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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.
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The start date for counting the 150-day authorized leave period for deferrals is calculated from the original program start date, not the issuance date of the study permit.

It is important to note that authorized leaves must be approved by the designated learning institution (DLI) and should not exceed 150 days from the date the leave commenced. This includes deferrals, medical reasons, family emergencies, or other types of leave authorized by the DLI.

Note that regularly scheduled breaks (Spring/Summer) and authorized leave are considered to be two separate periods with different purposes and implications for a student's enrollment and status.

For more detailed information, you can refer to the IRCC guidelines: Your conditions as a study permit holder in Canada - Canada.ca

We trust that this information will assist you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Objet : Clarification on 150-Day Authorized Leave for Study Permit Deferral

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Good day,

I am writing to request clarification regarding the 150-day authorized leave period for deferrals, specifically whether the start date is calculated from the original program start date or the issuance date of the study permit. For example, consider a hypothetical scenario where John's study permit is issued on January 10, 2025, with his program originally scheduled to begin on May 5, 2025. If he defers his start to September 1, 2025, would he be compliant with the 150-day limit? If the count begins on May 5, he falls within 150 days, but if it starts on January 10, he exceeds it.

This inquiry is not case-specific; I am seeking only the starting point for counting the 150 days in the context of a deferral prior to the program's commencement. The phrasing, "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," introduces ambiguity, as in John's case, the leave from his "program" would logically begin on May 5.

I appreciate your guidance and look forward to your clarification. Thank you.

Regards,

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.

You can't work on or off campus during an authorized leave from your study program, even if your study permit says you're allowed to work in Canada.

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