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**Subject:** FW: [URGENT] Worker/ student -> out of status -> restore to visitor? -- REP-2020-2199

Good day,

Yes, a foreign national who held status as a student or worker when they fell out of status is eligible to restore their status as a visitor by submitting the IMM5708. We are currently working on updating the guidelines to reflect this.

Thank you,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

**From:**

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**Subject:** [URGENT] Worker/ student -> out of status -> restore to visitor?

Dear ImmReps,

Is a foreign national who held status as a worker when he/she fell out of status eligible to restore their status to visitor? If so, should this be done by submitting an application to restore their status to visitor (IMM5708)?

Likewise, is a foreign national who held status as a student when he/she fell out of status eligible to restore their status to visitor? If so, should this be done by submitting an application to restore their status to visitor (IMM5708)?

*Background:*

CPC-E has, in the past, approved applications corresponding to the above-mentioned scenarios. However, restoration guidelines were modified on April 8 2020 to state that “a foreign national can only apply to restore their status and authorization to one they held immediately prior to the need to apply for restoration.” I am seeking to determine if these guidelines now preclude such applications.

Best regards,