

# NEW IRCC POLICY (2024)

**Effective March 4, 2024**, international students applying for a new study permit will be required by IRCC to obtain a BC Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) as part of their application process. This change comes in response to the federal department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) announcing new requirements on Jan. 22, 2024. For international students, this change means you will need to take an extra step in your application process, **unless you are part of the exemption list.**

**With this new system, IRCC and the BC Government aim to achieve the ff:**

- Create a more transparent and efficient process for international students while ensuring the quality of education in the province is maintained
- Manage the growth of international students while providing international students with the best possible opportunities for success
- Streamline requirements for PAL eligibility in each Designated Learning Institution (DLI)

**Gateway College is aligning our enrollment process with the new IRCC policy. If you are a student with the following conditions, we will provide guidance.**

- Enrolled in 2023, visa application not lodged yet or visa got refused
- Enrolled in January, February & March 2024, visa application not lodged yet, application was returned, or visa got refused
- Started program on February 26, 2024

Further announcements will be released in the coming days.

Thank you for your patience.