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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Fri, 21 Mar 2025 18:05:55
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Inquiry regarding PAL exemption - REP-2025-0254 - Due 24-Feb-25 - REP-2025-0588 - Due 19-03-2025
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:

Question:

However, it is still unclear in this specific case whether the student requires a provincial attestation letter, as their current study permit was not issued for their current program.

Could you please confirm if a PAL is required for a study permit extension for students who transferred their DLI before November 8, 2024, to a different program from the one their current study permit was issued for?

We are experiencing significant difficulty due to the lack of clarity regarding the new changes.

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.

Under current ministerial instructions regarding provincial or territorial attestation letters (PAL/TAL), IRCC categorizes levels of study into three distinct groups:

1. Primary and secondary education
2. Post-secondary education (including vocational and technical training, certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, and undergraduate programs)
3. Graduate education or above

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

Students who changed DLIs before November 15, 2024, through their IRCC secure account or webform, **are not required to**

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provide a PAL/TAL, as long as they are applying to extend their study at the same DLI and same level of study

When applying to extend their study permit, the applicant will need to provide proof that they meet the exception.

For more detailed information, please refer to the official IRCC websites:

- Changing your school or program - Canada.ca
- Extend your study permit or restore your status: How to apply - Canada.ca
- Study permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter - Canada.ca

We hope this information is helpful.

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From: [redacted]
Sent: [redacted] 19, 2025 12:01 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC@[redacted]
Subject: Re: Inquiry regarding PAL exemption - REP-2025-0254 - Due 24-Feb-25

Hello,

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Warm regards,

\sb280**From:** Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Sent: [redacted] 18, 2025 9:42 AM
To:
Cc: Immigration [redacted] Représentants immigration [redacted] Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted].ca>

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Bonjour,

la **boîte aux courriels pour les représentants en immigration.**

Veuillez noter que cette boîte aux lettres est destinée à fournir des conseils généraux et ne fournit pas de réponses à des demandes spécifiques à un cas, mais a fourni les informations suivantes comme conseil. Si vous avez des questions spécifiques à un dossier, nous vous encourageons à soumettre le formulaire Formulaire Web d'IRCC - Canada.ca

Veuillez consulter notre réponse à votre question.

Response:

to and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.

Please consider the information provided as general program guidance and not a directive for case-specific enquires.

Students who changed DLIs before November 8, 2024 may keep studying at their DLI with their current study permit as long as they still meet their study permit conditions.

When applying to extend their study permit to cover the study period at the new DLI, unless they meet one of the exceptions they must submit a provincial/territorial attestation letter PAL/TAL with their application.

For example, students already in Canada who are applying for a study permit extension at the same DLI and level of study as their study permit not applicant to proof that the exceptions if they don't provide a PAL/TAL with their application.

For more information, please visit our website:

Changing your school or program

Extend your study permit or restore your status: How to apply - Canada.ca

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Study permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter

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[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 24 janvier 2025 11:53
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : Inquiry regarding PAL exemption

Hello,

I am an international student advisor and immigration specialist at

My RCIC number is

Could you please clarify if a student who changed their DLI through DLI transfer before the new policy took effect, and whose study permit does not specify a particular institution, still requires a provincial attestation letter when applying for a study permit extension?

For [redacted] study permit [redacted] April [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] not list [redacted] study permit was [redacted] under their previous DLI, but the student changed their DLI in May 2024. They now need a study permit extension for the program they started in May 2024 at the new DLI they transferred to through the DLI transfer process.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon

Warm regards,