

What are the study permit changes announced by the IRCC?

There are two main changes to the study permit process for international students. First, there's a cap on the total number of study permits that will be issued to incoming students over the next two years. For 2024, that number is 360,000. Secondly, most of the new study permit applications submitted to IRCC will also require a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) to be included in the application.

What is a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)?

A Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) is a government-issued document that verifies that each study permit applicant has been accounted for within the new cap set by the federal government.

Who needs a PAL?

According to IRCC, most new study permit applicants need to provide a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) from the province or territory where they plan to study. Find out if you are required to submit a PAL [here](#).

Who does NOT need a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)?

You do NOT need to provide a PAL if:

- The IRCC received your study permit application before 8:30 a.m. EST on January 22, 2024.
- You are in Canada on a study permit and are applying for a study permit extension.
- You are in Canada and have a work permit.

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Where can I get a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)?

Before we request for a PAL, the student:

- Must meet the admissions requirements.
- Must pay the tuition deposit.
- May be required to complete an Intake Form or interview with our Immigration Services team to decide the eligibility.

For eligible students, we will request a PAL from the provincial government. Your PAL will have an expiry date, and you must apply for your study permit before their PAL expires.

Can I get a refund if I am not issued a PAL from the provincial government or a study permit from the IRCC?

If you are not issued a PAL, or receive a visa refusal, you may be eligible for a refund. Please contact your admissions advisor for more information.

What are the changes announced for the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)?

The changes to the PGWP program only apply to specific programs. Our bachelor's programs continue to qualify you in becoming eligible for a PGWP that may be valid for up to 3 years.