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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.
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Under current ministerial instructions regarding provincial or territorial attestation letters (PAL/TAL), "level of study" is categorized as follows:

a. a. primary and secondary education,
b. b. post-secondary education (including vocational and technical training, and undergraduate programs), and
c. c. graduate education or above. (*niveau d'études*)

"post-secondary education" refers to programs at the post-secondary level, regardless of whether they confer a degree, certificate or diploma.

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. However, a new PAL/TAL would be required if the student moves to a different level of study (e.g., from post-secondary to graduate education).

When applying to extend their study permit, the applicant will need to provide proof that they meet one of the exceptions, if they don't provide a PAL with their application.

For more information, please visit:
Study permits: Provincial or territorial attestation letters - Canada.ca

We hope this information is helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 14 mars 2025 11:52
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted]
Objet : PAL and level of study

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Hello,

I'm seeking clarification on the requirement for a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) for students in Canada moving from ESL to [redacted] the [redacted] Canada [redacted] study: primary/secondary, post-secondary and graduate & above. Would this change be considered to be at the same level of studies i.e. post-secondary?

- You've entered Canada **and** one of the following situations applies to you:
  - You're applying for a study permit extension at the same DLI **and** level of study as your current study permit.

Source: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/get-documents/provincial-attestation-letter.html#exemptions

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Source: https://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2025/2025-01-18/html/notice-avis-eng.html#na1

Sincerely,