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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Fri, 25 Apr 2025 16:33:13
To: [redacted]
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Seeking clarification regarding IRCC's policy re studying while study permit application is in progress - REP-B-2025-0436 - Due 20-May-25
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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1. 1. On the date the study permit extension application is submitted:

   Response: Yes, the study permit needs to be valid at time of application. If their study permit is no longer valid, they must stop studying and submit an application for restoration if they are eligible. If they are no longer eligible for restoration, the applicant would have to leave Canada and submit an outside Canada application.

2. 2. On the start date of the new program at the new DLI:

   Response: Same as question #1 until May 1, 2025. As of May 1, 2025, the student will be required to have a study permit for the DLI they are attending. If the student is not changing DLIs, they may continue to study if they submitted their application to extend their stay as a student before their study permit expired.

3. 3. Throughout the study period until a decision is made on the extension application?:

   Response: Same as question #1 until May 1, 2025. As of May 1, 2025, the student will be required to have a study permit for the DLI they are attending. If the student is not changing DLIs, they may continue to study if they submitted their application to extend their stay as a student before their study permit expired.

For more information, please visit Changing your school or program - Canada.ca

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From: [redacted]
Sent: [redacted] 15, 2025 3:16 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Subject: Seeking clarification regarding IRCC's policy re studying while study permit application is in progress

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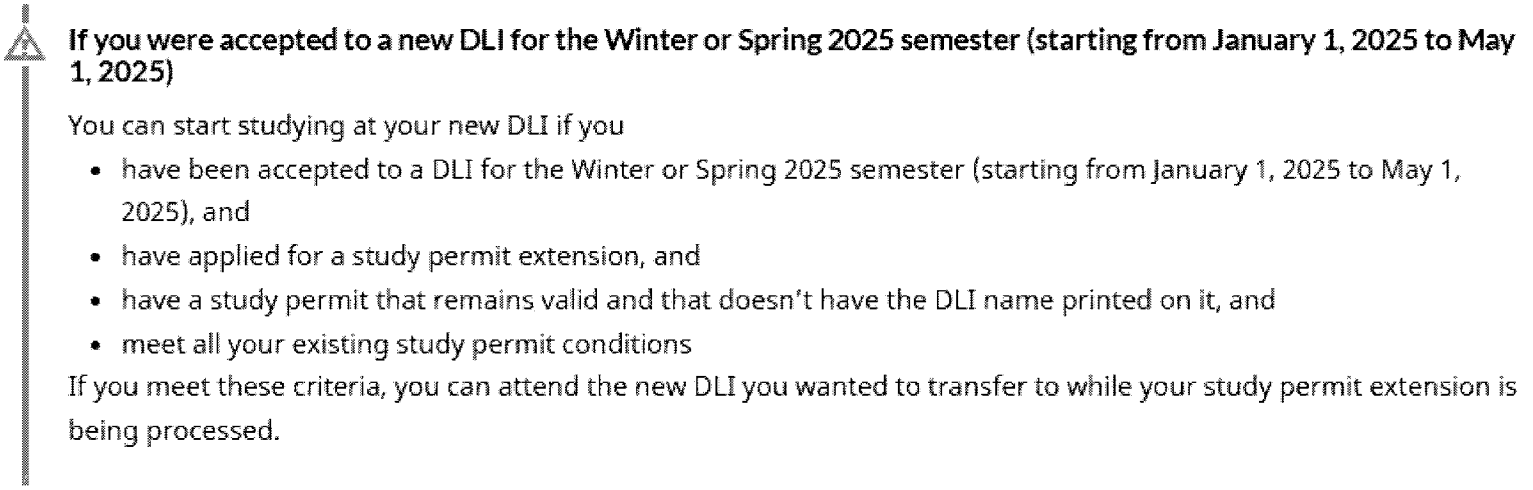
Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is [redacted] RCIC [redacted], representing [redacted].

We seek clarification regarding IRCC's Changing your school or program policy: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/change-schools.html. Specifically, we refer to the following segment of the current policy, which states:

If you were accepted to a new DLI for the Winter or Spring 2025 semester (starting from January 1, 2025 to May 1, 2025)
You can start studying at your new DLI if you
- have been accepted to a DLI for the Winter or Spring 2025 semester (starting from January 1, 2025 to May 1, 2025), and
- have applied for a study permit extension, and
- have a study permit that **remains** valid and that doesn't have the DLI name printed on it, and
- meet all your existing study permit conditions

If you meet these criteria, you can attend the new Designated Learning Institution while your study permit extension is being processed.



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You can start studying at your new DLI if you

- have been accepted to a DLI for the Winter or Spring 2025 semester (starting from January 1, 2025 to May 1, 2025), and
- have applied for a study permit extension, and
- have a study permit that remains valid and that doesn't have the DLI name printed on it, and
- meet all your existing study permit conditions

If you meet these criteria, you can attend the new DLI you wanted to transfer to while your study permit extension is being processed.

We are seeking clarification on whether this policy requires that a student's existing study permit remain valid until a decision is [redacted] their study permit extension [redacted] to [redacted] to [redacted] and [redacted] their [redacted] does the existing study permit need to be valid at the following points: (1) On the date the study permit extension application is submitted, (2) On the start date of the new program at the new DLI, and (3) Throughout the study period until a decision is made on the extension application?

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Best regards,

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