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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Fri, 31 Jan 2025 15:05:06
To [redacted]
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Question regarding 150 days authorized leave from studies for international students - REP-2025-0007 - Due 30-Jan-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] and Citizen[redacted]nada's Immigration Representatives Mailbox.

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

Under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA)* and *Regulations (IRPR)*, study permit holders in Canada must meet a number of conditions including (but not limited to) enrolling at the designated learning institution (DLI) that is named in their permit and remain enrolled there until they complete their studies; and actively pursuing their course or program of study.

The information highlighted in your request regarding is a recognition that a study permit holder may be required or wish to take [redacted] from their [redacted] in [redacted] that any [redacted] from [redacted] program [redacted] in Canada [redacted] not exceed 150 days from the date the leave commenced and must be authorized by their DLI is a consideration when officers are assessing whether or not a study permit holder is actively pursuing their studies.

Note: As of November 8, 2024, students who wish to change DLIs at the post-secondary level need to get a new study permit by applying to extend their current one.

Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis. Study permit holders may be required to provide evidence to an officer of their compliance with their study permit conditions (R220.1(4); this includes to Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) officers at a port of entry (POE).

When an officer is assessing an application:

- * In cases where a study permit holder has taken multiple periods of leave in Canada during their program of study (towards a Canadian credential) an officer may consider the applicant's reasons for the various periods of leave. If the multiple periods of leave do not appear to support the expectation that the study permit holder is making reasonable progress toward the completion of a Canadian credential, an officer may determine that they have not fulfilled their study permit condition to actively pursue their course or program of study.
- * An officer may also assess the reasons why a study permit holder has changed institutions or programs of study a number of times. Where multiple program or institutional changes do not appear to support the expectation that the study permit holder is making reasonable progress toward the completion of a Canadian credential, an officer may determine that the study permit holder has not fulfilled their study permit condition to actively pursue their course or program of study.

For more information, please refer to the IRCC website:
Your conditions as a study permit holder in Canada - Canada.ca
Study Permits: Assessing study permit conditions - Canada.ca
Changing your school or program - Canada.ca

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We hope this information is helpful.

Regards,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 2 janvier 2025 14:31
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : Question regarding 150 days authorized leave from studies for international students

Dear Madam/Sir,

My name is : I have some questions and appreciate your valuable insight.

According to IRCC website,

> *"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."*

Our first question is mainly with regards to the highlighted section above which says, "from your program".

Q1: If they change programs, will these 150 days reset?
Example: Student took 150 days leave during his previous program, then changed DLI and started another program. Will he be able to take another 150 days off during the new program?

Q2: If a student leaves Canada does the 150 days still apply? That is to say, if they leave and return after more than 150 days, will they be able to resume their studies with the same study permit which is still within its expiry date?
Example: Student left Canada January 1, 2024, and wants to come back for January 2025 intake resuming his studies while his study permit has not expired yet (expiry is September 2027). Can the student return with his valid visa and this study permit?

[redacted] attention to this [redacted]

Regards,