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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Fri, 24 Jan 2025 17:20:08
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Clarification regarding recent DLI change - REP-2024-2369 -- REP-2025-0097- Due 7-Feb-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

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.

Regulation 188(1)(c) stipulates that a foreign national may study in Canada without a study permit if the duration of their course or program of studies is six months or less and will be completed within the period for their stay authorized **upon entry** into Canada. In the case of your DLI, subsequent short term studies in Canada require a study permit even if the program of study is less than 6 months.

There are no restrictions on the program of study for this grace period, however students must ensure that they meet **all** of the criteria listed on the IRCC Website in order to be eligible:

- * have been accepted to a DLI for the Winter or Spring 2025 semester (starting from January 1, 2025 to May 1, 2025), and
- * have applied for a study permit extension, and
- * have a study permit that remains valid and that doesn't have the DLI name printed on it, and
- * meet all your existing study permit conditions

Sincerely,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De : [redacted]>
Envoyé : 10 janvier 2025 15:38
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : RE: Clarification regarding recent DLI change - REP-2024-2369 - Due 20-Dec-24

Hello IRCC Reps – I hope this email finds you well.

This is a follow-up regarding the answer you provided us to Q1, in the email below. While our open studies program is less than 6 months, as per this case law: 2016 FC 964 (CanLII) | Zhang v. Canada (Citizenship and Immigration) | CanLII, studying without a study permit would not be applicable in our students' situation, since most of them have already been in Canada for a long time. If you read this case law, it was ruled that study permit exemption for short-term course applies **only upon original entry to Canada**.

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I know that IRCC recently announced the "grace period" that allows students who are accepted to a new DLI for the Winter/Spring 2025 term, to attend their new DLI while waiting for their study permit extension to be processed. My questions are:

- * Can a student with a **valid** study permit, issued based on their admission to another DLI, start taking open studies (also known general studies courses) in the Winter(January) 2025 term at while they wait to receive their new study permit for their main Norquest program that starts in Fall (September) 2025?

- * Are there any study programs that do not qualify for this "grace period", and cannot be started in Winter/Spring 2025 terms?

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind Regards

From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Sent: [redacted] 13, 2024 7:56 AM
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Subject: TR: Clarification regarding recent DLI change - REP-2024-2369 - Due 20-Dec-24

Hello,

[redacted] Please note that we cannot answer case-specific questions but have provided the following information as guidance.

Q1: Can a student with a **valid** study permit, issued based on their admission to another DLI, start taking open studies (also known general studies courses) at while they wait to receive their new study permit for their main

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Norquest program?

A1: A study permit is not required for a course or program that is less than 6 months. However, a study permit is necessary if the course or program is longer than 6 months.

Q2: Before the recent DLI change policy, students at could take a few courses at another DLI, with the hope of transferring the credits to their main program at t. This typically happens when a particular course is not being offered at t during a particular semester; or in cases where the student has failed the course 3 times at and is now mandated to take the course elsewhere? Is this possible given the recent DLI change policy? Or must students apply for a new study permit to take a few courses at another DLI.

A2: Students who wish to study at more than one DLI must apply for a new study permit for each DLI if the course or program of study is longer than 6 months. Therefore, if one or two of the courses in another public institution is less than 6 months, a second study permit would not be required.

Sincerely,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 23 novembre 2024 23:11
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : Clarification regarding recent DLI change

Good day, and I hope this email finds you well.

[redacted] I am one of the international student advisors at

I would like to know how the recent DLI Change policy apply in these particular situations:

- * Can a student with a **valid** study permit. issued based on their admission to another DLI, start taking open studies (also known general studies courses) at while they wait to receive their new study permit for their main program?
- * Before the recent DLI change policy, students at Norquest College could take a few courses at another DLI, with the hope of transferring the credits to their main program at This typically happens when a particular course is not being offered a during a particular semester; or in cases where the student has failed the course 3 times at and is now mandated to take the course elsewhere? Is this possible given the recent DLI change policy? Or must students apply for a new study permit to take a few courses at another DLI.

[redacted], and [redacted] to hearing [redacted] from you.

Kind Regards

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