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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Thu, 10 Apr 2025 17:56:20
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Study Permit Application while inside Canada - REP-B-2025-0273 - Due 6-May-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.

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If an applicant wants to apply for a study permit and is not eligible to do so within Canada, they must

- * leave the country, and
- * follow the instructions to apply from **outside** Canada.

Please note that "flagpoling" is no longer allowed for most foreign nationals. Flagpoling occurs when foreign nationals who hold temporary resident status in Canada, leave Canada and, after a visit to the United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon, re-enter to access immigration services at a port of entry. For more information, please visit:

- * Ending flagpoling for work and study permits at the border - Canada.ca
- * Operational bulletin 686 – December 24, 2024 (modified February 14, 2025) - Canada.ca

Only some people can apply for a study permit from within Canada.

- * you have a valid study or work permit
- * your spouse or common-law partner or your parent has a valid study or work permit
- * you're a minor child in primary or secondary school
- * you're an exchange student or visiting student
- * you completed a short-term course or study program required to be accepted at a designated learning institution
- * you or your spouse or common-law partner or your dependent child has a temporary resident permit valid for 6 months or more
- * you're being sponsored to immigrate and you already applied for permanent residence (if you're eligible)
- * you or your spouse or common-law partner or your dependent child are subject to an unenforceable removal order
- * you're the spouse or common-law partner or your dependent child of
  - * an athlete on a team based in Canada
  - * a member of the media
  - * a member of the clergy
  - * military personnel on duty in Canada, or
  - * an accredited foreign representative
- * you're a refugee claimant in Canada or a family member of a refugee claimant in Canada

Please note that it is recommended that foreign nationals apply for their study permit prior to coming to Canada.

For more information on how to apply, please answer the questions on this webpage: Study permit: How to apply - Canada.ca

We hope that this information is helpful to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 2, 2025 10:14 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Subject: Study Permit Application while inside Canada

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I am writing to seek clarification on applying for a study permit from within Canada when an applicant does not meet the eligibility criteria for doing so.

Prior to March 28, 2025, the *Study Permit – How to Apply* page displayed the following message:

> **You need to apply as though you're outside Canada**
> Even though you're physically in Canada, you must follow the instructions for applying for a study permit from outside Canada.
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> In our online tools, choose your country of citizenship when asked for your current country or territory of residence. This ensures you receive the correct application forms.
>
> When you fill out the PDF forms, your answers must be accurate, as they are now part of your application. If you are in Canada, use your Canadian address.
>
> **How to apply for a study permit**
> Scroll back up this page and select "Outside Canada" to find out how to apply.

However, since March 28, 2025, this section was replaced with the following statement:

> **You can't apply from within Canada**
> Based on the answers you provided, you are not eligible to apply for a study permit from within Canada.
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> If you want to apply for a study permit, you must:
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> - leave the country, and
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> - follow the instructions to apply from outside Canada.

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I would appreciate clarification on the following:

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3. 3. Can you confirm that applicants who do not meet the criteria for applying from within
4. 4. Canada must leave the country and apply for a study permit from outside Canada?
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10. 10. If so, is it possible for the applicant to travel to the United States and submit their
11. 11. study permit application from there?
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[redacted]. I [redacted] to your response.

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