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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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1. When a person is switching within the same DLI, must their study permit conditions recognize the new level of study (e.g., [redacted] study permit [redacted]", but the [redacted] program [redacted] program)?

Response: A student switching within the same DLI (e.g. has completed a "Bachelor's degree" and is now starting a "Master degree program") and who has applied to extend their study permit because it is about to expire, can continue to study at the new level within the same DLI until a decision is made. The study permit conditions refers to the ones listed on the IRCC website and not the new level. Of course, it is expected that the student provides all the necessary documentation in their study permit extension application such letter of acceptance into the new program, PAL (if applicable) etc.

2. If yes to #1, must the permit remain valid while they are studying the new program, or may they continue studying at the new level *after* the permit expires if they submit an application for extension in accordance with R189?

Response: Once the student has applied for their study permit extension for the same DLI before it expires, they may benefit from maintain status until a decision is made.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 10, 2025 2:28 PM
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Subject: Moving in between post-secondary levels at the same DLI - study permit conditions, R189 interpretation and front-end interpretation

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Hello,

The new rules on the "Change School" page state, for level switching within the DLI:

"You can keep studying at your DLI with your current study permit as long as you still meet your study permit conditions. However, if you need to extend your study permit, you may need to submit a new provincial attestation letter (PAL) or territorial attestation letter (TAL)."

Source: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/change-schools.html

Questions:

1. When a person is switching within the same DLI, must their study permit conditions recognize the new level of study (e.g., a study permit states "Bachelor's Degree", but the new program is a Master Degree program)?

2. If yes to #1, must the permit remain valid while they are studying the new program, or may they continue studying at the new level *after* the permit expires if they submit an application for extension in accordance with R189?

Thank you!