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Subject: FW: Urgent: PAL exception for restoration for same level and same DLI - REP-B-2025-0032 - Due 16-Apr-25
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Good day,
[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**
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Please see our response to your question.
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The Ministerial Instructions that came into effect on January 22, 2025 removed several exceptions that were in place in the 2024 study permit allocation period.

Study permit applications referred to in R182(1) from foreign nationals whose previous status was that of a student **are no longer exempt** from the requirement to provide a provincial or territorial attestation letter (PAL/TAL).

For more details, please refer to IRCC webpages:
Study permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter - Canada.ca
Restoration of status
Extend your study permit or restore your status - Canada.ca

We hope this information is helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 11 mars 2025 16:34
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Objet : Urgent: PAL exception for restoration for same level and same DLI

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I have a team of 6 RCICs working in my team serving about 8,000 international students. We are currently handling a few restoration files and would need clear guidance on PAL exceptions for restoration – in particular, restoring to study at the same level and same DLI.

We understand that **Restoration**: referred to in **subsection 182(1)** of the Regulations has been removed for the 2025 allocation period. We found this in the MI 2025 as well as the latest update in the Operational Instructions and Guideline dated March 5, 2025 under Exception for the 20250 allocation period - Study permits: Provincial or territorial attestation letters - Canada.ca

We also understand that **Restoration**: referred to in **subsection 215(1)(b)**continues to be valid and as such students who are restoring their status for the same level and the same DLI would fall under the PAL exception, under the same heading and in particular, the table following the paragraph - Study permits: Provincial or territorial attestation letters - Canada.ca

The table below summarizes which PAL/TAL exceptions for the 2025 allocation period are applicable based on the application received date.

Exception in Ministerial Instructions and reference to the regulations	**Applicable to applications received on or after January 22, 2025**
referred to in paragraphs 215(1)(a) and **(b)**	Yes
Study permit applicants who, after entering Canada: a. hold a study permit; b. apply either 90 days before **or** after the expiry of their study permit in Canada; **and** are seeking to extend their study permit **at the same designated learning institution (DLI)** and in the **same level of study** as the existing study permit	
referred to in paragraphs 215(1)(d) and **(e)** of the Regulations	Yes

Based on the above, our conclusion is that a PAL is **ONLY required** if the student is restoring their study permit to **study in a different institution or at a different level** of studies. If it is intended for the same level of study and in the same DLI, PAL is not required. Appreciate if you can clarify if this understanding is correct. Thank you.