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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Wed, 26 Mar 2025 18:49:01
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Study permit expiration REP-A-2025-0731 -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:

Question: Based on new changes implemented by IRCC, student's study permit becomes invalid on 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. We have encountered several cases where students are unable to begin their studies due to delays in receiving their study permits. In such situations, does the study permit automatically expire upon issuance? Would the student need to apply for a new permit to continue their studies in the following semester?

A study permit does not automatically expire upon issuance.

The new regulations are designed to ensure that students stay actively engaged in their studies, except during scheduled breaks or approved leave, which is limited to a maximum of 150 days.

Students who are outside Canada and have received their study permit approval after their program has started can follow the instructions provided on the IRCC website.

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.

Please note that a CBSA officer will verify these documents and ensure that the student still meets the requirements before issuing the study permit.

Study permit holders in Canada may take authorized leave up to a 150 days and still be considered actively pursuing their studies and meeting their study permit conditions. Additionally, students who have transferred to a new postsecondary institution and been admitted to a program commencing between January 1 and May 2025 may qualify for the policy clarification outlined IRCC website.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 5, 2025 3:27 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Subject: Study permit expiration -

Hello,

This is , I would like to ask about the study permit expiration.

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Thank you.

Regards,