

DLI Changes

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As of Nov. 8, 2024, international students must study at the DLI named on their study permit. If you wish to change DLI you must apply and receive approval for a new study permit using the LOA and PAL of the new institution. If you are inside of Canada, you will submit this application as a study permit extension. This policy also applies to international students enrolled in Seneca's ASU or LAT programs who will transfer into a partner institution.

We strongly advise students changing DLI to apply early for their new permit - before leaving the original institution. The new study permit must be approved before you may begin classes at the new DLI unless:

- you are transitioning from secondary (high-school) to post-secondary level and submitted a study permit extension application prior to the expiry of your existing permit; or
- your previous DLI closed, was suspended, lost its DLI status, or discontinued your program

We recommend that you follow [this guide](#) to complete a study permit [application to change your DLI](#). You must include a letter explaining why you are changing schools, and respond to the eligibility question as below:

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Which of these responses describes your situation? (required) ?

Please make a selection

Please make a selection

I am a doctoral student in the United States of America applying to a designated learning institution (DLI) to pursue a doctoral degree

I am a student residing in Canada and am changing DLIs

None of the above

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important: This information is for reference only and no immigration decision will be made based on your answers. If you choose to apply, your application will be considered by an Immigration officer in accordance with the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and Regulations, without regard to any outcome you attain through this questionnaire. [Read the full notice](#)

Supports for you

Seneca is here to help you understand IRCC updates. For additional information, visit our [FAQs for international students](#), or book a one-to-one appointment with the [immigration specialist team](#).