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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 12 Mar 2025 15:49:22
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: 150 leave and scheduled break - REP-2025-0209- Due 17-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] Please see below the approved response.

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Question :

Would a scheduled break at a post-secondary institute from April to September be counted in the 150 days of leave? For example:
A student takes the winter semester off from January 1st to April 23rd which is 111 days. Then their program has a scheduled break from April 24th to September 1st. Then they enrolled in classes for September 4th, 2025.
Would their leave from studies start on January 1st to September 3rd, or would the scheduled break not be counted?

Response :
[redacted] to [redacted] and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.
Please consider the information provided as general program guidance and not a directive for case-specific enquires.
As a study permit holder, you must:

- * be enrolled at a designated learning institution (DLI), unless you're exempt
- * show you're **actively pursuing your studies**, unless you're exempt, by
  - * being enrolled full-time or part-time during each academic semester (excluding regularly scheduled breaks)
  - * making progress towards completing your program's courses, **and**
  - * not taking authorized leaves longer than 150 days from your study program
- * tell us any time you change post-secondary schools
- * end your studies if you no longer meet the requirements of being a student, **and**
- * leave Canada when your permit expires

Scheduled breaks are not considered leave from studies. To be considered a **regularly scheduled break**, the break must be part of the DLI's academic calendar (for instance, winter and summer holidays, Reading Week).
Any leave taken **outside of a scheduled break** from a program of study in Canada **should not exceed 150 days from the date the leave commenced and must be authorized** by their Designated Learning Institution. If a student does not resume their studies **within 150 days**, they are considered **non-compliant** with their study permit conditions.

For more information, please see: Your conditions as a study permit holder in Canada - Canada.ca

We hope this information is helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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De :
Envoyé : 20 janvier 2025 17:52
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration [redacted]
Cc : [redacted]
Objet : 150 leave and scheduled break

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Take care,