

# Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)

Langara Global

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## **What is a PAL:**

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) announced that as of Jan 22, 2024, all study permit applications submitted to IRCC must include a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL). The PAL is a letter issued by the Province of British Columbia confirming that an international student is permitted to study at a specific Designated Learning Institution (DLI).

The PAL helps ensure that international student enrollments align with provincial education policies and capacity limits. Without a valid PAL, IRCC will not process a study permit application unless the applicant qualifies for an exemption.

For more information about the PAL, including eligibility criteria please visit the [IRCC website](#).

Unless you qualify for an [exemption](#), it is essential to include a valid PAL when submitting a new study permit application or renewing an existing study permit application. The PAL remains valid until the expiry date listed on the document.

## **New Students PAL Requirements:**

All new study permit applicants are required to provide a PAL with their study permit application. Once you receive your Letter of Acceptance (LOA) from Langara College, a PAL will be issued and emailed to you within 1-2 business days from receiving your LOA. You do not need to request a PAL separately; it will be sent to you automatically by the DLI.

After receiving both your LOA and PAL, you can proceed with your study permit application.

## **Current students PAL Requirements:**

If you are submitting your Study Permit Extension application and qualify for an exemption from the PAL requirement, you must provide a letter of explanation to IRCC. It is the students responsibility to provide an explanation to IRCC. We encourage you to visit the [IRCC website](#) to determine if you meet the exemption criteria and to tailor the letter accordingly to reflect your specific situation.

Your letter should include the following:

1. A clear statement supporting your study permit extension application.
2. A reference to the exemption that applies to you, based on the information available on the IRCC website.

Please visit the IRCC website for a list of PAL exemptions:

[Study permit: Get the right documents Provincial attestation letter or territorial attestation letter - Canada.ca](#)

This information in this document has been prepared and endorsed by a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC) as per section 91 of the IRPA. This is not a legal document, and information may change without notice. Students should always refer to the IRCC website (<http://ircc.canada.ca>) for the most updated information. This document was prepared on March, 2026

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**Refer to the Table Below to see if you require a PAL:**

| <b>Situation</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>PAL Required?</b>    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Newly Admitted Students                                                                                                               | Yes                     |
| Initial Study Permit Application Rejection                                                                                            | Yes (New PAL)           |
| Students Changing DLI to Langara                                                                                                      | Yes                     |
| Current student applying for Study Permit Restoration                                                                                 | Yes                     |
| Returning Student to Langara College Whose Study Permit expired and needs to apply for a new Study Permit (usually outside of Canada) | Yes                     |
| Student Changing Program from LEAP to Regular Studies/ Continuing Studies                                                             | Yes                     |
| Current Student Applying for Study Permit Extension at Langara College                                                                | No (Explanation Letter) |
| Applying for a TRV                                                                                                                    | No (Explanation Letter) |
| Program Less than Six Months                                                                                                          | No                      |

\*If your study permit application was not accepted for processing, you can submit a new study permit application with the same PAL (if it's still valid).

\*If your application was accepted for processing but it was refused, you must get a **NEW** PAL before you reapply.