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Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Clarification on Student Legal Status and study permit validity Following Required Withdrawal Due to Academic Performance - REP-B-2025-0330 - Due 12-May-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.
Please see our response to your question.
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A student is no longer registered or enrolled when the DLI has sent a letter informing the student that they've been dismissed, withdrawn or transferred to another institution. Their study permit becomes invalid as per R222(1)(a.1), even if the document is not expired. Please note that an academic withdrawal is not considered an authorized leave in which the student is no longer considered an active student. Therefore, they would need to change their status or leave Canada.

In comparison, an academic suspension would be considered a leave. A student may take leave for a maximum 150 days due to **academic suspension** and would not be considered as no longer being registered or enrolled. The student would be allowed to return to their studies after the suspension. Please note that the enrollment status as " no longer registered/enrolled" and " academic suspension" are not the same. Please note that any leave over 150 days is not allowed, and the student would either need to change their status or leave Canada.

The IRCC website provides a glossary with definitions about the enrollment status of a student at a DLI such as academic suspension, no longer registered or enrolled, authorized leave etc.

We hope this information was useful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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les pièces jointes sauf si vous reconnaissez l'expéditeur et sachez que le contenu est sûr.

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Hope this message finds you well.

We are writing to seek clarification regarding the legal status of international students who are required to withdraw from their program due to not meeting academic progress expectations. At our institution, students who do not meet these requirements are discontinued from their current program. However, they are allowed to re-enter the same program at a later intake or apply for admission to a different program.

We would like to confirm whether this type of academic withdrawal is considered an *authorized leave* or a *no longer enrolled* status under current IRCC policy. Additionally, we are hoping to gain further clarity on how this withdrawal may affect the student's legal status in Canada, particularly in relation to their study permit validity.

According to the recent updates to Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations R222(1) and R222(1)(a.1)), a study permit becomes invalid on the day the student is no longer enrolled at the designated learning institution named on their permit. With that in mind, if a student is admitted into a different program at the same DLI within 150 days of the program withdrawal date, does their study permit remain valid? Or would they be required to apply to restore their student status and/or submit a study permit extension application before resuming studies?

Your guidance on this matter would be greatly appreciated, as it will help us provide accurate advice to students navigating academic and immigration challenges.

[redacted] your time and assistance.

Warm regards,

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