify these scenarios.

If a foreign national submitted their application before November 1, 2024, they may change their program, the field of study is not required.

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

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Good morning,

I am hoping to get some clarification on the post-graduation work permit (PGWP) eligibility for students changing programs after November 1, 2024 in respect of the field of study requirement.

Context: We have many programs that share a first year curriculum but then have different second year curriculums. Students are able to transfer from a one year program in that area to a two year program that had the same first year courseload. On the other hand, students in a two-year program would have the opportunity to exit that program after one year with a one-year credential instead.

Scenario: A student has a study permit issued before November 1, 2024 for Administrative Professional (one-year program; example program). They started the program in Fall 2024 with expected graduation in Spring 2025. The student's study permit is valid until September 2026. In this scenario, they are eligible for a PGWP because they have a valid study permit that was issued before November 1 for a specific program (even if that program is no longer eligible for a PGWP under the fields of study requirement).

***Question**: If that student decides to bridge to the two-year Administrative Professional: Health Services program, will they and their NEW program remain eligible for the PGWP given that they have "changed programs" after November 1, 2024 and **will need to submit a study permit extension**?*

Scenario: A student has a study permit issued before November 1, 2024 for Administrative Professional: Health Services (two year program; example program). They started the program in Fall 2024 with expected graduation in Spring 2026. The student's study permit is valid until September 2026. In this scenario, they are eligible for a PGWP because they have a valid study permit that was issued before November 1 for a specific program (even if that program is no longer eligible for a PGWP under the fields of study requirement).

***Question**: If that student decides to exit the program after one year to receive a one-year certificate for Administrative Professional, will they and their NEW program remain eligible for the PGWP given that they have "changed programs" after November 1, 2024 and **do not need to submit a study permit extension**?*

I appreciate your insight into these questions.

Best,

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