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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Mon, 28 Apr 2025 15:51:36
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Clarification required on scheduled break for students who changed their program. - REP-B-2025-0383 - Due 14-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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According to the information provided, if the student is meeting the conditions on their study permit, they would be eligible to work off campus.

If you're working during a break scheduled by your DLI; such as summer and winter holidays, or a reading week, you can

- * work **unlimited** hours on/off campus
- * take courses on a part-time or full-time basis
    - * This does **not** affect your ability to work unlimited hours during your break.

You must be a full-time student both before and after the break to work unlimited hours during the break. For example, you can't work before you start your very first school semester.

Find out more about working during scheduled breaks.

We hope you find this information helpful.

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[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 22, 2025 2:15 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Subject: RE: Clarification required on scheduled break for students who changed their program. - REP-B-2025-0383 - Due 14-May-25

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[redacted]

My apologies but I don't believe the below answer addressed my specific question.

My question is: in the case of a student who was full-time in program A in the Winter 2025 semester (Jan-April term) and changed their program to program B in the Fall 2025 semester (Sept. to December) and Summer (May-Aug) is considered a scheduled break for **both programs** and the student maintained full-time status in the Winter and Fall semester, could you please confirm that the program change will **not** affect the student's eligibility to work full-time in the Summer semester (May-Aug) as it's considered a scheduled break at our institution?

Thank you,

From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Sent: April 22, 2025 7:55 AM
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Subject: FW: Clarification required on scheduled break for students who changed their program. - REP-B-2025-0383 - Due 14-May-25

[redacted]

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

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[redacted]
The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 11, 2025 1:01 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Subject: Clarification required on scheduled break for students who changed their program.

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[redacted]

I hope this email finds you well.

I would like to seek clarification on the working eligibility during a scheduled break for students who change their programs at our DLI.

At [redacted] all our programs that are two years or longer (Associate degrees, [redacted] Post-Baccalaureate) are eligible for Summer as a scheduled break, for more information on our definition of scheduled break please kindly refer to our website.

My question is: in the case of a student who was full-time in program A in the Winter 2025 semester (Jan-April term) and changed their program to program B in the Fall 2025 semester (Sept. to December) and Summer (May-Aug) is considered a scheduled break for both programs and the student maintained full-time status in the Winter and Fall semester, could you please confirm that the program change will **not** affect the student's eligibility to work full-time in the Summer semester (May-Aug) as it's considered a scheduled break at our institution?

As per IRCC's Glossary, it's up to the institution to define scheduled breaks:

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Glossary

Academic break (regularly scheduled break)

The student is on a regularly scheduled break between academic sessions (such as summer holiday), as determined by your institution.

Any leave from a program of studies in Canada should not exceed 150 consecutive days from the date the leave started. If a student [redacted] days of leave from [redacted] will need to [redacted] their status with [redacted] will be considered non-compliant with their study permit conditions.

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On IRCC's operational manual states that the condition for the student to work full-time is that students must hold full-time status in the semester before and after the break:

Regularly scheduled breaks

In order to work off campus without a work permit under paragraph R186(v), students must hold full-time status during the academic session before and after their regularly scheduled break. See the **regularly scheduled break** section under Definitions.

Maximum duration of a regularly scheduled break

If an institution allows for back-to-back scheduled breaks, thus creating a break period longer than 150 consecutive days, students are only eligible to work off campus during the first 150 consecutive days. They cannot work for the entire break if it is longer than 150 consecutive days.

Taking into account all regularly scheduled breaks, students may only work off campus on a full-time basis for a total of 180 days during each calendar year.

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Again, the operational manual states that the condition to be a regularly scheduled break is that is part of the DLI's academic calendar:

- **Regularly scheduled break:** To be considered a regularly scheduled break, the break must be part of the DLI's academic calendar (for instance, winter and summer holidays, Reading Week). Each regularly scheduled break should not be longer than 150 days. The maximum cumulative duration of scheduled breaks is 180 days per calendar year.

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In addition, I don't think R186(v) prevents the student to work on a regularly scheduled break if both programs are academic programs that is more than 6 months and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate.

If you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,