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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
Sent: Tue, 11 Mar 2025 15:05:00
To:
Cc: [redacted] Représentants immigration [redacted]
Subject: FW: Study permit extension - PAL required? - REP-2025-0500 - Due 12-02-2025
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

Thank you for reaching out with your questions regarding the Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) requirements for study permit extensions. Please note that the information provided serves as general program guidance and should not be considered a directive for case-specific inquiries.

QUESTION

I am hoping you can clarify PAL requirement for study permit extensions (and in particular, extensions for those under the previous regime before the PAL was introduced)

The guidelines here https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/get-documents/provincial-attestation-letter.html indicate exemptions needed for a PAL.

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- For someone extending a study permit, if staying in the same DLI but changing their program of study? I believe the answer is no.
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Can you please also confirm that the new financial requirements apply to all study permit extensions, irrespective of when the student received their initial study permit?

RESPONSE

According to the IRCC guidelines, if students are extending their study permit while staying at the same Designated Learning Institution (DLI) and at the same level of study and/or they are changing their program of study but remaining at the same DLI and same level of study, a PAL is not required.

If you are changing both your program and year of study, a PAL is not needed if you are staying at the same DLI and same level of study. However, if the change involves moving to a different level of study (e.g., from undergraduate to graduate), a new PAL might be required.

The new financial requirements apply to all study permit extensions, regardless of when the student received their initial study permit. This means that even if a student received their initial study permit before the new financial requirements were introduced, they must meet the updated financial criteria when applying for an extension.

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

- Changing your school or program - Canada.ca
- Extend your study permit or restore your status: How to apply - Canada.ca – Updates to Financial Requirements
- Study permit: Get the right documents – Provincial Attestation Letter or Territorial Attestation Letter - Canada.ca
- Ministerial Instructions

We trust that this information will assist you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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