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Extremely helpful! I appreciate the insight.

[redacted] a good day ahead!

**From:** Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
**Sent:** March 13, 2025 1:07 PM
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Good day,

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Please find the response to your inquiry:

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

This information is being provided as general program guidance; we are unable to provide case-specific advice.

Questions:

I am writing to confirm the requirements for a provincial attestation letter (PAL) for study permit extensions, given the statement on the IRCC website indicating that you do not require a PAL if you are applying for a study permit extension at the same DLI and level of study as your current study permit (Study permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter - Canada.ca). Could you please respond to the following scenarios?

**Scenario 1:** A student is applying to extend their study permit and will be remaining in the same program of study. They are exempt from the requirement for a PAL, correct?

Response 1:

Students who **remain** in the same program of study at the **same** Designated Learning Institution (DLI) **do not require** a new Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) when applying for a study permit extension.

When applying to extend their study permit, the applicant will need to provide proof that they meet one of the exceptions if they do not provide a PAL with their application.

**Scenario 2:** A student has completed one program at our college. They have been accepted for a second program of study. They are applying to extend their study permit to complete a second, different program (that is at the same level of study – ie. both diploma programs). Will this student require a PAL for their study permit extension?

Response 2:

Students who **remain within the same level of study** while changing programs at the **same** Designated Learning Institution (DLI) **do not require** a new Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) when applying for a study permit extension.

**Scenario 3:** A student has completed one program at our college. They have been accepted for a second program of study. They are applying to extend their study permit to complete a second, different program (that is at a different level of study – ie. diploma program to post-graduate certificate). Will this student require a PAL for their study permit extension?

Response 3:

Students who **change their level of study** at the **same** Designated Learning Institution (DLI) **require** a new Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) when applying for a study permit extension.

**Scenario 4:** A student applied for their study permit in one program but changed programs at the same DLI prior to November 1, 2024. They are now applying for a study permit extension to complete the program of study that they changed into. Will this student require a PAL for their study permit extension?

Response 4:

Students who **remain within the same level of study** who changed programs at the **same** Designated Learning Institution (DLI) **do not require** a new Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) when applying for a study permit extension.

When applying to extend their study permit, the student will need to provide proof that they meet one of the exceptions if they do not provide a PAL/TAL with their application.

We hope this information is helpful.

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Regards, s.19(1)

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**The Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

**De :**
**Envoyé :** 6 février 2025 08:23
**À :** Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRC[redacted]ic[redacted]
**Objet :** PAL Requirement for Study Permit Extension

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Best,

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