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Archived: June 2, 2025 2:51:06 PM
From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 26 Mar 2025 17:26:45
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: FW: Urgent - Validity of study permit - REP-2025-0302 - Due 27-Feb-25 - REP-2025-0533 - Due 14-03-2025
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] **Representatives Mailbox**

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Take care,

A[redacted]

An academic break is not included in the 150-day authorized leave limit.

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 13, 2025 5:28 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
Representantsimmigration.[redacted]

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> Bonjour,
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> [redacted] la **boîte aux courriels pour les représentants en immigration.**
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> **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
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several enrollment status options such as leave of absence, deferred enrollment, academic suspension, no longer registered etc.

You may find additional information about students who are required to discontinue or a "required to withdraw" on the IRCC website:

1) Academic suspension

The student is **suspended** from your institution, due to poor academic performance or violation of the institution's policies. The student is allowed to return after the period of suspension.

Any leave from a program of studies in Canada should not exceed 150 consecutive days from the date the leave started. If a student exceeds 150 days of leave from studies, they will need to change their status with IRCC or will be considered non-compliant with their study permit conditions.

2) No longer registered or enrolled

Your institution sent the student a letter of admission, but they are no longer registered or enrolled because they have

- been dismissed
- withdrawn voluntarily
- transferred to another institution

Please note that an academic suspension is different than being no longer registered.

If a student is no longer registered at a DLI, they are no longer meeting the conditions of their study permit as they are not actively pursuing their studies.

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De
Envoyé : 29 janvier 2025 14:31
À : Immigration Representatives ; Représentants immigration (IRC [redacted]
Objet : Urgent - Validity of study permit

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Image 1

DIVISION 5

Validity and Expiry of Study Permits

Invalidity

222 (1) A study permit becomes invalid upon the first to occur of the following days:

(a) the day that is 90 days after the day on which the permit holder completes their studies,

(a.1) the day on which the permit holder is no longer enrolled at the designated learning institution that is named in the permit, other than as a result of completing their studies;

(b) the day on which the permit is cancelled under section 243.2; or

(c) the day on which the permit expires.

Image 2

What counts as an authorized leave from your studies?

There are a few cases where you may be able to take a leave of up to a **maximum of 150 days** from your program of studies and still be considered to be actively pursuing your studies.

You don't need to tell us if you're taking an authorized leave. However, if we ask for it, you must provide proof that your leave is

- **authorized** by your DLI and
- no longer than 150 days

It counts as authorized leave if

- your school has authorized a leave from your study program for
  - medical reasons or pregnancy
  - family emergency
  - death or serious illness of a family member
  - any other type of leave your school authorizes
- your school has closed permanently or because of a strike
- you've changed schools
- you or your school deferred your program start date
  - In this case, you must start your studies the next semester, even if it starts sooner than 150 days, and get an updated letter of acceptance.

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Thank you,