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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
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To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: I [redacted] - Change of study level/program impact to the study permit - REP-2025-0320 - Due 28-Feb-25
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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.

Regarding the email we sent to you on March 11th, it appears that the information we provided to you was incorrect.
Please find below an updated answer to your question.
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IRCC categorizes levels of study into three primary groups:

1. 1. Primary and Secondary Education: Includes education from grades 1 through 12.
2. 2. Post-Secondary Education: Covers vocational and technical training, college diplomas, and undergraduate programs.
3. 3. Graduate Education and Above: Covers master's and doctoral programs.

As a result, a college graduate certificate program and a college certificate program are therefore considered different levels of study.

If a study permit holder has completed a one-year graduate certificate and applied for a study permit extension based on another one-year graduate certificate program at the same DLI, and then decides to change to a college certificate program, they would need to apply for a new study permit and coop work permit. This is because the change involves moving to a different level of study.

For more information, please refer to the official IRCC resources:

- * Provincial Attestation Letter or Territorial Attestation Letter
- * Guide 5552 - Applying to Change Conditions or Extend Your Stay in Canada as a Student
- * Changing your school or program - Canada.ca
- * Ministerial Instructions
- * Work as a co-op student or intern - Canada.ca

Please review the website as the highlighted is not accurate and amend accordingly.

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