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From: [redacted] Représentants [redacted]
Sent: Mon, 31 Mar 2025 19:14:21
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: PAL Inquiry - REP-2025-0609 - 20-03-2025
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:

I am hoping to get clarification on PAL requirement. If a student is moving from master's to PhD level at the same DLI – would they need PAL while extending their study permit?

Response:

[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:

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

Students who remain within the same level of study while changing programs at the same Designated Learning Institution (DLI) do not require a new Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) when applying for a study permit extension. For example, a student moving from [redacted] to [redacted] program, [redacted] study **and** [redacted] the [redacted] DLI, [redacted] not [redacted] 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 permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter - Canada.ca

We hope this information is helpful.

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Regards,

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 20, 2025 12:49 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration [redacted]
Subject: PAL Inquiry
Importance: High

Good Day!

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[redacted]

Warm Regards,