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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 30 Apr 2025 18:31:24
To: [redacted]
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: High School Equivalency diploma from Alberta - REP-B-2025-0161 - Due 24-Apr-25
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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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Pursuant to R73(1), a Canadian educational credential means any secondary school diploma or any post-secondary diploma, certificate, or credential, issued on the completion of a Canadian program of study or training at an educational or training institution that is recognized by the provincial authorities responsible for registering, accrediting, supervising and regulating such institutions.

The GED is an internationally recognized test that can be used to support an application for admission to an educational or training program, or to obtain employment. The GED does not meet the requirements of R73(1) as it wasn't issued on the **completion of a Canadian program of study.**

Please be advised that the assessment of an application is based on a case-by-case basis; each application will be considered on its own merits, with a final decision based on a review of all the information available to the officer at the time of decision. The onus is always on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements.

We trust that this information will assist you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 20, 2025 3:35 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Subject: High School Equivalency diploma from Alberta

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Good day,

could you please clarify if a High School Equivalency Diploma, issued by the Minister of Education of Alberta qualifies for 30 CRS points in Express Entry? And if it does how should one enter such a diploma into the profile?

For more background information: a person did not finish high school in their home country, but challenged the GED General Educational Development exam and received the equivalency diploma.

Thank you.

Best,