



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON STUDY PERMITS AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOU!

On January 22, 2024 the Government of Canada announced changes to the Canadian International Student Program. Some of the changes include the requirement of receiving an attestation letter by the provincial Department of Education to accompany the study permit application and a national cap on study permits. The national cap applies to all institutions in Canada.

You can review the government's announcement at length [here](#).

You may have many questions about this recent announcement. Below are some common questions that you might be asking. While we are committed to supporting you, we are still in the process of working through the details of the announcement.

FAQS

I am currently on a study permit and attending a post-secondary institution. Will this affect me?

Current international students will not be affected.

I have applied for my study permit – will this affect my application?

Study permit applications submitted prior to January 22, 2024 will not be impacted.

I have received my letter of acceptance but have not yet applied for my study permit – how does this affect my study permit process?

Study permit applications submitted to IRCC after January 22, 2024 must be supported by an attestation letter from the Provincial government. At this time, we have no information on how these attestation letters will be generated and submitted. This will likely cause a delay in study permits being issued as study permit applications submitted after January 22, 2024 which do not include this attestation letter will be returned.

How do I receive the attestation letter?

The Department of Education in Newfoundland and Labrador is working with the federal government to work through the changes announced and to get the attestation letter process in place. This process will be put in place no later than March 31, 2024.

We will provide more information on how to obtain the letter of attestation as updates become available.

I am interested in applying as an international student – do I have to wait until March 31, 2024?

We are currently accepting applications for September 2024. We will continue to support you in your application process. Once your documents and fees have been received and the status of your application determined, your letter of acceptance will be issued as soon as the attestation letter process is in place by the Provincial Government.

Please reach out to our international team if you have any additional questions or concerns.

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