



## Immigration Update

### Welcome

Welcome to the Fall 2008 issue of the Guberman, Garson, Bush *Immigration Update*. Our goal is to provide you with timely information relating to immigration issues. If you wish for us to cover a specific topic in an upcoming issue, please send your request to the email address below. We look forward to your feedback.

### New Permanent Resident Categories for Foreign Workers and Students in Canada

The Canadian government recently introduced the “Canada Experience Class” for permanent immigration. Temporary foreign worker or foreign student who graduated in Canada may be eligible to make applications for permanent residence under this program. It includes criteria such as work experience in Canada, language abilities and it is limited to executive, managerial and skilled workers. In contrast to the Federal Skilled Worker category that is based on a “points system”, the Canada Experience Class is pass/fail.

### Increase in Period of Admission for TNs

The Department of Homeland Security amended its regulations on October 16, 2008 to increase the maximum allowable period of admission for TNs to three years. The regulation now also allows eligible TNs to be granted extensions of stay in increments of up to three years. This will also apply to accompanying TDs.

### REMINDER - Entry Requirements for Travel to the United States

On June 1, 2009, entering the United States by land, water or air will require the presentation of a valid passport. Valid passports are already required to enter the U.S. by air. If you do not currently have a valid passport, please think about applying before the rush. To obtain current information concerning Canadian passports, please visit <http://www.ppt.gc.ca/>.

### Customized Immigration Seminars

As your immigration lawyers, we are always pleased to meet with you at your office. Based on the needs of your company or law firm, we can prepare an insightful presentation customized to address the current requirements of professionals, employees or clients. Topics can range from border crossing strategies to long term immigration planning. Please contact your lawyer at Guberman, Garson, Bush to book a presentation.

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#### Additional Information

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