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Good day,

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

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

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

Primary and secondary education

Post-secondary education (including vocational and technical training, certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, and undergraduate programs)

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] be required if 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.

We hope this information is helpful.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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Objet : Asking for clarification - PAL Different Level of Study

Good day,

sb280This is RCIC # an international student advisor and immigration specialist at [illegible] I would like to ask about the new PAL requirements for different level of study.

Suppose a student changes their program from Ontario College Graduate Cert to Ontario College Cert at the same school, does it considered a different level of studies and requires a pal for a study permit extension?

Also if a student changes their program from Diploma program to Ontario Graduate Cert, does it also require a PAL?

If you could provide any clarification on it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Regards,