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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
Sent: Wed, 16 Apr 2025 17:22:40
To: [redacted]
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Late Study Permit Approval Scenarios - REP-A-2025-0725- Due- 3-Apr-25 - REP-B-2025-0206 - 1-May-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,
[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**
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Please see our response to your question.
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Student arriving in Canada with a letter of approval from IRCC also known as the introduction letter must provide documents which were reflected in their study permit application since the study permit will be issued (I.E, DLI name, **Name of program of study etc**.) based on that information contained in their letter of acceptance. Unless exempt, the application also included a PAL that identified a particular program of study. Therefore, changes to an already approved study permit while a student is outside Canada is generally not possible and would require a new study permit application, including a new/updated letter of acceptance (LOA) that would be verified through the LOA Portal and a PAL (if applicable).

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 25, 2025 8:00 AM
[redacted]
Subject: RE: Late Study Permit Approval Scenarios - REP-A-2025-0725- Due- 3-Apr-25

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Good morning,

I appreciate your response. However, I believe you misunderstood my second question.

[redacted]
A student has applied for a study permit for a program at our institution. The student receives an approval on their study permit application **after** their intake has already started so they are not able to join our institution for their anticipated term.

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Question 2
Can that student use their study permit approval to enter a later intake at the **same institution** in a **different program of study** than their study permit was approved for?

RESPONSE 2
Starting November 8, 2024, you must be enrolled in the designated learning institution (DLI) named on your study permit. This means you can no longer change DLIs by letting us knowthrough your online account. To change DLIs, you need to get a newstudy permit by applying to extend your current one.

CLARIFICATION
This question does not apply to a student changing their designated learning institution (DLI). In this scenario, the student would **remain at the same DLI** but would be entering Canada at a later date (while their study permit approval is still valid) to pursue a **different program of study** than their study permit was approved for. Is this possible?

Thank you in advance for your quick response to this request for clarification.

Best,

From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Sent: March 20, 2025 3:49 PM
To:
Cc: [redacted] (IRCC) [redacted]
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Subject: TR: Late Study Permit Approval Scenarios - REP-A-2025-0725- Due- 3-Apr-25

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Please see our response to your question:

QUESTION
I would appreciate your comments on the following scenarios regarding entering Canada on a study permit that was approved for an intake that has already passed.

[redacted]
A student has applied for a study permit for a program at our institution. The student receives an approval on their study permit application **after** their intake has already started so they are not able to join our institution for their anticipated term.

Question 1
Can that student use their study permit approval to enter a later intake at the same institution in the **same** program of study that their study permit was approved for?

RESPONSE 1
The student can use their study permit approval to enter a later intake at the same institution in the same program of study that their study permit was approved for. The study permit remains valid as long as the student meets the conditions of their permit, and the program of study remains the same.

For more detailed information, please refer to the following IRCC webpage: Study permit: While you study - Canada.ca

Question 2
Can that student use their study permit approval to enter a later intake at the same institution in a different program of study than their study permit was approved for?

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For more detailed information, please refer to the following IRCC webpages:
Study permit: While you study - Canada.ca
Changing your school or program - Canada.ca

We trust that this information will assist you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 4, 2025 9:07 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Subject: Late Study Permit Approval Scenarios

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Questions:
#1: Can that student use their study permit approval to enter a later intake at the same institution in the **same** program of study that their study permit was approved for?

#2: Can that student use their study permit approval to enter a later intake at the same institution in a different program of study than their study permit was approved for?

[redacted] of these questions and your insights. It is appreciated.

Best wishes,