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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Tue, 25 Mar 2025 17:44:36
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Inquiry - [redacted] REP-2025-0357 -- REP-B-2025-0035 - Due 16-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.
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[redacted] to [redacted] and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Represen[redacted] Mailbox.

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

Study permit holders in Canada must meet a number of conditions. If they don't meet these conditions, they may lose their [redacted] status and study permi[redacted] nd may [redacted] to [redacted] study permi[redacted] m[redacted]:

- * be enrolled at a designated learning institution (DLI), unless exempt
- * show they're actively pursuing their studies

In all deferral cases, students should obtain an updated letter of acceptance from the DLI. In Canada, if a student wishes to **defer** (start studying later than planned), and remain in Canada, they must:

- * get their deferral **approved** by the DLI
- * get an **updated** LOA
- * begin their studies the following semester or within 150 days from the date the deferred enrolment is confirmed, whichever comes first

Students engaging in post-secondary studies in Canada may **change programs** of study within the same **designated learning institution and level of study**, provided they are not limited from doing so by conditions imposed on their study permit. They may keep studying at their DLI at the same level of study 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).

Please refer to the IRCC website:
Changing your school or program - Canada.ca
Study Permits: Assessing study permit conditions - Canada.ca

We hope this information is helpful.

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De :
Envoyé : 12 mars 2025 09:22
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : Re: Inquiry - [redacted] - REP-2025-0357 - Due 4-Mar-25

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[redacted] was [redacted] I [redacted] question.

Could you please confirm if this applies to a student who has already arrived in Canada?

For example, what about a student who arrived in Canada in January 2025 with a Letter of Acceptance (LOA) for a program (e.g., Culinary Management) and received their Study Permit (SP) based on that LOA? If they decide to switch to a different program (e.g., Personal Support Worker – PSW) for the next intake in May 2025, would this be considered a deferral, even though the student is changing programs rather than postponing their start date?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,

Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC)

International Student Advisor and Immigration Specialist

From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Sent: [redacted] 10, 2025 8:46 AM
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Subject: FW: Inquiry - [redacted] - REP-2025-0357 - Due 4-Mar-25

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Please find the response to your inquiry below:

Response:

[redacted] Mailbox.

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

While outside Canada, if a student changes their program after their study permit application has been approved wants to defer their enrolment at the **same designated learning institution** that has issued their letter of acceptance (LOA), they would need to:

- * get their deferral **approved** by the DLI
- * get an **updated** LOA
- * have a **valid** letter of introduction

They will need to show these documents at the port of entry when they arrive in Canada.

For more information: please refer to the IRCC website: Study permit: Prepare for arrival - Canada.ca

We hope this information is helpful.

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 3 février 2025 11:55
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : Inquiry - Deferral

Good day,

This is RCIC # an international student advisor and immigration specialist at

I found the below information on the IRCC website. However, I need clarification regarding program change + deferral outside Canada after SP is approved.

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▼ If you want to defer your enrolment before arriving in Canada

If your application has been approved and you want to defer your enrolment (which means you want to start studying later than planned) at the DLI that has already issued your letter of acceptance (LOA), you need to

- get your deferral **approved** by the DLI
- get an **updated** LOA
- have a **valid** letter of introduction

You need to show these documents at the port of entry when you arrive in Canada.

If a student changes their program after their study permit (SP) is approved and also defers at the same school from Program A (Winter 2025) to Program B (Summer 2025), is this also considered a deferral, requiring them to follow the same instructions as in the screenshot?

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,

Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC)

International Student Advisor and Immigration Specialist