

Immigration Primer

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Another Reason to Hire International Graduates

On April 21st 2008, Citizenship and Immigration Canada announced significant changes to the post graduate work program. As a result, any qualifying international graduate of a Canadian university, college or other approved post-secondary institution may obtain an initial work permit lasting a period of three years.

In addition, pre-arranged employment is no longer required in order to qualify. Prior to the announcement, an international graduate of a Canadian post-secondary institution needed a job offer to obtain a post-graduate work permit. Moreover, the maximum time allotted for an original permit was either one or two years, depending upon the length of studies in Canada and the location of the place of employment.

Now, Canadian businesses that hire international students profit from a streamlined application process and a longer period of employment eligibility.

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NAFTA Professionals to the U.S.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services are contemplating an extension of the TN Visa renewal period from one year to [three years](#). If implemented, this change will have a positive effect on the human resources management of enterprises located in the United States that employ “Business Professionals” as defined by the *North American Free Trade Agreement, Chapter 16, Annex 1603, Appendix 16-3.D.1*. Such professionals include, but are not limited to certain accountants, engineers, lawyers, scientists, teachers, con-

sultants, etc. who are nationals of Canada and/or Mexico.

As the deadline for responses to this proposed Rule is 30 days from the date of its publication, we anticipate that the Rule may come into effect before the fall of this year. Our office will keep track of these developments and will follow up in a subsequent issue of the Immigration Primer.*

* We thank the offices of [Homeland America](#) for bringing this information to our initial attention.

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The Law Office of ANGELA SCARLETT, LL.B. is a concentrated practice that focuses on immigration advocacy and counsel. Whether you are an individual wanting to live, work and/or study in Canada, a Business Immigrant planning to relocate or a corporation preparing to transfer/hire employees, we provide you with complete legal services.

The core principle that informs our law practice is *Dignity for All People*. Not only do we provide immigration services, but through our development of the Overseas Professional Immigration Network Americas, Inc. (OPIN Americas), our clients gain access to a cadre of experts in the fields of banking, real estate, business law, human resources administration, wealth management and tax planning. All of our professionals are pre-screened by us to ensure a high level of integrity, knowledge and success in their specialties so that your needs are handled effectively and effi-

ciently.

We work by referral only in order to preserve our exemplary standard of service. Every client is earned, every client is specifically catered to and, thus, every client is our best source of additional business.

If you are interested in acquiring any of our above-mentioned offerings, please feel free to contact our office in Toronto, Canada by phone at, (647) 435-8307 or by email at: angelascarlett@rogers.com.

We look forward to speaking with you.

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Note:

Please be advised that the law office of ANGELA SCARLETT, LL.B. is not authorized to offer legal counsel regarding U.S. Immigration Law. We provide the above article regarding proposed changes to the TN Visa for informational purposes only. However, persons wishing to immigrate to the United States may be referred to our contacts via OPIN Americas, Inc. by request.

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