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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 26 Mar 2025 17:38:54
To
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Clarification on "Level of study" - REP-2025-0366 - Due 4-Mar-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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>
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I'm looking for clarification on "level of study". Per MIs in Canada [redacted] 1, Volume 159, Number 3: GOVERNMENT NOTICES

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

Question:

Could you kindly confirm whether "graduate education" refers only to students in Masters of Doctorial programs? Or does it also include students perusing graduate certificates or other graduate level studies?

Response:

[redacted] to [redacted] and Citizenship Canada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.

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

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

"Graduate education or above" refers to degree and non-degree programs at the graduate level or higher.

Students who remain within the same level of study while changing programs at the same institution do not require a new provincial or territorial attestation letter (PAL/TAL) when applying for a study permit extension.
They will need to provide proof that they meet one of the exceptions if they do not provide a PAL/TAL with their application.

For more information, please visit:

Study permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter - Canada.ca

We hope this information is helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 3 février 2025 15:33
[redacted] Immigration Representatives [redacted] Représentants immigration (IRCC) [redacted]
Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : Clarification on "Level of study"

Hello IRCC

[redacted] to you from [redacted] DLI [redacted] Ontario, [redacted] RCIC [redacted] is [redacted]

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Thank you

[redacted] regards,