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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Tue, 22 Apr 2025 14:50:57
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: FW: Clarification on 150-Day Leave Rule and Restoration of Status - REP-B-2025-0329 - Due 12-May-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good Day,
[redacted] to [redacted] and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.

According to the information provided, the client is leaving Canada therefore it would be recommended that they submit an application in regards to the reason they are coming to Canada; study, work or visit.
The Border Services Officer will ask the foreign national questions upon entry as to why they are entering Canada. If they are coming to Canada or returning to Canada to study they will need to arrive in a reasonable timeframe of their studies. Note that foreign nationals are not eligible to study until their program begins. If the Border Services Officer admits the foreign national as a student, they will issue a study permit.
If the foreign national is re-entering Canada to visit/travel; the Border Services Officer will ask them questions on their reason for coming to Canada and what they will be doing while in Canada. If the Border Services Agent is satisfied with the foreign nationals reason for visiting Canada they will stamp the foreign nationals passport and input a date as to how long they are allowed to stay in Canada, if no date accompanies the stamp, they are admitted entry for 6 months.

We hope you find this information helpful.

[redacted]
The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 14, 2025 1:57 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Subject: Re: FW: Clarification on 150-Day Leave Rule and Restoration of Status - REP-B-2025-0329 - Due 12-May-25

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Good day,

Unfortunately my question was not answered.

The question is: if a person re-enter Canada as a student despite having completed the program; and applies for a study permit extension restoration to start a new program that will take more 150 from the date of initial program completion to start.

Does he/she needs to also apply for a visitor record to cover the 150 days gap?

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Thanks!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you ! Have a great day :)

Best regards,

On Mon, Apr 14, 2025 at 9:14 'a0AM Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted] wrote:

> 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.
> ***
> If you are travelling and re-entering Canada. A study permit isn't a travel document. It doesn't give you the right to travel to [redacted] with your permit, you [redacted] valid passport and [redacted]
>
> - * a visitor visa, **or**
> - * an electronic travel authorization (eTA)
>
> [redacted] an [redacted] visa, [redacted] with your study permit, [redacted] that you [redacted] re-enter [redacted] the border services officer that you meet all the requirements before you can re-enter.
>
> Some documents the border service officer may request.
>
> - * have a valid travel document, such as a passport
> - * have the port of entry letter of introduction the visa office sent you when they approved your study permit
>   - * This letter has your permit reference number, which we use to issue your study permit.
> - * have a copy of a valid letter of acceptance from your school
> - * have letters of reference or any other documents the visa office told you to bring
> - * have a valid electronic travel authorization (eTA), a valid visitor visa (temporary resident visa), a valid green card (or equivalent official proof of U.S. status) or another valid travel document
>   - * If you have a valid eTA, it'll be linked to the passport you used to apply for your study permit.
> - * have enough money for your stay (the amount you will need can vary—it depends on things such as how long you

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will stay, and whether you will stay in a hotel, or with friends or relatives)
- * be in good health
- * have no criminal or immigration-related convictions
- * convince an immigration officer that
    - * you have ties—such as a job, home, financial assets or family—that will take you back to your home country
    - * you will leave Canada at the end of your visit
- * **have valid immigration medical exam results (if you needed one)**
    - * Your exam is valid for 12 months from the day you get it.
    - * It must be valid the day you enter Canada.
    - * If your exam will expire before you enter Canada, you need to get another medical exam.
        - * This applies even if your letter of introduction is still valid.
- * prove that you'll leave Canada at the end of your stay

If the foreign national is returning to Canada to study, it is recommended that they submit a new study permit application, with all the supporting documentation and wait for a decision on their application before returning to Canada.

As of November 8, 2024, you must be enrolled in the designated learning institution (DLI) named on your study permit. This means you can no longer change DLIs by letting us know through your online account.

As of December 23, 2024, study permits will no longer be provided to flagpolers at a port of entry. Flagpoling occurs when foreign nationals who hold temporary resident status in Canada, leave Canada and, after a visit to the United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon, re-enter to access immigration services at a port of entry. As a result of these changes, you must leave and re-enter Canada from a country other than United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon to activate your permit.

The Border Service Officer will make the final decision as to whether the foreign national will be admitted in to Canada as a temporary resident as a student or a visitor.

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 8, 2025 4:10 PM
To: Immigration Representatives [redacted] Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Cc:
Subject: Clarification on 150-Day Leave Rule and Restoration of Status

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Dear Officer,

I would like to request clarification regarding the need to apply for a visitor record while waiting for a second study program to start, in the context of a student who did not apply for a study permit extension within 90 days of completing their previous program and also in the scenario the student has left Canada and returned with a valid ETA.

Let's suppose that a student is planning to start a new program of study after 150 days of graduation from the previous program. In that case, we understand that the correct course of action is to apply for a restoration of status as a student (even if the study permit continues to be valid), because the completion of the previous program was over 90 days ago (As the study permit becomes invalid 90 days after program completion as per section 222(1)(a) of the IRPR.).

So there is no question regarding the need to apply for a restoration as a student instead of a study permit extension.

However, in the scenario that the applicant has left Canada and returned with a valid ETA (supposedly as a returning student), would it still be necessary to also apply for a visitor record because the date of completion of the previous program and the beginning of the new program is over 150 days?

This does not change whether or not the applicant is applying for a restoration of status as a student, rather than a study permit extension?

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thank you!

Best regards,