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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.

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**Response Q1:**

The regulations apply as of November 8, 2024. If a student changed institutions before this date and did not notify IRCC, they would not be held to the new requirements. However, they must have a valid study permit. If the student now needs a study permit extension to complete their program, they began at the new DLI before November 8, they will need to submit a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) with their extension application.

For more detailed information, please refer to the following IRCC webpage: Changing your school or program

**Response Q2:**

Students who started a program at a new DLI in January 2025 but did not submit their study permit extension are considered non-compliant. They must stop studying until they submit a study permit extension. They can submit the extension application now and continue their classes once it is approved. A PAL will be required with the extension application if they are extending their studies at a new DLI and new level of study.

For more detailed information, please refer to the following IRCC webpage: Extend your study permit or restore your status

**Response Q3:**

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

Students who submitted a study permit application prior to November 1, 2024, are not required to meet the new field of study requirements when applying for a study permit extension.

If a student submits a study permit application on or after November 1, 2024, the applicant will need to meet the field of study requirement.

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The onus is on the applicant to provide sufficient documentation to satisfy an officer that they meet the requirements. The applicant would need to provide documentation showing that their leave was authorized by their DLI.

For PGWP eligibility and how to apply, please visit Work in Canada after you graduate - Who can apply.

We hope you find this information helpful.

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**The Immigration Representatives Mailbox**

**From:**
**Sent:** [redacted] 13, 2025 4:40 PM
**To:** Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC [redacted]
**Subject:** Seeking clarification on PAL, DLI [redacted]

Hello

My name is , and I'm reaching out from on behalf of myself and my colleagues with the below questions

**Per previous guidance received from IRCC and industry partners Nov 22):**

Question: Would students who started at a new post-secondary DLI in September 2024 but who did not complete the DLI transfer process at that time (either because they were coming directly from secondary school and were unable to or because they transferred between post-secondary DLIs and were unaware of the correct process) now be considered non-compliant under the new regulations? Would these students now be required to discontinue their in-progress studies pending approval of a new in-Canada study permit application?

Response: The regulations only apply as of November 8. If a student changed institution prior to that date, even if they did not notify IRCC, they would not be held to the new requirements. However, in all cases the student must have a valid study permit in hand.

- *In the above situation, if the student now needs a study permit extension to complete the program they began at the new DLI before Nov 8, will they be required to submit a PAL with this extension application?*

**DLI Changes & student non-compliance:**

Per the DLI change policies in effect from Nov 8, if you were accepted to a new DLI for the Winter or Spring 2025 semester (starting from January 1, 2025 to May 1, 2025). You can start studying at your new DLI if you:

have been accepted to a DLI for the Winter or Spring 2025 semester (starting from January 1, 2025 to May 1, 2025), and

have applied for a study permit extension, and

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have a study permit that remains valid and that doesn't have the DLI name printed on it, and

meet all your existing study permit conditions

- *If a student started a program at a new DLI in Jan 2025 but failed to submit their study permit extension to change DLI (because they were unaware of the policy change), are they considered non-compliant and must stop studying now? Or, can they submit a study permit extension at this time and continue their classes in the current term? If they can submit an extension, will a PAL be required?*

**PGWP eligibility and leave from studies:**

For college students, per the PGWP field of study criteria in effect from Nov 1, if a student applied for their initial study permit before Nov 1 PGWP eligibility will be grandfathered in. Those applying for study permit on or after Nov 1 must meet the new field of study criteria.

Scenario - A student applied for an initial study permit before Nov 1 for a PGWP eligible program. They completed 1 year of this PGWP eligible college diploma program. Then they took leave from studies for 1 year during which time their study permit expired while they were outside Canada. To return to Canada and complete their studies they must now submit a new study permit application from outside Canada.

- *will their PGWP eligibility be locked-in based on that initial pre-Nov 1 study permit date? Or, will they be considered as a post-Nov 1 "new" study permit applicant, meaning that PGWP eligibility will be based on completing a program from an eligible field of study?*

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance

'Kind regards,

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