

### **International Mobility Program: Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement**

The Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement (FTA) was signed in November 2008 and entered into force on August 15, 2011. Chapter 12 of the Canada-Colombia FTA is almost identical to Chapter 12 of the FTA between Canada and Peru, but it includes a section allowing the issuance of open work permits to the spouses of traders and investors, people transferred within a company and professionals and technicians. This differs from the Canada-United States-Mexico Free Trade Agreement (CUSMA) which did not cover spouses.

#### **Coding for spouses [T25]**

Since this is an exemption under the FTA, it should be treated differently from the C41 and C42 exemptions (spouses of skilled workers or students, respectively). Therefore, the exemption code T25 must be entered into the system for open work permit applications submitted by spouses of workers coming to Canada under the Canada-Colombia FTA.

#### **Professionals and technicians**

Please refer to the list of professionals and technicians in the section above on the Canada-Peru FTA, which is identical to that of the Canada-Colombia FTA that contains a list of professionals who **are not** subject followed by a list of technicians who **are** subject.