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From: [redacted]
Sent: Fri, 11 Apr 2025 20:05:24
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Inquiry - PGWP - REP-2025-0509 - 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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Program stacking allows students who complete two PGWP-eligible programs of at least 8 months each at a PGWP-eligible Designated Learning Institution (DLI) within two years of the completion of the first program to combine these programs when determining PGWP eligibility. Completing two years of study through stacked PGWP-eligible programs, such as two consecutive eight-month certificates from PGWP-eligible DLIs, will make a student eligible for an up to three-year PGWP.

We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 12, 2025 1:23 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
Subject: Inquiry - PGWP

\cbpat4Good day,

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\cbpat4This is RCIC # an international student advisor and immigration specialist a

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\cbpat4I am reaching out to you regarding Program stacking for study permits obtained on or after November 1, 2024.

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Program stacking for study permits obtained on or after November 1, 2024

Example 1: Completing 2 PGWP-eligible programs

On or after November 1, 2024, if a student completes 2 consecutive programs that are PGWP-eligible within 2 years of completion of the first program, then when they apply for a PGWP, the duration of the PGWP could be based on the duration of both programs.

Example 2: Completing a first program that is not PGWP-eligible and a second one that is PGWP-eligible

On or after November 1, 2024, if a student completes 2 consecutive programs where the first is not PGWP-eligible, they would not benefit from program stacking when the duration of the PGWP is determined. The duration of the PGWP would be based only on the duration of the PGWP-eligible program.

Example 3: Completing a first PGWP-eligible program and a second one that is not PGWP-eligible

On or after November 1, 2024, if a student completes 2 consecutive programs where the first is PGWP-eligible, and the second is not, they would not benefit from program stacking when the duration of the PGWP is determined. The duration of the PGWP would be based on the duration of the PGWP-eligible program, and the applicant would have to apply for a PGWP within 180 days of receiving confirmation that they have completed the PGWP-eligible program.

Transfers between educational institutions

In cases where a student has transferred between eligible Canadian DLIs, the combined length of study must be at least 8 months to qualify for a PGWP.

In cases where a student graduated from an eligible DLI after having transferred from an ineligible institution, only time [redacted].

Note: As of November 8, 2024, section R217.1 requires that study permit holders in Canada whose permit names a DLI apply for a new study permit if they wish to change DLIs. If the officer determines that a PGWP applicant did not meet the conditions of their study permit, they may be prohibited from being issued a work permit for 6 months from the date they stopped their unauthorized study or work, as per subparagraph R200(3)(e)(i).

For further information please see Study permits: Designated learning institutions.

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\cbpat4Could you please confirm if a student who completed a program (8 months at a DLI/PGWP-eligible at the time of studies but no longer meeting the field of study requirement) with a study permit submitted before November 1, 2024, and then completes another PGWP-eligible program with a new study permit issued on or after November 1, 2024, would be eligible for a 3-year PGWP if both programs are completed within 2 years?

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\cbpat4I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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\cbpat4Thank you,

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