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From: [redacted] Representatives / Représentants [redacted] (I[redacted]
Sent: Mon, 3 Feb 2025 16:11:20
To: ;
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Express Entry CRS Points - Two or more certificates, diplomas, or degrees - REP-2025-0024- Due 31-Jan-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:
The situation is as follows:

- * The individual in question has completed two credentials in Canada:
    1. 1. A bachelor's degree (four-year program completed in two years, utilizing transfer credits).
    2. 2. A two-year diploma (two-year program completed in one semester, utilizing the same transfer credits as the above bachelor degree).
- * To re-iterate, both credentials were awarded by recognized Canadian institutions, and the programs share the same transfer credits from prior studies.

Given that both credentials were completed using overlapping transfer credits and were achieved in a relatively shorter time frame, I would like to confirm:

1. 1. Does this scenario qualify under the "*two or more certificates, diplomas, or degrees*" category for 119/128 CRS points?
2. 2. How does IRCC evaluate the distinctiveness of such credentials in cases where they share significant academic overlap?

Answer:
A candidate may be awarded education points under the Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) for having 'two or more post-secondary program credentials' as per Ministerial Instructions 11(1)(a)(vi), if the education credentials represent separate certificates, diplomas, or degrees. If one credential is used as a component of the second credential, then it is not considered two separate credentials even though two separate certificates were awarded. To obtain points for having two or more post-secondary credentials, at least one of them must be issued at the completion of a post-secondary program of three years or more.

Please be advised that the assessment of an application is conducted on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the specific circumstances and the supporting documentation available to the officer. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate that they meet the requirements.

We trust that this information will assist you.

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Sincerely,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De : .
Envoye : 3 janvier 2025 20:00
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC@cic.gc.ca>
Cc :
Objet : Express Entry CRS Points - Two or more certificates, diplomas, or degrees

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I am a licensed immigration consultant . I am writing to seek clarification on the eligibility criteria for claiming points under the "*two or more certificates, diplomas, or degrees*" category in the Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) for Express Entry.

The situation is as follows:

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Given that both credentials were completed using overlapping transfer credits and were achieved in a relatively shorter time frame, I would like to confirm:

3. 3. Does this scenario qualify under the "*two or more certificates, diplomas, or degrees*" category for 119/128 CRS points?
4. 4. How does IRCC evaluate the distinctiveness of such credentials in cases where they share significant academic overlap?

Your guidance on this matter would be greatly appreciated, as it will assist in ensuring the correct representation of the individual's educational background in the Express Entry profile.

[redacted]. I [redacted] to your response.

Best regards,

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