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To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: PAL requirement - level of study and DLI - REP-2025-0309 - Due 27-Feb-25
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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:

I understand that a PAL is not required if:

The student has entered Canada **and** one of the following situations applies to you:

- * You're applying for a study permit extension at the same DLI **and** level of study as your current study permit.

Question 1: Definition of "Same Level of Study"

Is IRCC using the following classification to define the same level of study?

- * primary and secondary education,
- * post-secondary education (including vocational and technical training, and undergraduate programs), and
- * graduate education or above. (*niveau d'études*)

Response:

Under current ministerial instructions, IRCC categorizes levels of study into three distinct groups:

1. 1. Primary and secondary education
2. 2. Post-secondary education (including vocational and technical training, certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, and undergraduate programs)
3. 3. Graduate education or above

Students who remain within the same level of study while changing programs at the same institution do not require a new Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) when applying for a study permit extension. For example, if the student wishes to change from [redacted] program to [redacted] program [redacted] the [redacted] PAL [redacted] the student moves to a different level of study (e.g., from post-secondary to graduate education).

When applying to extend their study permit, the applicant will need to provide proof that they meet one of the exceptions, if they don't provide a PAL with their application.

For more information, please visit:
Study permits: Provincial or territorial attestation letters - Canada.ca

Question 2: Same DLI

If a student has already informed IRCC about a change of DLI before November 15, 2024, as they are in the same DLI as on their IRCC file, are they required to include a PAL in their application?

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Response:

Students who changed DLIs before November 15, 2024, through their IRCC secure account or web page, may keep studying at their DLI with their current study permit as long as they still meet their study permit conditions.

When applying to extend their study permit to cover the study period at the new DLI, unless they meet one of the exceptions they must submit a provincial/territorial attestation letter PAL/TAL with their application.
For example, students already in Canada who are applying for a study permit extension at the same DLI **and** level of study as their current study permi[redacted] not r[redacted]uir[redacted] [redacted] applican[redacted]ill [redacted] to [redacted] proof th[redacted]h [redacted]n [redacted]h [redacted]v[redacted] exceptions if they don't provide a PAL/TAL with their application.

For more information, please visit our website:
Changing your school or program
Extend your study permit or restore your status: How to apply - Canada.ca
Study permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter

We hope this information is helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]
Objet : PAL requirement - level of study and DLI

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Looking forward for your response,

Thanks

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