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Cc: [redacted] Representatives / Représentants immigration [redacted]
Subject: TR: Study Permit Questions -REP-2025-0595 - Due 19-03-2025
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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 1

Recognizing that IRCC states that courses longer than six months require a study permit but that some students can complete the preparatory courses in less than six months, can you categorically confirm that students taking these PREP courses are required to hold a study permit? Students must be residing in Canada to take the preparatory courses, and students are required to write in-person examinations for some of the courses.

Response 1

A study permit is required for any program of study longer than six months. Since the CPA PREP courses can be completed in less than six months, students may not need a study permit if they complete the courses within this timeframe. However, because students must reside in Canada and write in-person examinations, it is advisable to obtain a study permit to avoid any complications.

For more details, please visit IRCC website: Your conditions as a study permit holder in Canada - Canada.ca

Question 2

Will international students be more likely to be approved to receive a study permit for the CPA Professional Education Program if they were previously approved for a study permit for PREP courses?

Response 2

Each study permit application is assessed on its own merits based on IRCC's eligibility criteria, including enrollment at a designated learning institution (DLI), proof of sufficient funds, and intent to leave Canada upon completion of studies. Applicants must meet all current requirements at the time of application.

For more details, please visit IRCC website: Study permit: Who can apply - Canada.ca

Question 3

Can you categorically confirm that an international student in the CPA Professional Education Program who holds a study permit designated for [redacted] will not need a provincial attestation letter (PAL) if they need to extend their study

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Response 3

If a student is applying for a study permit extension at the same Designated Learning Institution (DLI) and at the same level of study, they do not need a new Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL). However, if they are moving in between post-secondary levels at the same DLI, they can keep studying at your DLI with their current study permit as long as they still meet their study permit conditions. However, if they need to extend their study permit, they will also need to submit a new provincial attestation letter (PAL) or territorial attestation letter (TAL).

For more details, please visit IRCC website:

- Study permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter - Canada.ca - "Exceptions"
- Changing your school or program - Canada.ca

Question 4

Given the nature of our professional education program (students study part-time while working full-time), can you advise what proof of funding is required for international students? would like to know how we can best support these students with their study permit applications to IRCC (ie. documents). We recently had a student advised by IRCC that they must show proof of full tuition payment. The practice of having international applicants pre-pay tuition is not one that employs.

Response 4

IRCC requires proof of financial support to ensure that students can support themselves and any accompanying family members while in [redacted] proof includes:

- Proof of a Canadian bank account in the student's name
- A Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) from a participating Canadian financial institution
- Proof of a student or education loan from a bank
- Bank statements for the past four months
- A bank draft that can be converted to Canadian dollars
- Proof of payment for tuition and housing fees
- A letter from the person or school giving the student money
- Proof of funding paid from within Canada, if the student has a scholarship or is in a Canadian-funded educational program.

For more details, please visit IRCC website: Study permit: Get the right documents - Proof of financial support - Canada.ca

Question 5

We sometimes have applicants who are studying at other PSIs (ie. hold a study permit for that institution) but want to take one of our courses. Can you categorically confirm if a student in this circumstance would require a second study permit for our institution? Or, if the module course was completed in less than six months could they study with us without the need for any additional study permit?

Response 5

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.

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Question 6

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Response 6

Distance learning does not require students to be in Canada to complete their studies and a study permit may not be required. However, if a distance learning course includes an in-Canada portion to the program (e.g., special tutorials or the writing of final exams) and the overall course of study is greater than 6 months, then the student requires a study permit for the in-Canada portion of the program, even if the in-Canada portion is less than six months.

For more details, please visit IRCC website: Study permits: [redacted] - Canada.ca

We trust that this information will assist you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 14, 2025 6:02 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: Study Permit Questions
Importance: High

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Your name was kindly provided to me by who suggested you may be great source to provide answers to some questions that are specific to CPA applicants and students.

and essentially offers two educational options for international students. The first option is for international students to complete part-time pre-requisite courses (anywhere between 1 and 14 [redacted] to the [redacted] which [redacted] the CPA [redacted] are known as preparatory or "PREP courses" and are delivered online in a self-study format. Students in these courses have up to 12 months to complete a course final exam. Students can register for more than one course at a time should they wish. These courses do not lead to a certificate/diploma/credential.

The second option (CPA Professional Education Program) is one that is taken part-time while students work for an employer.

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Your response to the questions above would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,