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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
Sent: Thu, 20 Feb 2025 20:37:00
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Level of Study and PAL Exemption Question - REP-2025-0340 - Due 3-Mar-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.

Bonjour,
[redacted] la boîte aux courriels pour les représentants en immigration.

Veuillez noter que cette boîte aux lettres est destinée à fournir des conseils généraux et ne fournit pas de réponses à des demandes spécifiques à un cas, mais a fourni les informations suivantes comme conseil. Si vous avez des questions spécifiques à un dossier, nous vous encourageons à soumettre le formulaire Formulaire Web d'IRCC - Canada.ca

Veuillez consulter notre réponse à votre question.

Question:

I was hoping you could clarify the following as it relates to study permit extensions and the PAL exemptions:

You've entered Canada **and** one of the following situations applies to you:

- * You're applying for a study permit extension at the same DLI **and** level of study as your current study permit.

For the level of study, are you referring to undergraduate versus graduate, or certificate/diploma versus bachelor's degree?
Response:
[redacted] Mailbox.

This information is being provided as general program guidance; we are unable to provide case-specific advice.
Under current ministerial instructions, IRCC categorizes levels of study into three distinct groups:

1. 1. Primary and secondary education
2. 2. Post-secondary education (including vocational and technical training, certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, and undergraduate programs)
3. 3. Graduate education or above

Since certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, and undergraduate programs (e.g., bachelor degrees) all fall under post-secondary education, students who remain within this level while changing programs at the same institution would not require a new Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) when applying for a study permit extension. However, a PAL would be required if the student moves to a different level of study (e.g., from post-secondary to graduate education).

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For more information, please visit our website:
Study permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter - Canada.ca
Ministerial Instructions

We hope this information is helpful.

Regards,

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 31 janvier 2025 13:34
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Objet : Level of Study and PAL Exemption Question

Good morning,

I was hoping you could clarify the following as it relates to study permit extensions and the PAL exemptions:

You've entered Canada **and** one of the following situations applies to you:

- * You're applying for a study permit extension at the same DLI **and** level of study as your current study permit.

For the level of study, are you referring to undergraduate versus graduate, or certificate/diploma versus bachelor's degree?

Clarification on this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Regards.