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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Thu, 17 Apr 2025 19:58:18
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Study Permit Invalidity_IRPR Update - REP-2024-2577
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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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Follow up question: Do I understand this correctly that if a student's study permit becomes invalid due to being withdrawn from their DLI, they lose their valid status in Canada? If yes, they are not authorized to change their status with Canada. If this is the case, do they need to:

- * In case they want to restore their status as a student, apply for a study permit restoration?
- * In case they want to change their status to a visitor, apply for a restoration and a visitor's record?

Answer: 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is no longer registered or enrolled when the DLI has sent a letter informing the student that they've been dismissed, withdrawn or transferred to another institution.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 [redacted] not expir[redacted]. Th[redacted], [redacted]uld [redacted] to change their status [redacted]l [redacted] note that [redacted] for a restoration would only be possible if the document has expired. A foreign national has 90 days from the date of expiry date to submit a restoration application.

Q4: What is IRCC's definition of enrolment for the purpose of this provision? Is it being active in the program or being enrolled in and taking classes? Students could be active in the program while on a scheduled break or an authorized leave, but they are not enrolled in classes during that time.

A4: A student is considered enrolled if they are actively attending classes or registered for courses at their DLI excluding regularly scheduled breaks, and authorized leave of up to 150 days. Students will need to ensure that they meet the conditions of their study permit Your conditions as a study permit holder in Canada - Canada.ca. Therefore, while students are not actively taking classes during regularly scheduled breaks or authorized leave of up to 150 days, they are still considered as being enrolled in their DLI.

Follow up questions:

- * If a student is registered in classes, but starts their program in let's say four months, are they considered enrolled at a DLI by IRCC for the purpose of this regulation for four months until they start classes? Every term, we have several students who are withdrawn from a program, but are planning to start a different program in one term.
- * If a student is withdrawn from a program, has a LOA for a different program that starts in 4 months, but is not registered in classes yet, are they considered enrolled at a DLI by IRCC for the purpose of this regulation for four months until they start classes?

Answer: As indicated above, 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

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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.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 18, 2025 1:40 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Subject: Study Permit Invalidity_IRPR Update - REP-2024-2577

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Hello,

I would like to follow up on the email below.
Thank you.

Best regards,

From:
Sent: [redacted] 16, 2025 1:15 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]

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Subject: RE: Study Permit Invalidity_IRPR Update - REP-2024-2577 - Due 9-Jan-25

Hello,

[redacted] this is very helpful.

I would like to follow up on this response please:
Q2: If a student is withdrawn from the program, and their study permit becomes invalid, can they/do they need to apply to restore their status as a student if they are accepted into another program at the same DLI shortly after the withdrawal?

A2: A study permit holder must meet their study permit conditions. In such cases where the student is withdrawn due to not meeting previous study permit conditions, the student is considered "no longer enrolled". If you do not abide to the conditions of your study permit you *may* need to change your status, or leave Canada.
However, there are a few cases where a student may be able to take a leave of up to a **maximum of 150 days** from their program of studies and still be actively pursuing their studies.

For more information, please refer to the IRCC website.

Follow up question:

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- * In case they want to restore their status as a student, apply for a study permit restoration?
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We are trying to understand the right approach for these scenarios.
[redacted] to your reply.
Have a great day.

Best regards,

From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Sent: [redacted] 16, 2025 11:14 AM
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC.[redacted]
Subject: TR: Study Permit Invalidity_IRPR Update - REP-2024-2577 - Due 9-Jan-25

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Please see our response to your question.

Questions:

Q1: Does this apply to students whose DLI is not specifically mentioned on a study permit? For example, DLI Alberta?

A1: Yes, the regulation applies to all study permit holders regardless of whether their DLI is specifically mentioned on their study permit or not.

Q2: If a student is withdrawn from the program, and their study permit becomes invalid, can they/do they need to apply to restore their status as a student if they are accepted into another program at the same DLI shortly after the withdrawal?

A2: A study permit holder must meet their study permit conditions. In such cases where the student is withdrawn due to not [redacted] study permit [redacted] the [redacted] you [redacted] not [redacted] to the conditions of your study permit you *may* need to change your status, or leave Canada.
However, there are a few cases where a student may be able to take a leave of up to a **maximum of 150 days** from their program of studies and still be actively pursuing their studies.

For more information, please refer to the IRCC website.

Q3: Sometimes students could be withdrawn for non-payment, but after paying the fees in full, they could be reinstated. It could take about a week for us to re-instate the student. In this case, does their study permit become invalid the day they are withdrawn, or they can continue studying after being reinstated?

A3: See above.

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Sincerely,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 11 décembre 2024 13:35
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Objet : Study Permit Invalidity_IRPR Update

Hello,

I hope my message finds you well.
I was hoping you could clarify a couple of things about this IRPR update published in Canada Gazette:

Consequences for not complying with the conditions

The regulations amend existing conditions to specify that study permit holders must enroll at the DLI listed on their study permit and remain enrolled until they complete their studies. The study permit invalidity provisions are also amended to add that the day when the permit holder is no longer enrolled at the DLI named on the permit, is the date when the permit may become invalid.

Questions:

- * If a student is withdrawn from the program, and their study permit becomes invalid, can they/do they need to apply to restore their status as a student if they are accepted into another program at the same DLI shortly after the withdrawal?

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