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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Fri, 28 Mar 2025 11:49:38
To:
Cc: [redacted] Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: PAL requirement after study permit was approved - REP-2025-0451 - Due 11-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:

Question:

If a student has had their study permit approved, and they applied prior to the PAL requirements that were made in 2025, do they require a PAL? Additionally, the student will begin their program in September 2025, after the changes made in Jan 2025.

Response:

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

Please consider the information provided as general program guidance and not a directive for case-specific enquires.

Starting January 22, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. EST, most study permit applicants need to provide a provincial attestation letter (PAL) or territorial attestation letter (TAL), unless they meet one of the exceptions.

You cannot use a PAL/TAL that was issued during a previous study permit cap year. However, if the study permit application was submitted before 11:59 PM EST, January 21, 2025 with a PAL/TAL issued for the **2024** cap year and **approved**, you **do not** require a **new** PAL to start your program even if you defer your start date.

Your Provincial/Territorial Attestation Letter (PAL/TAL) needs to be **valid when you apply** for a study permit. Unless it has an expiry date on it, a PAL/TAL is valid until

- **January 21, 2025**, for the **2024** study permit cap year
  - This means that your PAL/TAL was issued between January 22, 2024, and January 21, 2025.
- **December 31, 2025**, for the **2025** study permit cap year
  - This means that your PAL/TAL was issued between January 22, 2025, and December 31, 2025.

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

Study permit: Prepare for arrival - Canada.ca

We hope this information is helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 9:01 AM
To: Immigration Representatives | Représentants immigration [redacted]
Representantsimmigration.IRCC@[redacted]
Subject: PAL requirement after study permit was approved

Good morning,

[redacted] clarification [redacted]
Provincial attestation letter is required after study permit approval.

Question:

If a student has had their study permit approved, and they applied prior to the PAL requirements that were made in 2025, do they require a PAL? Additionally, the student will begin their program in September 2025, after the changes made in Jan 2025.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,