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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
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To:
Cc: [redacted] Représentants immigration [redacted])
Subject: FW: PAL questions regarding EAP
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Good day,

Please find the response to your inquiry below:

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

QUESTION

If we require a student to do an English Academic Preparation (EAP) Pathway program prior to starting either an undergraduate (UG) or graduate (GR) program, which type of PAL would be used? Technically the student does the EAP first, which would be part of the 'other' category. It seems to us that we would need to use an UG PAL for the EAP. If they then move to an UG program at the same DLI, then no new PAL should be required.

Then this leads to the EAP to GR scenario. Would we need a new PAL for the transition in this case since it would be seen as a UG to GR transition? Or is there a way to bundle it together since the intent is for the student to come for graduate studies?

RESPONSE

If the English Academic Preparation (EAP) program is included as a condition of admission to an undergraduate (UG) or graduate (GR) program, the PAL requirements depend on how the institution structures the admission:

1. EAP as Part of an Undergraduate (UG) Program:

   - If a student receives a conditional acceptance to a UG program where the EAP is a prerequisite, the UG PAL should be used from the start.
   - No new PAL would be required when transitioning from the EAP to the UG program, provided both are at the same Designated Learning Institution (DLI).

2. EAP as Part of a Graduate (GR) Program:

   - If a student is conditionally admitted to a GR program with an EAP requirement, the GR PAL should be used from the beginning.
   - No new PAL would be required after completing the EAP, as long as the student remains at the same DLI.

3. Standalone EAP Program (Before UG or GR Admission):

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- If the EAP is not tied to a conditional admission for a UG or GR program, it would typically fall under the "other" category.
- A new PAL would be required when transitioning from a standalone EAP program to either UG or GR studies.

4. Transition from UG to GR After EAP Completion:

- If the EAP is part of a conditional admission to a UG program, but the student later transitions to a GR program, this would be considered a UG to GR transition, moving to a different level of studies.
- In such cases, a new GR PAL would likely be required for the transition.

For additional details, please refer to the following IRCC resources:

- Changing your school or program - Canada.ca
- Ministerial Instructions
- 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] 14, 2025 10:54 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: PAL questions regarding EAP

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[redacted] the answers to [redacted] the questions [redacted] to [redacted] questions that [redacted] are [redacted] although someone else may have asked them already:

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[redacted] me know if you need clarification.

Best regards,

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