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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Thu, 20 Mar 2025 15:24:00
To:
Cc: [redacted] Representatives [redacted]
Subject: FW: Request for clarification| IRCC Rep Regarding Grace Period - REP-A-2025-0726 -Due 15-Apr-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.

Please see our response to your question.

[redacted]

Yes, students who receive admission for Spring 2025 and start their classes on or before May 1, 2025 are eligible to start studying under the grace period.
As you have indicated, to benefit from the grace period, students must meet the following criteria and must also ensure that their Winter or Spring program **start date** is from January 1 to May 1, 2025.

If you were accepted to a new DLI for the Winter or Spring 2025 semester (starting from January 1, 2025 to May 1, 2025)

You can start studying at your new DLI if you

- 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

If you meet these criteria, you can attend the new DLI you wanted to transfer to while your study permit extension is being processed.

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 4, 2025 11:37 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
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Dear officer,

I hope this email finds you well.

[redacted] [redacted] . I am an International Student Advisor at

I am writing this email to get some clarification regarding the DLI Transfer grace period. Based on the information on the IRCC website (https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/change-schools.html), students can benefit from the grace period:

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My question is pertaining to "**January 1, 2025 to May 1, 2025**" date, is this timeframe referring to the program/class start date?

For example, student received admission to start at their new DLI during the Spring 2025 semester between January 1, 2025 to May 1, 2025. If spring semester classes begin after May 1, 2025, can the student start their program under the grace period after applying for a study permit extension to change their DLI?

Or must the student receive admission and start Spring 2025 class on or before May 1, 2025 to be eligible to start studying under the grace period?

Any information or clarification would be greatly appreciated.

All the best,