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From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Thu, 6 Feb 2025 16:34:18
To:
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: TR: Taking Examinations For Professional Certification and Authorization Requirements in Canada - REP-2025-0059-Due 5-Feb-25
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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:

Question:
What is the scope of a professional examination that takes a day or days to complete in Canada (e.g., a CPA examination of 3 days called the Common Final Examination)?
For example, beyond the requirement to have temporary resident status (allowed entry to Canada):

- Is it considered a study activity, and, if so, does it fit the scope of R188(1)(c) - short-term studies?
- Is it considered an activity that does not require any authorization (e.g., work or study)?
- It does not appear to be a work activity, but if it is considered that, please let me know.

Response:
Foreign nationals may enter Canada or remain in Canada without a study permit to attend a course or program of study of 6 months' duration or less [R188(1)(c)]. This exemption helps to facilitate access to short-term courses, regardless of their subject matter. The course or program of study may be part-time or full-time and should be completed within the period authorized upon entry (i.e., up to 6 months).

The foreign national will still need a valid travel document (electronic travel authorization or visitor visa) to come to [redacted] study permit [redacted] to study for [redacted] ile [redacted] foreign national may attend a short-term course or program without a study permit at a non-DLI, they may not be issued a study permit to attend courses at a non-DLI.

The following activities are not considered studies for the purposes of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and do not require a study permit:

- * pre-school (pre-kindergarten)
- * courses of general interest or self-improvement
- * distance learning
- * audited courses (typically by sitting in on an academic course, but without obtaining credit for it, or having the ability to obtain credit for it retroactively)
- * settlement and integration courses offered by a provincial or territorial government through settlement and integration providers (including francization courses offered by the Government of Quebec, as they are

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considered settlement and integration courses and not language courses by IRCC)

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) recognizes that long-term visitors and foreign workers may engage in occasional studies or programs of study lasting 6 months or less at any time during their stay in Canada.

Please visit our website for more information on short-term courses.

We hope this information is of assistance.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

De :
Envoyé : 8 janvier 2025 15:08
À : Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.[redacted].gc.ca>
Objet : Taking Examinations For Professional Certification and Authorization Requirements in Canada

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Sincerely,

[redacted]