

Dear Prospective Arbutus College students,

You may be aware that on 22 January, 2024 the Canadian Government announced changes to Canada's international student study permit application requirements, with immediate effect.

The main change is that all new study permit applications (submitted on or after 22 January, 2024) will also require an 'Attestation letter' from the provincial government of British Columbia. The provincial government has until 31 March 2024 to establish the process for issuing attestation letters. Please see below for how this impacts you.

1. If you applied for your study permit before 22 Jan 2024 - the changes will not affect your application which will be processed in the normal way.

2. If you applied for your study permit on or after 22 Jan 2024 - the new system applies to your application, and you will need an attestation letter from the provincial government. Your application will be returned to you so that you can include the attestation letter once you receive it. We will contact you directly and keep you informed about the process as the government confirms it. Your Letter of Acceptance from Arbutus College remains valid and if the new government process requires it, we will re-issue you a new Letter of Acceptance.

3. If you have not yet applied for your study permit - please wait until the government has finalized the process so that you can include the attestation letter with your application. There will, therefore, be a delay before you can submit your study permit application. We will, of course, continue to accept and process applications to study at Arbutus College and assist applicants with all their preparations.

The government's news release can be found [here](#).

The government's information on the Attestation letter can be found [here](#).

Our priority remains to provide you with an incredible education and experiences that will help you in your future career.

Our commitment is to update you via email and our website (www.arbutuscollege.com), however if you have any questions you can reach out to us at collegedirector@arbutuscollege.com

Sincerely,

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