

Provincial Attestation Letter Information

On January 22, 2024, IRCC announced that international students applying for a study permit must include a “Provincial Attestation Letter” in addition to other documents when submitting their study permit application. This is a new requirement. All study permit applications received after 8:30 am ET on January 22, 2024 require a PAL.

What is the Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)?

A PAL is a document issued by the Provincial government. Selkirk College is located in the province of British Columbia, so the government of British Columbia will issue the PAL for Selkirk College students.

Who needs a PAL?

Most new international students will need a PAL. If you are applying for a study permit from outside Canada, you must obtain a PAL.

There are some categories of students such as exchange students, short term visiting students from partner universities, or students applying for a study permit extension/restoration. For a full list of who does **not need** a PAL, or further clarification, visit the IRCC website :

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/get-documents.html#attestation>

How do I get a PAL?

After applying to a Selkirk College program, and after meeting all admission requirements, including paying the tuition deposit, Selkirk College issues you a Letter of Acceptance (LOA). Selkirk College will send you or your designated agent the PAL. You do not need to apply for a PAL – this step is done by Selkirk College staff for you.

Important Information Regarding Study Permit Applications and PAL

Once issued, the content of the PAL cannot be changed. Therefore, it's very important to ensure that all personal information provided to Selkirk College matches that on the conditional Letter of Acceptance.

- **Name:** Your name on the LOA must match that on your passport. Any discrepancies should be immediately reported to internationaladmissions@selkirk.ca.
- **Address:** Please ensure your address is updated and correct. Notify internationaladmissions@selkirk.ca promptly to update your records if there is any change required. It's essential for the address on your LOA and PAL to match that on your study permit application to IRCC.

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- **Passport information:** Please confirm your passport information in case there were any errors in the LOC or you have obtained a new passport.
- **Expiry Date:** PALs issued in the current year expire on January 21, 2025. Ensure your PAL is submitted along with your study permit application to IRCC before this date, or it will be expired and no longer valid.

It is your responsibility to apply for a study permit promptly upon receiving your LOA and PAL from Selkirk College. This ensures timely approval before the deadline indicated by the college. Even with support from an authorized agent or RCIC, you must monitor your application's progress closely.

In case of a study permit denial and subsequent reapplication, inform Selkirk College immediately to obtain a new PAL. Previous PALs cannot be reused.

For queries regarding PALs, updates will be communicated via email to Selkirk College applicants. Additional questions can be directed to international@selkirk.ca or internationaladmissions@selkirk.ca.