

IRCC guidelines for continuing studies at a different DLI

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International students already in Canada with a valid study permit who changed their DLI before Nov. 8, 2024, were able to submit a DLI change in their IRCC account and do not need to take any action. As of Nov. 8, 2024, international students must study at the DLI named on their study permit.

This update means that if you are an international student enrolled in the ASU or LAT program at Seneca, you will need to apply for a new study permit before starting classes at the partner university to complete your bachelor's degree.

Applying for a new study permit

We recommend that you follow [this guide](#) to complete a [new study permit application](#) to change your DLI. You must include a letter explaining why you are changing schools. It is recommended that you include a conditional offer from the partner institution or contact our team if you are not able to receive the conditional offer at the time you need to apply for the new study permit.

Please contact [The Service Hub](#) by [email](#), [live chat](#) or [WhatsApp](#), with the subject line: **'ASU / LAT and DLI change'**

In addition, you should also be aware that, as an international student, if you are in Canada and will remain here, a new study permit means a study permit extension, which is currently PAL exempt. If you leave Canada, a new study permit and new PAL will be required.

You may only begin studying at the new DLI while waiting for your new study permit if you meet the following criteria:

- You have been accepted to a DLI for the Winter/Spring 2025 semester, and
- You have applied for a study permit extension, and
- You have a study permit that remains valid and that doesn't have the DLI name printed on it, and
- You meet all your existing study permit conditions

Or, as previously announced by IRCC, you have submitted a study permit extension and:

- you stayed in Canada since you received your letter of acceptance (LOA) from the new DLI and
- you continue to meet the conditions of your previous study permit and
- before you completed your course or program of study, you find yourself in one of the following situations with the previous DLI:
 - it closed
 - it discontinued the course or program of study
 - it was placed on the suspension list or
 - it lost its designated status

Supports for you

Seneca is here to help you understand these updates. For additional helpful information, visit our [FAQs for international students](#), review the list of [PGWP-eligible programs](#)

or book a one-to-one appointment with the [immigration specialist team](#).