Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada
Information disclosed under the Access to Information Act
L'information divulguée en vertu de la loi sur l'accès à l'information

Archived: June 2, 2025 11:57:08 AM
From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
Sent: Wed, 12 Mar 2025 15:30:48
To
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: is it considered changing programs? - REP-2025-0155 -- REP-2025-0344 - Due 3-Mar-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] to [redacted] and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.

If a student is studying under **the same program of study** for which they applied for a study permit before November 1, 2024, they do not need to meet the field of study requirements. Students who choose a concentration **within the same program of study** also do not need to meet the field of study requirement.

The onus is always on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements.

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 31 janvier 2025 14:22
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted].gc.ca>
Objet : RE: is it considered changing programs? - REP-2025-0155- Due 12-Feb-25

[redacted] to [redacted] you are [redacted] that [redacted] from [redacted] – [redacted] to [redacted] - Marketing it does not count as a program change at IRCC because it was at the same level of study so they will remain eligible from a program point for a PGWP (pre nov 1 SP application)

The reason I asked was that if a student applied with the Business – Accounting LOA for their initial SP and then graduated with the Business - Marketing one, according the rules mid January, they may not be eligible for a PGWP as IRCC may have seen it as a program change.

Kind regards,

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada | Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada
Information disclosed under the Access to Information Act
L'information divulguée en vertu de la loi sur l'accès à l'information

From: [redacted]ration Repres[redacted] Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Sent: January 28, 2025 1:48 PM
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Subject: TR: is it considered changing programs? - REP-2025-0155- Due 12-Feb-25

Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

Please note that this mailbox is intended for general guidance and does not provide responses to case-specific inquiries but have provided the following information as guidance.. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit the IRCC Web form.

Please see our response to your question.

Question:
Can you clarify - if a student applied for their study permit before Nov 1, 2024 in Business – Accounting and changed to Business – Marketing does that count as a program change? The student would NOT receive a new Letter of acceptance, it is handled internally at the Faculty office.

Our business program has a common first semester and students can change the area of business that they wish to pursue in semester two.

Response:
In the proposed scenario, if students are changing their program of study within the same DLI and at the same level of study, they can keep studying at their DLI with their current study permit as long as they still meet their study permit conditions.

We trust that this information will assist you.

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada
Information disclosed under the Access to Information Act
L'information divulguée en vertu de la loi sur l'accès à l'information

De :
Envoyé : 15 janvier 2025 15:59
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Objet : is it considered changing programs?

Hello

Can you clarify - if a student applied for their study permit before Nov 1, 2024 in Business – Accounting and changed to Business – Marketing does that count as a program change? The student would NOT receive a new Letter of acceptance, it is handled internally at the Faculty office.

Our business program has a common first semester and students can change the area of business that they wish to pursue in semester two.

Kind regards,