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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
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To
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: 2025-01 : Studying as a refugee claimant - REP-2025-0021- 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:
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However, he now found out that the gang members in India believed that he had given information about the other gang members to the indian police leading to their arrest in India.

If he applies for refugee protection and becomes a refugee claimant
Will his existing study permit remain valid and he can continue his studies in Canada?
or he have to apply for a new study permit based on his refugee claimant status?

Response:
Please note that we are unable to provide case-specific advice.

For the purposes of general program guidance, having a valid study permit allows a refugee claimant to go to school while they are waiting for a decision on their claim. If their valid permit will be expiring, they must apply to extend their study permit before it expires. Refer to the IRCC website for additional information about Claiming Asylum in Canada - Canada.ca

Some study permit holders, including refugee claimants whose claim has not yet been decided on, are exempt from certain study permit conditions.
However, they still need to meet all the other conditions listed on their study permit, and must make sure they know what these conditions are.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoye : 3 janvier 2025 16:56
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Objet : 2025-01 : Studying as a refugee claimant

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A student is in Canada on a study permit valid till Dec 2026. He is actively studying and he wants to continue his studies.

He also fear persecution in India from an international gang.
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