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Subject: TR: Change to the immigration regulations 222 (1) (a.1) - REP-2025-0656 - Due 24-03-2025
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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:

For the purposes of the International Students Program (ISP) regulations, there is no distinction between "**enrolled**"and "**inscrit**".

These 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.

Regulation 222(1), states that:

- **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.

You mentioned, for example, that a student with an active program was registered for Fall 2024 but did not register for Winter 2025. As you know, a student may take an authorized leave from their studies, but such leave must always be approved by the institution and cannot exceed 150 days. Students who take an unauthorized break are in violation of their study permit conditions. According to the website, if IRCC becomes aware that a student has failed to meet these conditions, they may require the student to leave Canada.. This could impact the outcome of any future applications, and the student may need to wait six months before reapplying for a study permit, visitor visa, or work permit. Additionally, if a student is unenrolled (withdrawn) by the Designated Learning Institution (DLI) due to unauthorized leave or other academic reasons, their study permit will become invalid.

We hope these explanations offer further clarification regarding the regulations.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 24, 2025 9:16 AM
[redacted]
Subject: Change to the immigration regulations 222 (1) (a.1)
Importance: High

Hello,

I am wondering if you can tell me about the change to the immigration regulations 222 (1) (a.1) announced on November 8, 2024, in the [redacted] implications of this change are potentially significant. But I'm not sure we fully understand the meaning. I know that there were some questions raised as the result of a consultation session in the summer of 2024. Specifically, about the definition of the word **enrolled** in the English version of the text.

> **8 Subsection 222(1) of the Regulations is amended by adding the following after paragraph (a):**
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> **(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;

https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2024/2024-11-20/html/sor-dors219-eng.html

For example, on one hand, if we take a generous definition of enrolled, a student could be 'enrolled' in a program (have an active program) but not necessarily be registered to a given semester. For example, a student who has an active program and is registered to fall 2024 but then does not register to winter 2025 and, according to university regulations, remains eligible to register to summer 2025 or fall 2025. (Of course, this would have implications for their student status with IRCC but, according to this interpretation, the study permit would not necessarily be invalidated by this non-registration.)

On the other hand, the French word **inscrit** seems more limited – more linked to the course registration during one semester – and could lead to an interpretation that not being registered to courses during one semester makes the study permit invalid.

> **8 Le paragraphe 222(1) du même règlement est modifié par adjonction, après l'alinéa a), de ce qui suit :**
>
> **a.1)** le titulaire du permis n'est plus inscrit à l'établissement d'enseignement désigné qui est nommé dans son permis, à moins qu'il n'ait terminé ses études;

https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2024/2024-11-20/html/sor-dors219-fra.html

In brief, I am writing to better understand the meaning and scope of this change – and or the definition of **enrolled** and **inscrit**. Any information you could share to help clarify the meaning would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance,

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