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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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As stated in the public policy, an EMPP applicant must be outside Canada at the time of application for permanent residence. As long as the applicant is physically outside of Canada at the time they make their EMPP application, an applicant can reside in Canada on a temporary resident document while the application is being processed. To note, as per A29(2), a foreign national must leave Canada by the end of the period authorized for their stay, so an in-Canada applicant must maintain their temporary status while being processed in order to be eligible.

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**The Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

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Good day, IRCC [redacted]

We write about the Public policy to facilitate issuance of permanent resident visas under the federal Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP):

Specifically, we note that in Part 1, the EMPP eligibility criteria requires that the applicant…

a. a. *Is outside of Canada at the time of application for permanent residence referred to in (a) is received;*

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Please confirm that as long as an EMPP application is submitted while the applicant is outside of Canada, if they relocate to Canada after the application submission, there would be no impact to eligibility.

For example, an applicant is outside of Canada, submits an EMPP application and thereafter, arrives in Canada on a temporary resident document (e.g. work permit, study permit, visitor status) could be inside Canada for the duration of the application processing until decision.

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Yours truly,