

Iran Functional Guidance Repository

Topic	Requestor	# request	Question	Lead for response	Response Status	Response Date	Response Provided by:	Response
TR Processing			Can you confirm that international students can hold both this work permit and their study permit? My understanding as per IRPR 221 (1) is that hold in a work permit would not invalidate the study permit.	IPG - ORHM	Completed	28-Mar-23	IPG - ORHM	Foreign nationals may hold multiple permits at the same time. Students who are granted a work permit may use their authorization to work under its conditions during the validity of their work permit. They must also meet the conditions of their study permit, except any conditions related to working while they have a valid work permit. More information can be found here: https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=1618&top=15
TR Processir DN			Our understanding is that this temporary public policy applies to Iranian temporary residents in Canada applying to extend their current temporary status in Canada or to change their temporary status from visitor or student to worker. However, this does not apply to Iranian nationals who are study permit holders and wish to apply for an additional open work permit so that they can work full time and for any employer while they continue to study.	IPG - TWISD	Completed	29-Mar	IPG - TWISD	This temporary public policy allows Iranian nationals in Canada move between temporary resident streams. As such, Iranian students with valid temporary resident status may apply for an open work permit. The policy intent behind the public policy was to be facilitative and allow for mobility between streams. The PDI can be found here: http://ciciranet.ci.gc.ca/connexion/tools-outils/service/iran-eng.aspx
TR Processir			Can you advise what length of work permit will be issued to Iranian nationals in Canada who apply for an open work permit under the temporary policy measure?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	17-Mar	IPG - TWISD	The duration of the Open Work Permit will be issued for a maximum of three years or to passport or biometric expiry, whichever comes first.
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep		REP-2023-0490	1- Can Iranian international students also apply for an open work permit by just changing their status? 2- how long is the duration of the open work permit under this pathway?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	17-Mar-23	IPG - TWISD	As long as the Iranian student has valid temporary resident status and are in Canada they may apply for an Open Work Permit. The duration of the Open Work Permit will be issued for a maximum of three years or to passport or biometric expiry, whichever comes first.
TR Processir		REP-2023-0492	1- Temporary residents (including visitors, workers and students) who already have applied for extension and their extension applications are still in process (They have implied status), can apply for an open work permit now based on this policy before receiving the previous application decisions? 2- What if the application for restoration and extension was submitted earlier and it is still in process? Can they apply for open work permit now before receiving the decision? 3- Can students who are in the middle of their studies, change their conditions to worker? What about employer specific WP to PGWP whose current status are still valid for more than 12 months? 4- The online system of CIC, doesn't allow students to apply for an open work permit based on the public policy. (The questions to make the online profile, is not related to the public policy, they are about co-op, PGWP, or bridging OWP), and there is no instruction in CIC about answering the questions! How can we make the online profile for changing student to worker? 5- Do you have any idea how the validity of the OWP would be? 6- Any kind of inside temporary application such as PGWP for Iranian are now exempted to pay the fees?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	4-Apr-23	IPG - TWISD	1. Maintained status granted by operation of law under R183(5) is valid temporary resident status. Since the requirement of the public policy is that the Iranian has 'valid temporary resident status', they can apply while on maintained status. 2. Maintained status granted by operation of law under R183(5) is valid temporary resident status. Since the requirement of the public policy is that the Iranian has 'valid temporary resident status', they can apply while on maintained status. 3. Iranian students has valid temporary resident status and are in-Canada they may apply for an Open Work Permit under these special measures. Foreign nationals may hold multiple permits at the same time. Students who are granted a work permit may use their authorization to work under its conditions during the validity of their work permit. They must also continue to meet the conditions of their study permit, except any conditions related to working while they have a valid work permit. Further, there is nothing in either the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations that prevents someone from holding two different work permits. As such, the client would need to determine which work permit best suits their need for working in Canada. 4. For these measures, eligible students should follow the instructions to apply to "Change" their temporary resident status to "worker" on the web instructions and apply for an open work permit. Students who apply for an open work permit will not lose their status as a student in Canada. Their study permit will remain valid until the permit validity date. 5. The duration of the Open Work Permit will be issued for a maximum of three years or to passport or biometric expiry, whichever comes first 6. Both the PGWP and the Iranian Open Work permit are open work permits. If submitting an application for a PGWP and an OWP under the Iranian public policy, the student will receive an open work permit.
TR Processir		REP-2023-0508	We are looking for guidance on the duration of time an individual may request for a work permit or visitor status under this public policy	IPG - ORHM	Completed	18-Apr-23	IPG - TWISD	As per the Regulations, 183(2), the period authorized for the stay of a temporary resident is six months or any other period that is fixed by an officer on the basis of, the client's means of support in Canada; the period for which the client applies to stay; and the expiry of the client's passport or other travel document. With regards to an Iranian client and visitor status, under the temporary public policy for nationals of Iran in Canada as temporary residents, eligible clients could apply for a 3 year open work permit and visitor records could be extended for an additional 6 month period as described above (if all requirements are met). Refer to "Other Admissibility and Selection Criteria: Foreign nationals eligible under this public policy are subject to all other legislative obligations and admissibility and selection requirements not exempted under this, or another, public policy" for further details.
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep		REP-2023-0530	1- How long is the duration of validity for open work permits issued to temporary residents wishing to change their status? 2- How long is the processing time expected to be? 3- What happens if an Iranian with valid temporary resident status applies for the open work permit (or a study permit) and leaves Canada while the application is being processed? Is the application automatically canceled? OR it can be approved and they are allowed back in Canada? 4- Does "Maintained"/"Implied" status allow Iranian temporary residents to apply to change their status while the original application is being processed? Will the original application be processed along with the new application (under the new public policy)?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	31-Mar-23	IPG - ORHM	1. The duration of the Open Work Permit will be issued for a maximum of three years or to passport or biometric expiry, whichever comes first . 2. Priority processing means we'll review and process your application as quickly as possible. 3. As long as an Iranian has valid TR status, then they could leave Canada while waiting for a decision, but they would need to ensure that they have the legal right to re-enter Canada (e.g. hold a valid TRV and that their passport has not expired) 4. Maintained status granted by operation of law under R183(5) is valid temporary resident status. Since the requirement of the public policy is that the Iranian has 'valid temporary resident status', they can apply while on maintained status. Both the original application and the new application will be processed.

TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0525	<p>Could you please provide clarity whether the following nationals of Iran in Canada can obtain Open Work Permits</p> <p>a. Visitor status holders in Canada can they convert to Open Work Permit?</p> <p>b. Study Permit holders in Canada can they convert to Open Work Permit?</p> <p>c. Work Permit holders (employer restricted work permits) in Canada, expiring soon this year can they convert to Open Work Permit?</p> <p>d. Work Permit holders (employer restricted work permits) in Canada, expiring next year can they convert to Open Work Permit?</p>	Completed	4-Apr-23	<p>A) A visitor with valid status in Canada may apply for an Open Work Permit</p> <p>B) A Study Permit holder may apply for an open work permit. Foreign nationals may hold multiple permits at the same time. Students who are granted an open work permit may use their authorization to work under its conditions during the validity of their work permit. They must also continue to meet the conditions of their study permit. For these measures, eligible students should follow the instructions to apply to "Change" their temporary resident status to "worker" on the web instructions and apply for an open work permit. Students who apply for an open work permit will not lose their status as a student in Canada. Their study permit will remain valid until the permit validity date.</p> <p>C) Work Permit holders (as long as their status is valid) may apply for an Open Work Permit</p> <p>D) Work Permit holders (as long as their status is valid) may apply for an Open Work Permit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is nothing in either the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations that prevents someone from holding two different work permits. As such, the client would need to determine which work permit best suits their need for working in Canada.
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0574	<p>1. What is the duration of the Open Work Permit Iranian nationals will be granted under these special measures?</p> <p>2. Does the work experience gained while an individual is on an Open Work Permit issued under this temporary measure be used to meet work experience requirements under the Canadian Experience Class (CEC)?</p> <p>3. Will spouses of Iranian nationals who hold Open Work Permits issued under this temporary measure be eligible to obtain a Spousal Open Work Permit based on the Principal Applicant's OWP if the PA possesses a job offer in Canada (skilled or low skilled)?</p> <p>4. Will dependent children of Iranian nationals who hold Open Work Permits issued under this temporary measure be eligible to obtain an Open Work Permit based on their mother or father's OWP if the parent possesses a job offer in Canada (skilled or low skilled)?</p> <p>5. How long is the processing time expected to be (supposed to be assessed on a priority basis)?</p> <p>6. Will IRCC prioritize ALL applications submitted by Iranian nationals inside Canada (Study Permit and SP extension, Work Permit and Work Permit extension, TRV, Visitor extension)?</p> <p>7. Can Iranian nationals apply for a TRV within Canada under this measure? Would their inside Canada TRV application be free of cost?</p>	Completed	11-Apr-23	<p>1. The duration of the Open Work Permit will be issued for a maximum of three years or to passport or biometric expiry, whichever comes first.</p> <p>2. The work experience while on an OWP under these special measures could be eligible for CEC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under the CEC, the client must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> have at least 1 year of skilled work experience in Canada, in the last 3 years before you apply—you can meet this in a few different ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o full-time at 1 job: 30 hours/week for 12 months = 1 year full-time (1,560 hours) o equal amount in part-time work: for example 15 hours/week for 24 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours) o full-time work at more than 1 job: 30 hours/week for 12 months at more than 1 job = 1 year full time (1,560 hours) have gained your work experience by working in Canada while under temporary resident status with authorization to work Please visit: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/eligibility/canadian-experience-class.html for more information <p>3. Yes, under the present Family member open work permits</p> <p>4. Yes, under the present Family member open work permits</p> <p>5. Priority processing means we'll review and process your application as quickly as possible</p> <p>6. Yes, IRCC is prioritizing all in-Canada applications eligible under these measures</p> <p>7. To be eligible for these special measures, clients must already have valid temporary resident status and be in-Canada</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0574	<p>8. What happens if an Iranian with valid temporary resident status applies for the open work permit (or a study permit) and leaves Canada while the application is being processed? Is the application automatically canceled? OR it can be approved and they are allowed back in Canada (if they possess a valid TRV)?</p> <p>9. Does "Maintained" status allow Iranian temporary residents to apply to change their status while the original extension application is being processed? OR must the applicant wait for their extension application to get finalized and then submit the application under this special measure?</p> <p>10. Can an Iranian student apply for both PGWP and the open work permit at the same time?</p> <p>11. Due to financial difficulties, an Iranian student has stopped studying for a couple of months and may not be able to continue to study.</p> <p>12. If they do not apply to change to visitor status but apply for the open work permit, will they have "maintained status"?</p> <p>13. Will submitting an application for Open Work Permit under this special measure allow them to maintain their Study Permit conditions?</p> <p>14. If a Study Permit holder applies to obtain an Open Work Permit under this measure, and once their OWP application gets approved, can they continue to use both their Study Permit and Open Work Permit?</p>	Completed	11-Apr-23 IPG - TWISO	<p>8. As long as an Iranian has valid TR status, then they could leave Canada while waiting for a decision, but they would need to ensure that they have the legal right to re-enter Canada (e.g. hold a valid TRV and that their passport has not expired).</p> <p>9. Maintained status granted by operation of law under R183(5) is valid temporary resident status. Since the requirement of the public policy is that the Iranian has 'valid temporary resident status', they can apply while on maintained status.</p> <p>10. Both the PGWP and the Iranian Open Work permit are open work permits. If submitting an application for a PGWP and an OWP under the Iranian public policy, the student will receive an open work permit</p> <p>12. If the client applies to extend their stay in Canada prior to the expiry of their existing period of authorized stay, then as with any other extension applicant, their status is maintained under R183(5)</p> <p>13. Yes, students may apply for an Open Work Permit. However, their work experience while studying full time would not count for permanent residence application.</p> <p>14. Yes, students may apply for an Open Work Permit. However, their work experience while studying full time would not count for permanent residence application</p>
TR Processir DN	IM-2023-0272	<p>We have not been able to locate PDIs for this new public policy and only found brief public facing guidance. Would your office be able to share any resource, PDI or information on this new temporary public policy and the new open work permit pathway?</p>	Completed	17-Mar-23 IPG - ORHM	<p>This temporary public policy allows Iranian nationals in-Canada move between temporary resident streams. As such, Iranian students with valid temporary resident status may apply for an open work permit. The policy intent behind the public policy was to be facilitative and allow for mobility between streams.</p> <p>The PDI can be found here: http://cicintranet.ci.gc.ca/connexion/tools-outils/service/iran-eng.aspx</p>

TR Processir DN	IM-2023-0324	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an Iranian national can apply for an open work permit and simultaneously hold another permit such as a work permit or study permit? an Iranian national can apply for an open work permit while holding an employer specific work permit so that they can work for any employer? or is the intent of this temporary public policy to allow Iranian nationals to change their status to open work permit holder only (but not if they are already a worker) and/or to give them the ability extend their current status? 	IPG - ORHM	Completed	3-Apr-23 IPG - ORHM	<p>We can confirm that as long as the Iranian student has valid temporary resident status and are in Canada they may apply for an Open Work Permit under these special measures. Foreign nationals may hold multiple permits at the same time. Students who are granted a work permit may use their authorization to work under its conditions during the validity of their work permit. They must also continue to meet the conditions of their study permit, except any conditions related to working while they have a valid work permit.</p> <p>For these measures, eligible students should follow the instructions to apply to "Change" their temporary resident status to "worker" on the web instructions and apply for an open work permit. Students who apply for an open work permit will not lose their status as a student in Canada. Their study permit will remain valid until the permit validity date.</p> <p>With this being said, we see how current web instructions may be misleading and we are working with comms to update the webpage to provide additional clarity on this matter.</p>
TR Processir DN General Pro: IPG - ImmRep	IM-2023-0331 REP-2023-0613	kindly confirm what should be included in the user remarks if an international student from Iran, has applied for an open work permit under the new public policy for Iranian nationals, cad he still keeps the study permit status as well. I mean Can he have two status at the time?	IPG - ORHM	Completed		Foreign nationals may hold multiple permits at the same time. Students who are granted a work permit may use their authorization to work under its conditions during the validity of their work permit. They must also meet the conditions of their study permit, except any conditions related to working while they have a valid work permit. More information can be found here (https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=1618&top=15)
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0560	Can the visitor apply for an open work permit and work for the start-up they are starting? The start-up project is vetted by a designated organization, but a letter of support (for applying for a work permit) is not issued yet and it may take up to six months to receive the letter of support. One of the founders is in Canada currently and wants to have a head start entering the Canadian Market. Given the opportunity to apply for an open work permit now, can the visitor apply for a work permit but continue to work for their start-up company? Instead of waiting and apply under A77 (A75)?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	31-Mar-23 IPG - ORHM	Should the foreign national be approved for an open work permit under these temporary special measures, they may work on their start-up business. However, the client can only begin to do so once the work permit is approved. Please note, however, that a work permit issued to a SUV candidate is not open but employer-specific as it will be issued to them in the name of the business and location that they used when they submitted their offer of employment through the employer portal.
General Processing		I have a question regarding current temporary immigration, passport and citizenship measures related to Iran to support Iranian temporary residents in Canada. If they would like to change their status from visitor to a worker, must they stay in Canada while waiting to get their work permit or can they leave Canada? Let me explain in an example, let's say I am in Canada on a visitor visa, then I'll apply for an open work permit. May I leave Canada while my application is processing? I mean may I be able to re-enter Canada as temporary residents once my work permit application approved?	IPG - TWISD	Completed	28-Mar-23 IPG - TWISD	<p>When you look at the temporary public policy for nationals of Iran in Canada as temporary residents, the public policy states that "Other Admissibility and Selection Criteria – Foreign nationals eligible under this public policy are subject to all other legislative obligations and admissibility and selection requirements not exempted under this, or another, public policy".</p> <p>As we read this, then as long as an Iranian has applied to either extend or change their TR status, then they could leave Canada while waiting for a decision, but they would need to ensure that they have the legal right to re-enter Canada (e.g. hold a valid TRV and that their passport has not expired).</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0649	1. A client of mine , has a work permit application under process based on IMP, Intera Company Transfer (ICT), C12 from Iran . Her employer (Parent Company) established its branch company in Ontario and appointed my client as a executive manager to applied and get an specified work permit to commence and start develop this business in Canada . She applied on Dec. 30 2022 and expecting to get result by next month . Currently She came in to Canada based on her TRV to visit her daughter in Toronto, and currently she is still in Canada. Based on new public policy for Iranian national , can she apply for open work permit to start her business activity simultaneous to her specified work permit application is under process ? She would start her business activity as soon as possible and then wait to get result for closed work permit. 2. An Iranian national can apply for an open work permit while holding a valid employer specific work permit so that they can work for any employer?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	5-Apr-23 IPG - TWISD	<p>1. If the foreign national is approved for an open work permit under the Temporary public policy for nationals of Iran in Canada as temporary residents , they may start working for their employer. However, the client can only begin to do so once their open work permit has been approved. There is nothing preventing your client from applying for this type of open work permit while their work permit application as an intra-company transferee is being processed.</p> <p>2. There is nothing in either the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations that prevents someone from holding two different work permits. As such, they would need to determine which work permit best suits their need for working in Canada.</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0658	Can you please clarify if clients (Iranian National) with dual citizenship are eligible for this new public policy? - Dual citizens and holding 2 valid passports (Iran and Domenica) - Domenica's passport has a valid TRV sticker - Was residing in Iran prior to travel to Canada.	IPG - ORHM	Completed	11-Apr-23 IPG - TWISD	As long as the client has valid temporary resident status, is in Canada, and has an Iranian passport, they are eligible for these special measures. Clients should ensure to upload a copy of their Iranian passport when completing an application as well as provide their passport from Domenica with the valid TRV sticker. Under "Proof of fee exemption", clients must upload a letter that states "I am exempt from paying fees under the Iranian special measures."

General Pro IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0768	<p>1- Can Iranian nationals with employer-specific work permits apply for an open work permit under the new public policy for Iranians?</p> <p>2- Will the new open work permits invalidate their current employer-specific work permits?</p> <p>3- If they continue to work for their current employers (LMIA-WP) and also work somewhere else with open work permits, will they still be eligible for 50 points of arranged employment in Express Entry?</p>	IPG - ORHM	Completed	26-May-23	<p>1. & 2. Under this public policy, Iranian nations in Canada with valid status may apply for an open work permit. There is nothing in either the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations that prevents someone from holding two different work permits at the same time. In addition, their open work permit will not invalidate their employer-specific work permit.</p> <p>3. Please find what constitutes a job offer here and here. Please note that a work permit is not the same as a job offer as you will find here. The applicant would be eligible for 50 points for arranged employment so long as they meet the criteria listed under section 20(1) of the Ministerial Instructions respecting the Express Entry system. Note that for the Canadian Experience Class, we do not count any hours worked above 30 hours a week towards the work experience requirement.</p> <p>Please be advised that the assessment of an application is based on a case-by-case basis, considering the particular circumstances in conjunction with the supporting documentation available to the officer. The onus is always on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements.</p>	
General Pro IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0806	Can an applicant who has received an Open Work Permit under this public policy then apply for Temporary Resident Visas for their spouse or dependent children outside of Canada to join them here in Canada? If yes, does the Open Work Permit Holder have to be employed in Canada and provide pay stubs to qualify to apply for their family?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	12-May-23	IPG - ORHM	<p>The temporary public policy (https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/public-policies/iran-nationals-extend-stay.html) for nationals of Iran provides fee waivers for Iranian nationals currently in Canada as temporary residents to extend their temporary resident status. The open work permit holder's spouse and/or dependent children are able to apply for a TRV or other program from outside of Canada if they meet the eligibility criteria, however these applications would not be fee exempt. If applying for a TRV, there is no requirement for the open work permit holder to be employed, however they will need to provide proof of sufficient funds to support their stay in Canada. For children of school age, they should apply for a study permit rather than a TRV. See Study permits: Guidelines on minor children (https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/guidelines-on-minor-children.html) for more information.</p>
General Pro IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0964	1. Will an Iranian student with a valid study permit be able to continue attending school and complete his final semester if she applies for open work under the current measures for Iranian nationals in Canada as temporary residents?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	22-Sep-23	IPG - ORHM	<p>1. Iranian students who have valid temporary resident status and are in Canada they may apply for an Open Work Permit under these special measures. Foreign nationals may hold multiple permits at the same time. Students who are granted a work permit may use their authorization to work under its conditions during the validity of their study permit. They must also continue to meet the conditions of their study permit, except any conditions related to working while they have a valid work permit. Further, there is nothing in either the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations that prevents someone from holding two different work permits. As such, the client would need to determine which work permit best suits their needs for working in Canada.</p> <p>2. Given that foreign nationals may hold multiple permits at the time, Iranian students who apply to change their status from a student to a worker are not required to quit their studies and work full-time. They must however continue to meet the conditions of their study permit if they wish to retain their study permit.</p> <p>3. Under this public policy, Iranian nationals currently in Canada with valid temporary resident status are eligible to have the fees waived for open work permits applications submitted before February 29, 2024, including a Post-Graduate Work Permit.</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0849	1. International students when generating an application in MyGKey are encountering issues. Do they have to indicate that they are a "visitor" in order to generate an open work permit application and submit an explanation letter?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	8-May-23	IPG - ORHM	<p>1. For these measures, eligible students should follow the instructions to apply to "Change" their temporary resident status to "worker" on the web instructions and apply for an open work permit. Students who apply for an open work permit will not lose their status as a student in Canada.</p> <p>In order to complete an online work permit application made from within Canada you will need to answer yes to the Come To Canada tool questions "Do you have a written job offer?" and "Do you have a Labour Market Impact Assessment issued by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)?" Under these temporary special measures you are not required to provide either of these documents. To continue with your application, in the fields for both an LMIA and job offer please upload a letter of explanation outlining that you are applying under the special measures and exempt from requiring a job offer/LMIA.</p> <p>2. The duration of the Open Work Permit will be issued for a maximum of three years or to passport or biometric expiry, whichever comes first.</p> <p>3. Foreign nationals may hold multiple permits at the same time. Students who are granted a work permit may use their authorization to work under its conditions during the validity of their work permit. They must also meet the conditions (https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/prepare-arrival/study-permit-conditions.html) of their study permit, except any conditions related to working while they have a valid work permit. More information can be found here (https://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=1618&top=15).</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0591	1. Can you advise what length of work permit that will be issued to Iranian nationals in Canada who apply for an open work permit under the temporary policy measure?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	30-Mar-23	IPG - ORHM	<p>1. The duration of the Open Work Permit will be issued for a maximum of three years or to passport or biometric expiry, whichever comes first.</p> <p>2. An international student can hold both a study permit and a work permit concurrently. There is nothing in the regulations that prevents this. However, there are conditions associated with holding a study permit, such as R220.1(1)(b), which indicates to me that when they were issued with it, that their primary intent in Canada is to study. I see that the Student Team has been copied and may be able to provide additional insight on this aspect.</p> <p>• 220.1 (1) The holder of a study permit in Canada is subject to the following conditions: o (a) they shall enroll at a designated learning institution and remain enrolled at a designated learning institution until they complete their studies; and o (b) they shall actively pursue their course or program of study.</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0495	This policy does mention that Iranian nationals in Canada with temporary resident status can change their status and/or move between temporary status. Does this mean that international students with study permits are able to apply for an open work permit and if yes, how long would the work permit be valid for? This information is not too clear on the website, and we would like to know if we must expect potential withdrawals from our Iranian students with this policy in place.	IPG - TWISD	Completed	17-Mar-23	IPG - TWISD	<p>Iranian nationals in Canada that meet all the eligibility requirements under the temporary public policy for nationals of Iran in Canada as temporary residents (https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/public-policies/iran-nationals-extend-stay.html) may be eligible for an extension of their temporary resident status, an open work permit and/or a study permit. Additionally, Iranian nationals in Canada are subject to all other legislative obligations and admissibility and selection requirements not exempted under this, or another, public policy.</p> <p>Under these special measures, a national of Iran (holds a passport issued by Iran) in Canada with valid temporary resident status who applies for an extension of their authorization to remain in Canada as a temporary resident or to change their temporary resident status, may be eligible via the following applications: • a work permit or extension; or • a study permit or extension; or • a visitor record extension; or • a temporary resident permit.</p> <p>Clients, who apply for an extension, or to change their status before it expires, will maintain their status while their application is processed.</p> <p>Under this policy, an open work permit under the authority of section 25.2 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (https://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/i-2.5/section-25.1.html) may be issued to the validity of the clients passport or 3-years, whichever comes first.</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0783	Eligible Iranian nationals who are in Canada as temporary residents may apply to extend their stay or change their status in Canada as a worker, a student or a visitor at no cost. Can Iranian students apply for an Open Work Permit but not lose their status as a student in Canada? Can they continue studying under their valid study permit?	IPG - TWISD	Completed	11-Apr-23		<p>A Study Permit holder may apply for an open work permit. Foreign nationals may hold multiple permits at the same time. Students who are granted an open work permit may use their authorization to work under its conditions during the validity of their work permit. They must also continue to meet the conditions of their study permit. For these measures, eligible students should follow the instructions to apply to "Change" their temporary resident status to "worker" on the web instructions and apply for an open work permit. Students who apply for an open work permit will not lose their status as a student in Canada. Their study permit will remain valid until the permit validity date.</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0747	If a dual citizen arrives into Canada as a visitor with a German passport (based on eTA) and also holds a valid Iranian passport (no Canadian visitor visa in this passport), would this person be eligible for the temporary public policy allowing Iranian nationals to apply from inside Canada to convert their status with an open work permit?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	11-Apr-23	IPG - TWISD	<p>As long as the client has valid temporary resident status, is in Canada, and has an Iranian passport, they are eligible for these special measures. Clients should ensure to upload a copy of their Iranian passport when completing an application as well as provide their passport from Germany. Under "Proof of fee exemption", clients must upload a letter that states "I am exempt from paying fees under the Iranian special measures."</p>

PR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0743	<p>1. With IRAN2023 policy, Iranian students are applying for an OWP. That means they will have a study permit and open work permit at the same time. In this case, I think they can't claim work experience points for express entry, correct?</p> <p>2. Can they claim points for Canadian education when they graduate even though they had both sp and owp.</p>	IPG - ORHM	Completed	12-Apr-23 IPG - SPEC	<p>1. Under the Federal Skilled Worker program, work experience gained while studying may count towards the minimum requirements if the work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - was paid by wages or commissions - was continuous (no gaps in employment), and - meets all the other requirements of the program <p>Under the Canadian Experience Class, work experience gained as a full-time student (even if they were on a co-op work term) does not count towards the minimum requirements of the program.</p> <p>More information on student work experience can be found on our website</p> <p>2. As per 73[1] of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations, a Canadian educational credential is defined as "...any secondary school diploma or any post-secondary diploma, certificate or credential that is issued on the completion of a Canadian program of study or training at an educational or training institution that is recognized by the provincial authorities responsible for registering, accrediting, supervising and regulating such institutions." Candidates will be able to claim CRS points for their Canadian education credential so long as their education credentials meet the description above, and section 31[1] of the Ministerial Instructions respecting the Express Entry system.</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0737	<p>I'm wondering if someone with a dual citizenship can get an OWP under the public policy for Iranian.</p> <p>The policy has mentioned Iran nationals currently in Canada regardless of the entry way.</p> <p>Therefore, I would like to know whether someone got a visa with a non-Iranian passport will be still qualify under the new policy</p>	IPG - ORHM	Completed	13-Apr-23 IPG - ORHM	<p>As long as the client has valid temporary resident status, is in Canada, and has an Iranian passport, they are eligible for these special measures. Clients should ensure to upload a copy of their Iranian passport when completing an application as well as provide their non-Iranian passport. Under "Proof of fee exemption", clients must upload a letter that states "I am exempt from paying fees under the Iranian special measures."</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0919	<p>If an Iranian National who is in Canada on a temporary basis as a visitor and applies for an Open Work Permit through the public policy for Iranians, do they have maintained status until a decision is made? Or do they have to extend their status as a visitor if needs be?</p>	IPG - ORHM	Completed	5-May-23 IPG - ORHM	<p>If the client applies to extend their stay in Canada prior to the expiry of their existing period of authorized stay, then as with any other extension applicant, their status is maintained under R183[5].</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0796	<p>As per IRCC policy, students who need to take a leave from their studies for more than 150 days are required to either (1) apply to change their immigration status in Canada (e.g. to visitor or worker) if remaining in Canada or (2) leave Canada in order to remain compliant with the conditions of their study permit.</p> <p>If a foreign national holds a valid study permit and an open work permit and needs to go on a leave from their studies of more than 150 days, are they still required to apply to change their status in Canada to that of a visitor if they intend to remain in Canada in order to remain in compliance with the conditions of their study permit?</p> <p>Would the answer to the above question be different in the scenarios below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student holds a valid study permit and open work permit under temporary public policy and goes on a leave from study for more than 150 days (in this case the work permit was applied for & issued prior to the student going on leave) • Student holds a valid study permit and goes on a leave for more than 150 days. After the leave has begun they apply for an open work permit under the temporary public policy. 	IPG - TWISD	Completed	5-May-23 IPG - TWISD	<p>International students on a study permit who plan to take a leave from their studies for over 150 days must adhere to certain conditions. They can apply to either alter their status in Canada to that of a visitor or worker or leave the country to ensure they comply with the terms of their study permit. Even if they hold an open work permit under the temporary public policy, they must still fulfill this obligation.</p> <p>However, they can maintain their study permit status if they continue to meet the requirements and actively pursue their studies, provided that the gap in their studies is less than 150 days. Failure to resume their studies within this timeframe will require them to either change their status or exit Canada.</p> <p>Please note that the Immigration Representatives Mailbox only responds to general immigration program or policy related enquiries, and not to specific cases or scenarios.</p> <p>For more information on what counts as an authorized leave, please visit our website.</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-0796 -- REP-2023-0967	<p>1. If a student is in Canada with a valid study permit and a valid open work permit obtained under the temporary public policy for nationals of Iran who are in Canada as temporary residents and they go on a leave from study for more than 150 days, is that student still required to apply to change their status in Canada given that they already have a work permit?</p> <p>2. If they are required to change their status in Canada in order to continue to comply with the conditions of their study permit and their stay, would they be required to change their status to that of a visitor since they already hold a valid work permit?</p> <p>I understand that alternatively they have the option to leave Canada within the 150 days</p>	IPG - TWISD	Completed	31-May-23 IPG - TWISD	<p>A student on leave who begins or resumes their studies within 150 days from the date the leave commenced (that is, the date the leave was granted by the institution) is considered to be actively pursuing studies during their leave.</p> <p>As the student has a valid study permit, they should adhere to the conditions of the study permit even if they also have a valid open work permit.</p> <p>If a student does not resume their studies within 150 days, they should do either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - change their status (that is, change to visitor status or worker status) - leave Canada <p>Please visit our website (https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/assessing-conditions.html) for more information on study permit conditions.</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-1080	<p>If an Iranian national (completed their studies and otherwise compliant with the Study Permit regulations) under the temporary public policy for nationals of Iran has applied for the Open Work Permit at the end of their program (not the PGWP). Are they allowed to start working before they receive their OWP? We told you say yes, based on IR6w, as it does not state PGWP specifically and refers to work permits in general.</p> <p>In the case of PGWP, I believe everyone is very clear on the interpretation, but in the case of the special policy OWP, we are looking for some clarification</p>	IPG - TWISD	Completed	30-Jun-23 IPG - TWISD	<p>Under section R186(V), if a student was or were the holder of a study permit who has completed their program of study and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (i) they met the requirements set out in paragraph (v), and • (ii) they applied for a work permit before the expiry of that study permit and a decision has not yet been made in respect of their application <p>Then they may begin work prior to receiving an open work permit.</p> <p>For more information, please visit our website (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/sor-2002-227/section-186.html)</p>

TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-1152	A Study Permit Holder in Canada applied for an Open Work Permit under the Temporary public policy for nationals of Iran in Canada as temporary residents. However, the Open Work Permit got rejected. In this scenario, does their Study Permit remain valid until the expiry date, considering they comply with all the other terms and conditions for the study permit?	IPG - TWISD	Completed	10-Jul-23	IPG - TWISD	A foreign national may hold both a work and study permit. Their study permit will remain valid until the permit expiry date as long as they continue to meet the conditions of their study permit: Your conditions as a study permit holder in Canada - Canada.ca (https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/prepare-arrival/study-permit-conditions.html)
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-1159	I was wondering if Iranians on visitor visa in Canada still need to study prerequisite English course to be able to change status from visitor to student from inside Canada or as per new public policy effective until February 28th, 2024 they are exempt from this requirement?	IPG - TWISD	Completed	10-Jul-23	IPG - TWISD	Upon completion of a course or program of study that is a pre-requisite to their enrolment at a DL, the applicant may also apply for a study permit from inside Canada. However, the applicant would need to demonstrate that they successfully completed their pre-requisite course or program of study and they also would need to provide a letter of acceptance from the receiving DL. The officer will base their decision on the information available to them and the documents provided by the applicant, so the applicant would need to demonstrate that they meet the eligibility and admissibility requirements for a study permit, and the officer would need to be satisfied that the applicant did indeed complete a course or program of study that is a pre-requisite to their enrolment at a DL. For information on making an application and the section on pre-requisites, please see the following webpage: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/making-application.html . More information regarding the new public policy can be found here: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/public-policies/iran-nationals-extend-stay.html An application can either be approved, refused, withdrawn or canceled. An application can be withdrawn if the applicant makes a request to withdraw their application before processing of their application is completed. The request to withdraw is then approved at the discretion of an officer; there are no specific guidelines regarding how to exercise this discretion. Processing fees are only refunded if IRCC has not begun processing the application. The responsible office will review the withdrawal request and it is up to their discretion to determine whether a refund is required for the application fees (e.g. the work permit processing fee of \$155). In most cases, these will not be refunded once IRCC has begun processing the application. Please note that if an applicant asks to withdraw their application following the reception of a procedural fairness letter, the application will be refused, not withdrawn, in this circumstance. Additionally, an application can be withdrawn for administrative reasons (for example, if a second application is a duplicate of the first one). For more information, please consult the following webpages: If I withdraw my application, will I get a refund? (cic.gc.ca) How do I change an offer of employment, or fix a mistake I made in one? (cic.gc.ca) If there are any enquiries specific to an application, please send them via the IRCC Webform.
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-1199	In your previous email, you stated that there is nothing in either the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR) that prohibits someone from holding two different work permits. Therefore, it was advised to determine which work permit best suits the individual's needs for working in Canada. "There is nothing in either the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations that prevents someone from holding two different work permits. As such, they would need to determine which work permit best suits their need for working in Canada" I kindly request confirmation on whether the immigration officer has the authority to withdraw the second work permit application when there is no specific provision in the IRPA and IRPR that supports such action	IPG - TWISD	Completed	31-Jul-23	IPG - TWISD	An application can be withdrawn if the applicant makes a request to withdraw their application before processing of their application is completed. The request to withdraw is then approved at the discretion of an officer; there are no specific guidelines regarding how to exercise this discretion. Processing fees are only refunded if IRCC has not begun processing the application. The responsible office will review the withdrawal request and it is up to their discretion to determine whether a refund is required for the application fees (e.g. the work permit processing fee of \$155). In most cases, these will not be refunded once IRCC has begun processing the application. Please note that if an applicant asks to withdraw their application following the reception of a procedural fairness letter, the application will be refused, not withdrawn, in this circumstance. Additionally, an application can be withdrawn for administrative reasons (for example, if a second application is a duplicate of the first one). For more information, please consult the following webpages: If I withdraw my application, will I get a refund? (cic.gc.ca) How do I change an offer of employment, or fix a mistake I made in one? (cic.gc.ca) If there are any enquiries specific to an application, please send them via the IRCC Webform.
TR Processir CN	IM-2023-0697	Could you please let us know if an Iranian national is exempt from work permit processing and open work permit fees when they are requesting an open work permit, C42 exemption code, as a spouse accompanying a foreign national authorized to study in Canada? If so, will the open work permit in GCMS have the exemption code C42 instead of ROI and the duration will be limited to the validity of the spouse's SP?	IPG - TWISD	In progress			
TR Processir DN	IM-2023-0670	1) Is this policy applicable to Ukrainian, Turkish, Syrian, Sudanese, and Iranian nationals only? Or any other nationals eligible for a fee waiver due to humanitarian grounds?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	22-Aug-23	IPG - ORHM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The special measures referenced in these program delivery instructions (links below) require that the client be a national of the country specified in the measures (Iran, Sudan, Turkiye/Syria) in order to be eligible. These measures are intended to support those nationals of those countries who are already in Canada, and do not wish to return home at this time. However, please note these measures also include fee waivers for Canadian Citizens and Canadian permanent residents who are in these countries and require documents in order to assist their departure. The CUAET measures were intended for Ukrainian nationals and their immediate family members of any nationality. Overseas CUAET intake closed on July 15, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details on the eligibility requirements of each of these measures can be found here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/iran.html https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/earthquakes2023.html https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/sudan2023/sudanese-nationals-canada.html https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/migrate-canada/ukraine-measures.html Temporary special measures for Iranian nationals in Canada will end on February 28, 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/public-policies/iran-nationals-extend-stay.html
TR Processir DN	IM-2023-0670	2) All of these special measures indicate that these are temporary. When are the measures ending for each of the special measurements?	IPG - ORHM	Completed	8/22/2023	IPG - ORHM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary special measures for Turkish and Syrian nationals in Canada will end on September 25, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/earthquakes2023.html Temporary special measures for Sudanese nationals in Canada will end on October 27, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/service-delivery/temporary-measures-sudan.html Immigration measures to support immediate family members of Canadian citizens and Canadian permanent residents who have departed Sudan will end on April 30, 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immigration measures to support immediate family members of Canadian citizens and Canadian permanent residents who have departed Sudan - Canada.ca July 15, 2023, was the last day for Ukrainian nationals and their immediate family members to apply for a visitor visa under the CUAET measures. As of July 16th, Ukrainian nationals and their immediate family members can apply for a visitor visa through the regular process. Once in Canada, under the post-CUAET measures, Ukrainians can apply for an open work permit, for a study permit or to extend your stay for up to 3 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/migrate-canada/ukraine-measures.html

TR Processir IN	IM-2023-0699	<p>Are the Temporary Special Measures to Support Iranian Nationals saying anything about the issuance of a TRV as returning worker following the authorization of the WP-EXT? The PDI Temporary Special Measures to Support Iranian Nationals is not mentioning anything about the issuance of a returning worker TRV following the WP-EXT application within Canada. For the moment, we are issuing a TRV to WP validity considering that the extension was approved. However, the fact that the applicants have submitted a TRV application following the issuance of their WP-EXT appears to question the fact that they were in Canada at the time of the WP-EXT application (therefore meeting eligibility).</p>	Completed	7-Sep-23 IPG - VPHIS	<p>The program delivery instructions refer to the Temporary Public Policy For Nationals of Iran in Canada as Temporary Residents, which allows for those temporary residents who may feel uncomfortable returning to Iran at this time, and may wish to extend their stay and for permanent residents or Canadian citizens who reside in Iran to help facilitate their travel. The extension measures only apply to Iranian nationals who remain in Canada for temporary residents. In order to be eligible, the foreign national must meet the following eligibility requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The foreign national <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is a national of Iran in Canada with valid temporary resident status; and b. Has applied for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. an extension of their authorization to remain in Canada as a temporary resident under section 181 of the Regulations, or ii. a temporary resident permit. 2. The foreign national <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is a national of Iran in Canada with valid temporary resident status; b. Has applied for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. an extension of their authorization to remain in Canada as a temporary resident under section 181 of the Regulations, or ii. a temporary resident permit; and c. Has applied for a work permit under section 200 or 201 of the Regulations. 3. The foreign national <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is a national of Iran in Canada with valid temporary resident status; b. Has applied for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. an extension of their authorization to remain in Canada as a temporary resident under section 181 of the Regulations, or ii. a temporary resident permit; and c. Has applied for a study permit under section 216 or 217 of the Regulations from within Canada. <p>Given that applications are being submitted from outside of Canada, it appears these clients would not be eligible under these special measures.</p>
TR Processir IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-1696	<p>I was wondering if Iranian nationals with temporary status in Canada who applied to changed their status to Worker (OWP) under the special policy for Iranians because of the situation in Iran, apply for extension of their WP issued under this policy?</p> <p>A potential client of mine biometric expires in August 2024. She has applied for the OWP under this policy and her application was approved but her OWP is issued until the validity of her biometric which is August 2024; therefore the total length is 1 year. While most Iranians received their OWP for 3 years (if their passport and their biometric validity allows).</p> <p>Now my question is: Can the Iranian client do her biometric again to renew it and then apply for extension of her OWP under this policy? If yes, may you please provide details.</p>	IPG - ORHM In progress		
General Pro IPG - ImmRep	REP-2023-1751	<p>I understand that during the validity of this public policy, Iranian temporary residents in Canada are exempt from the application fee for an Open Work Permit. Still, I would like to know if this exemption applies to Post Graduate Work Permit applications. As a graduate Work Permit is also categorized as an Open Work Permit, I want to confirm whether Iranian Nationals are exempt from the application fee for this type of permit under this active public policy.</p>	IPG - ORHM Completed	IPG - ORHM	<p>Under this public policy, Iranian nationals currently in Canada with valid temporary resident status are eligible to have the fees waived for open work permits applications submitted before February 29, 2024, including a Post-Graduate Work Permit. For your information, instructions on how IRCC officers process temporary resident applications under this public policy may be found here (https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/public-policies/iran-nationals-extend-stay.html).</p>
Admissibility	IM-2023-0747	<p>I'd like to clarify if the Iran TPP exempts in-Canada applicants from the need to meet the conditions of R215(1)(f)(iii) when applying to change status from VR to SP-EXT (applications in question are Based on review of the refused applications, these applications were refused on the basis that the Iran TPP does not exempt applicants from the requirement of R215(1)(f)(iii), only the fee requirements. I note that the Iran TPP PDI does not have the three Condition (Eligibility Requirements) sections per the TRV PP notice on the IRCC website, so just wanted to confirm if these applicants should have been eligible to change their status from visitor to student despite not meeting R215(1)(f)(iii) on the basis of the following highlighted sections:</p> <p>For foreign nationals who meet the conditions listed in 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 213 of the Regulations – the requirement to apply for a study permit before entering Canada; • Paragraph 23.5(1)(a) [a] of the Regulations – the requirements that a foreign national must meet in order to apply for a study permit after entering Canada; • Subsection 298(1) – the requirement to pay an application processing fee for a temporary resident permit; • Subsection 300(1) – the requirement to pay an application processing fee for a study permit; • Subsection 315.1(1) – the requirement to pay for the provision of service in relation to the collection of biometric information. 	IPG - TWISD In progress		

TR Processir IPG - ImmRep

REP-2023-1809

1. As you mentioned in your email, the IRPA and IRPR do not prevent a foreign national from holding two different work permits. However, a closed work permit limits working for only one employer, while an open work permit does not pose any such limits. Which work permit conditions will take precedence?

2. If an Iranian student changes their status to a worker, can they quit their studies, completely or temporarily, and work full-time instead?

Iranian students have inquired if they can quit their studies completely or temporarily and work full-time after receiving open work permits. Or they must comply with the conditions of their study permits to enjoy work authorization as open work permit holders offered under the temporary public policy for nationals of Iran in Canada as temporary residents.

An open work permit obtained as a spouse of an international student stays valid even if the couple is divorced or separated or the principal study permit holder quits studies completely.

The IRPA and IRPR do not require the holders of open work permits to continue studies either.

Does the open work permit obtained under this policy have a condition that requires students to comply with the conditions of their study permits to use authorization to work?

3. Is requesting an open work while a student considered changing status similar to changing from visitor to worker?

4. Will Iranian students with both study and open work permits obtained under the temporary public policy for nationals of Iran in Canada as temporary residents be eligible to apply for a PGWP after completing their studies?

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