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## **CAPIC Supports Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship's Announcement of PGWP Extension in 2023.**

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Today, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of IRCC announced the continuation of the additional 18-month post-graduation work permit policy.

Starting April 6, 2023, international graduates whose PGWP expired or will be expired, may utilize this policy to extend their PGWP for up to 18 months. The policy also allows expired PGWP holders to restore their status who are beyond the 90-day restoration period. An interim work authorization will be issued, allowing PGWP holders to work while waiting for their work permits. The PGWP extension policy is part of Canada's long-term strategy to retain international graduate talent from Canadian Educational institutions as Permanent Residents. The transition of international students to permanent residents will contribute tremendously to the Canadian economy and place skilled professionals in key sectors where they will fill Canada's long-term labour needs, responding to a "Predictable skills gap in essential sectors of our economy", says Fraser. In addition, the move will strengthen Canada's social fabric by ensuring that critical services, particularly those in rural areas, remain available.

"CAPIC commends the Minister for the policy amendments and for considering some of CAPIC's recommendations for backlog reduction to the same effect", says CAPIC CEO. CAPIC will continue to advocate for policy changes that will improve the integrity of the Canadian immigration system.

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