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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
Sent: Tue, 11 Mar 2025 13:25:29
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Re-availing the study permit exemption for short programs - REP-2025-0229 - Due 20-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

Please find the response to your inquiry below:

Question:
I would like an opinion on a case that has come up at our institution. We had an exchange student come for and complete a 4-month exchange program (Sept-Dec. 2024). They studied without a study permit under the exemption for programs 6 months or less. This same student now wants to participate in a second exchange program next year (Sept-Dec. 2025). The student has returned their home country and is studying at their home institution between these exchange programs. They will be outside Canada for 9 months between programs.
Question: Can this student come back to Canada and take the second short program without a study permit under the exemption for programs that are 6 months or less?

Response:
Regulation 188(1)(c) stipulates that a foreign national may study in Canada without a study permit if the duration of their course or program of studies is six months or less and will be completed within the period for their stay authorized **upon entry** into [redacted] Canada [redacted] study permit [redacted] the program [redacted] study [redacted] less than 6 months. Student must apply outside Canada and obtain a study permit in the normal manner (for example, at a Canadian visa office abroad). Website

We hope this information is helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 22 janvier 2025 12:13
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Objet : Re-avai[redacted]the study permit exemption for [redacted]

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Sincerely,