CIC Provides Guidance on Concurrent Filing of Work Permit Extensions Without an Approved LMO or CAQ

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Citizenship and Immigration Canada ("CIC") has been providing guidance to foreign nationals seeking extensions of their work permits through the Case Processing Centre in Vegreville, Alberta ("CPC Vegreville"), while these foreign nationals wait for a Labour Market Opinion ("LMO") or a Certificat d'acceptation du Québec ("CAQ") to be approved.

According to CIC, if a foreign national is ready to submit a work permit application to CPC Vegreville, but is waiting for an LMO or CAQ, the application may still be submitted, but only within two weeks of the expiry date of his or her existing work permit. In addition, proof that the LMO/CAQ request was made must be included with the application.

Applicants who are submitting work permit extensions to CPC Vegreville under the above circumstances must therefore do one of the following (as applicable):

a) They must include a copy of the LMO/CAQ application sent to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada/Immigration Québec;

b) They must include a copy of the receipt confirmation number, if the request was done online; or

c) They must indicate the following in Section D of IMM 1249:

• The date the LMO/CAQ request was sent;
• The office to which it was sent;
• The employer's name; and
• The confirmation number for the submission, if available.

If the LMO/CAQ confirmation number is not available at the time of filing, applicants must contact [CIC's Call Centre](#) and provide this information within two months of CPC Vegreville's receipt of the application. Failure to do so may result in CPC Vegreville refusing the application.

CIC has also advised that applicants who are waiting for their CAQ may not submit their extension applications online. Instead, paper applications must be submitted by mail in such cases.