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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
Sent: Fri, 7 Mar 2025 18:40:17
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Questions regarding the new PAL eligibility updates announced on January 22, 2025 -REP-2025-0250 - Due 24-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] Please note that the information provided serves as general program guidance and should not be considered a directive for case-specific inquiries.

Question 1
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"You're applying for a study permit extension at the same DLI and level of study as your current study permit."

Since these students' study permits would have been issued based on a different DLI initially, would they still fall under the PAL exempt category since they have been studying with us since prior to November 8, 2024?

Response 1
Students who transferred to your DLI before November 8, 2024, but did not update IRCC, would need to submit a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) when applying for a study permit extension given, they transferred to a new DLI as per the new regulations. The regulations R220.1 (1) require that a student's study permit be linked to the DLI where they are enrolled.

Question 2
If a student changed to our DLI prior to November 8, 2024, and ***updated*** IRCC with this information, would they still need a PAL when submitting their study permit extension for our DLI for the same level of study? Will their current study permit now be tied to our DLI, exempting them from submitting a PAL? Kindly confirm.

Response 2:
Students who transferred to your Designated Learning Institution (DLI) before November 8, 2024, and successfully updated IRCC with this information are not required to submit a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) when applying for a study permit extension at the same level of study.

This exemption applies only if the student properly notified IRCC of their DLI change during the designated workaround period (ending on November 15, 2024) and is applying to extend their study permit for the same level of study at the DLI they previously reported to IRCC.

Please visit IRCC website for more information: Study permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter - Canada.ca
We trust that this information will assist you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Sent: [redacted] 24, 2025 10:00 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Subject: Questions regarding the new PAL eligibility updates announced on January 22, 2025

Good day,

I am [redacted], license number

Could you please assist me with answers to the below questions regarding the new PAL eligibility update that came out on January 22, 2025. I would like to seek clarification on the below questions with regards to IRCC's categorization of "level" of study and who all fall under the PAL exemption for study permit extension.

My questions are based on the website update: Study permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter - Canada.ca

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2. 2. **Question 2:** If a student changed to our DLI prior to November 8, 2024 and ***updated*** IRCC with this information, would they still need a PAL when submitting their study permit extension for our DLI for the same level of study? Will their current study permit now be tied to our DLI, exempting them from submitting a PAL? Kindly confirm

3. 3. **Question 3:** Could you please elaborate on how IRCC categorizes the different levels of study? For example, **Yorkville University (YU), and Toronto Film School (TFS) share the same DLI number**. If a student wishes to transfer from a diploma program at TFS to a University Bachelor program at YU, would it be considered as the same level of study since both fall under post- secondary education (under graduate programs) as per Canada [redacted] 1. [redacted] GOVERNMENT [redacted]

   "level of study"
   is categorized as follows:
   a. primary and secondary education,
   b. post-secondary education (including vocational and technical training, and undergraduate programs), and
   c. graduate education or above. (*niveau d'études*)

This will help us understand if our students who are transferring from a diploma at TFS to a Bachelor program at YU remain PAL exempt.

Thanks,

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