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Good day,

[redacted] and we are happy to address your question. From our understanding, the question pertains to applicants who may be exempted from the qualifying work experience requirement under the Atlantic Immigration Program. Please see our response to your enquiry, below:

> *Provided there is (a) no disruption to periods of full-time or part-time study, and that the applicant can (b) demonstrate that they were physical presented in the specific Atlantic province for at least 16 of the 24 months (2 years) prior to obtaining the credential, the months spent in Atlantic Canada would not need to be continuous.*

We trust this provides the clarification you were seeking.

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Good day,

I am reaching out about an AIP program eligibility criterion for international graduates from recognized secondary i[redacted] i[redacted] [redacted] li[redacted] [redacted] that for these [redacted] to [redacted] from the

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qualifying work experience requirement, they also need to demonstrate that they "lived in either New Brunswick, Nova [redacted] and Labrador or Prince Edward Island **for at least 16 months within the last 2 years** before getting their credential".

Do the 16 months have to be continuous? I imagine this program accounts for standard breaks in study periods such as summer and winter breaks and therefore the 16 months do not need to be continuous, but I would like confirmation.

Kind regards,