

# Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)

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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](#)

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

Situation	PAL Required?
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

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\*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.

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