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Even though their initial study permit is not expired, study permit holder must meet a certain number of conditions as listed on the IRCC website:

As a study permit holder, you must:

- * be enrolled at a designated learning institution (DLI), unless you're exempt
- * show you're actively pursuing your studies, unless you're exempt, by
  - * being enrolled full-time or part-time during each academic semester (excluding regularly scheduled breaks)
  - * making progress towards completing your program's courses **and**
  - * not taking authorized leaves longer than 150 days from your study program
- * apply to extend your study permit to change post-secondary schools
- * end your studies if you no longer meet the requirements of being a student **and**

A student in Canada who has withdrawn from their initial program and has a gap of 6,5 months to start their new program must change their status as they are no longer actively studying. The individual will need to apply for a new study permit to transition back to an international student status.

There are no temporary measure or conditions for maintaining compliance for this gap other than the above conditions.

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I am seeking clarification regarding the legal status of a study permit holder who is currently in Canada and has withdrawn from their previous academic program. If someone with a valid study permit wants to change the program in the same DLI, the gap between the last program and the new one will be 6.5 months. What is the best action to remain legal?

Given that the study permit remains valid during this period, would the individual need to apply for a visitor record to maintain legal status between now and the start of the new program? Additionally, are there any temporary measures or considerations for maintaining compliance with study permit conditions during this gap?

Your guidance on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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Best Regards,