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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Tue, 11 Mar 2025 15:54:00
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Study Permit Requirements for [redacted] Language [redacted] - REP-2025-0491 - Due 12-Mar-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] study permit [redacted] for [redacted] language [redacted] before, [redacted] after their main program in [redacted] note that the information provided serves as general program guidance and should not be considered a directive for case-specific inquiries.

QUESTION

I have a few questions regarding study permit regulations for students interested in short-term language courses before or after their primary program in Canada:

1. If a student holds a study permit for a high school program in Canada but wishes to take a short-term language course before their program starts, can they do so without obtaining a second study permit? Similarly, if they have completed their high school program but still have a valid study permit, can they enroll in a one- or two-month English course before returning to their home country? In both cases, would they be permitted to study for less than six months without applying for a new study permit?
2. If a student enters Canada to study at a Designated Learning Institution (DLI), such as a private career college, would they be allowed to take a short-term ESL course at a different DLI (e.g., a language school) for less than six months while waiting for their main program to begin?
3. If a student is enrolled in a full-time program and wants to take an IELTS test preparation course for less than six months concurrently, would they need to apply for a second study permit, or would their existing permit be sufficient?

RESPONSE

As per R188(1)(c) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR), students may take short-term language courses (less than six months) at a different Designated Learning Institution (DLI) before, during, or after their main program [redacted] study permit, [redacted] the [redacted] their [redacted] note that students must ensure that additional courses do not interfere with their main program or violate specific study permit requirements.

For more detailed information, you can refer to the following IRCC webpages:

Study permit: Who can apply - Canada.ca: Who doesn't need a permit to study in Canada

Study permits: Assessing study permit conditions

Your conditions as a study permit holder in Canada

Do I need a study permit?

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We trust that this information will assist you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 3:31 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
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Subject: Study Permit Requirements for Short-Term Language Courses

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3. If a student is enrolled in a full-time program and wants to take an IELTS test preparation course for less than six months concurrently, would they need to apply for a second study permit, or would their existing permit be sufficient?

I appreciate your guidance on these scenarios and look forward to your response.

Best regards,

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