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Good day,
[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**
Please note that this mailbox is intended for general guidance and does not provide responses to case-specific inquiries but have provided the following information as guidance. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit the IRCC Web form.
Please see our response to your question.
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There is no set timeframe for a foreign national to submit their application. As you noted the processing times are currently longer than 30, it would be recommended to apply in advance.
As long as the foreign national submits their application prior to the expiry of their study permit, they would maintain status.

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Good morning,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to seek clarification regarding the appropriate timeline for submitting a study permit extension/renewal application while residing in Canada.

The Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) and the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR) do **not** specify how early an individual can apply for a study permit extension/renewal while in Canada.

While Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) webpage recommends applying for an extension at least 30 days before the current study permit expires, considering that the current processing time for a study permit extension is approximately 133 days (about 4.5 months), I would like to clarify if it is acceptable, under IRCC policy, to apply for study permit extension/renewal five to six months in advance of the study permit expiry date?

Given this application processing period, there is an important practical concern about relying solely on maintained status. In the event that a study permit extension/renewal is refused or returned due to incompleteness while the applicant is on maintained status, the individual would lose their temporary resident status and will no longer be authorized to continue studying or working part-time in Canada.

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canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/check-processing-times.html

Study permit extension

Processing time

133 days

Last updated: April 9, 2025 Updated weekly

▶ How we calculated this processing time

Already applied?

- **Don't** send a new application.
  - The longer you've been waiting, the closer you are to the front of the line.
- We'll contact you if we need more information.
  - You don't need to do anything else.

Check your application status | Common questions about processing times

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