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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
Sent: Wed, 26 Mar 2025 17:30:45
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: level of studies and PAL - REP-2025-0367 - Due 4-Mar-25
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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:

Question:

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Could you kindly clarify the following scenarios:

- Non-Credit to Credit Certificate Transition: If a student is currently enrolled in a non-credit certificate program and is applying to a credit certificate program at the same DLI, is a new PAL required for the study permit extension?
- Diploma to Degree Program Transition: If a student is studying in a diploma program and is transferring to a degree program within the same DLI, is a new PAL required for the study permit extension?

Response:

Thank you for your email correspondence to Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.

Please consider the information provided as general program guidance and not a directive for case-specific enquires.

Under current **ministerial instructions,** IRCC categorizes levels of study into three distinct groups:

1. Primary and secondary education
2. Post-secondary education (including vocational and technical training, certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, and undergraduate programs)

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3. Graduate education or above

Students who remain within the same level of study while changing programs at the same institution do not require a new Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) when applying for a study permit extension. For example, if the student wishes to change from [redacted] program to [redacted] program [redacted] the [redacted] a PAL [redacted] 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

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Envoyé : 3 février 2025 18:51
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Objet : level of studies and PAL

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Your guidance on these scenarios will greatly assist us in providing accurate information to our international students and ensuring compliance with IRCC regulations.

Thank you in advance for your support and clarification. I look forward to your response.

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Sincerely,