



## Implied Status

**I have applied for my bridge work permit. Can I stay in Canada if my work permit expires?**

- If you applied for a work permit extension **before** your work permit expired, you can keep working under the same conditions as your existing permit until CIC decides on your application unless you have applied to extend your stay under another category (ex. visitor). **You must stay in Canada and meet the conditions of your original work permit.**

**The above applies to bridge permits for those applying for PR and to extensions submitted based on an in-process LMIA.**

**Important:** an application to the **IEC** does not give you implied status. You must switch your status to **VISITOR** before the IEC expires and wait for your new IEC permit to come in.

**If you applied for a different kind of permit:**

- You cannot do any of the activities allowed by the original work permit. For example, you may have come to Canada as a worker and then applied for a study permit. If so, you must stop working once your work permit expires. After that, you cannot work or study until you get a new permit.

**NB:** You must inform Service Canada that you are on implied status. You should also inform your provincial health care office in case they can keep your health care file active.

**Very important: if you leave Canada while on implied status you LOSE this status.**

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