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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Mon, 28 Apr 2025 15:48:52
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Clarification on Study Permit Validity After Leave Exceeding 150 Days - REP-B-2025-0439 - Due 20-May-25
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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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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] 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] 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 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

As the foreign national has stopped studying for more than 150 days, 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

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means you can no longer change DLIs by letting us know through your online account.

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 16, 2025 7:21 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Subject: Clarification on Study Permit Validity After Leave Exceeding 150 Days

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Dear Officer,

I am writing to request clarification regarding the validity and usability of a study permit after a student has taken a leave of absence from studies that exceeds 150 consecutive days.

Specifically, I would like to confirm the following scenario:

A student in Canada holds a valid study permit. They take a leave of absence from their Designated Learning Institution (DLI) for medical reasons, and leave Canada during the period. The leave exceeds 150 consecutive days. Then the student wishes to resume studies, and their study permit is still valid.

Question:

In this case, can the student continue to use their original (still valid) study permit to return to Canada and resume studies, or would they be required to apply for a new study permit before re-entering Canada?

Thank you.
Warm regards,