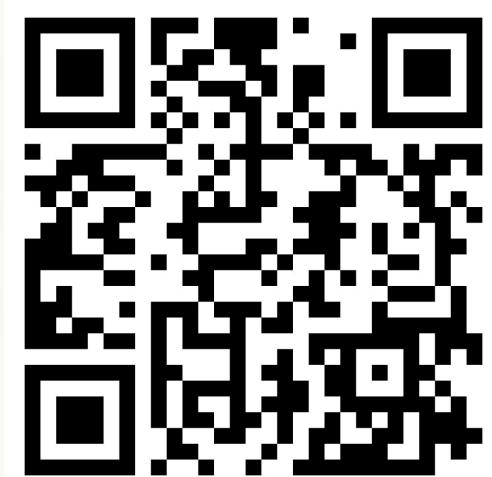
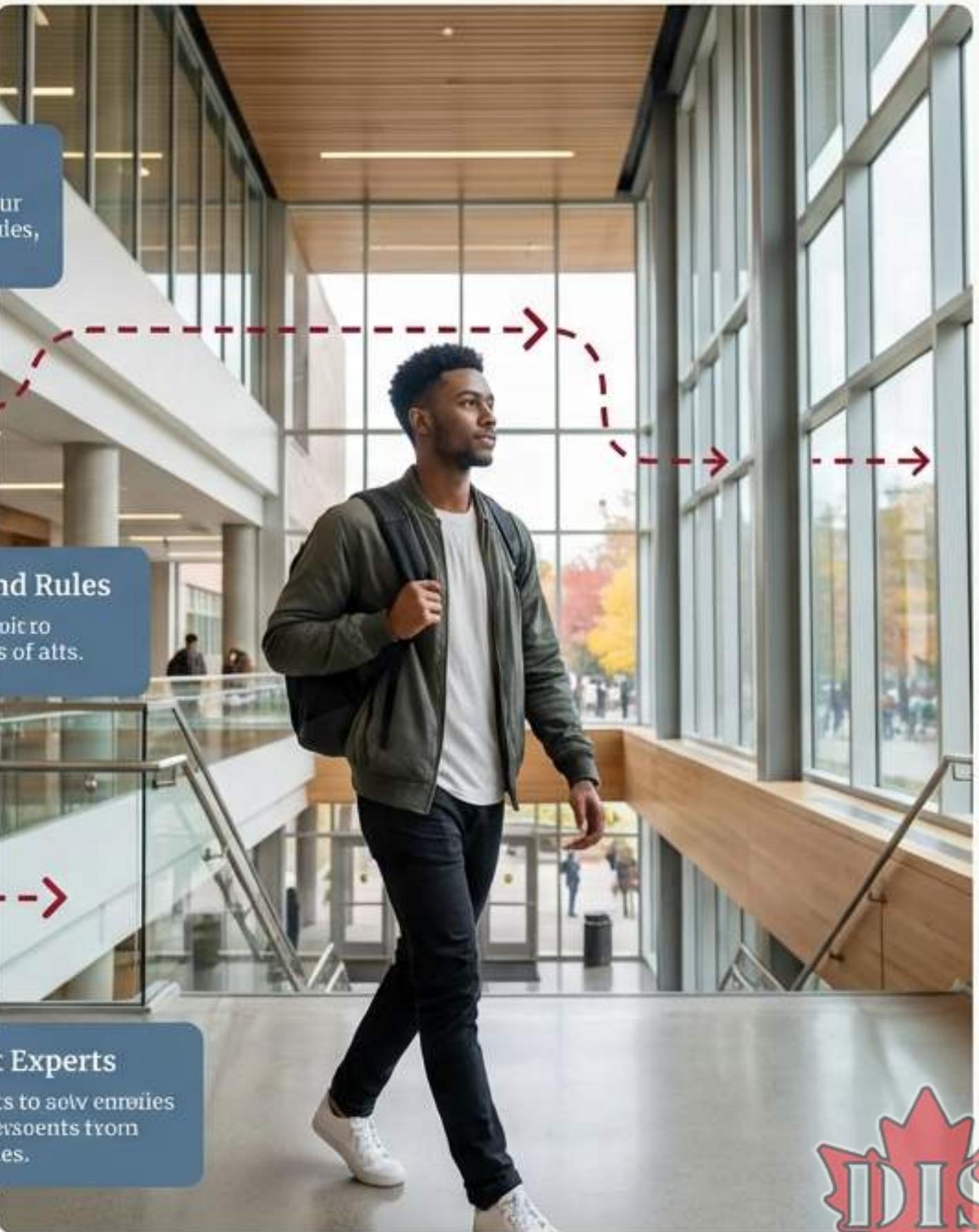


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A roadmap to maintaining your status, understanding the rules, and avoiding refusal.



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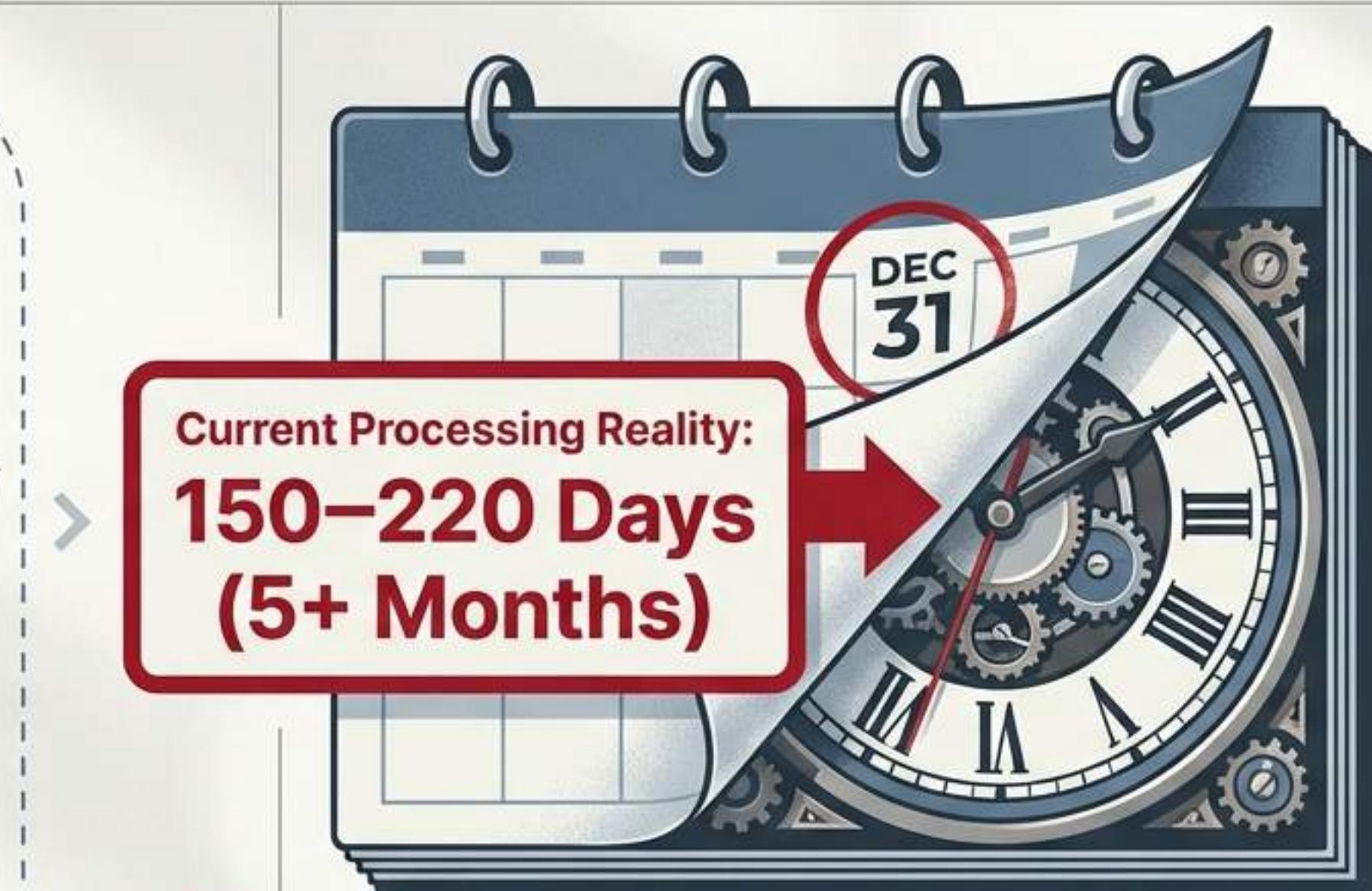


The Expiry Date is the Only Thing Standing Between You and Your Degree.

The Reality Check

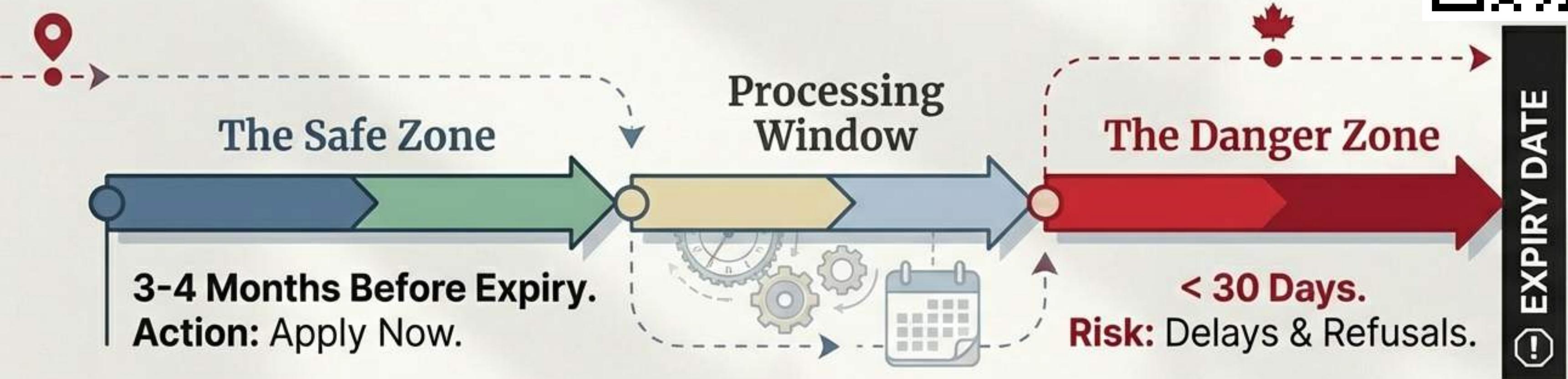
Whether you need more time to finish a degree or are transitioning to a Master's, maintaining legal status is non-negotiable. You must prove to IRCC that you are still a "bona fide" student actively pursuing studies.

Current Processing Reality:
**150–220 Days
(5+ Months)**



A simple renewal has become a complex legal hurdle.

The Golden Rule: Apply 90-120 Days Before Expiry.



Important Note

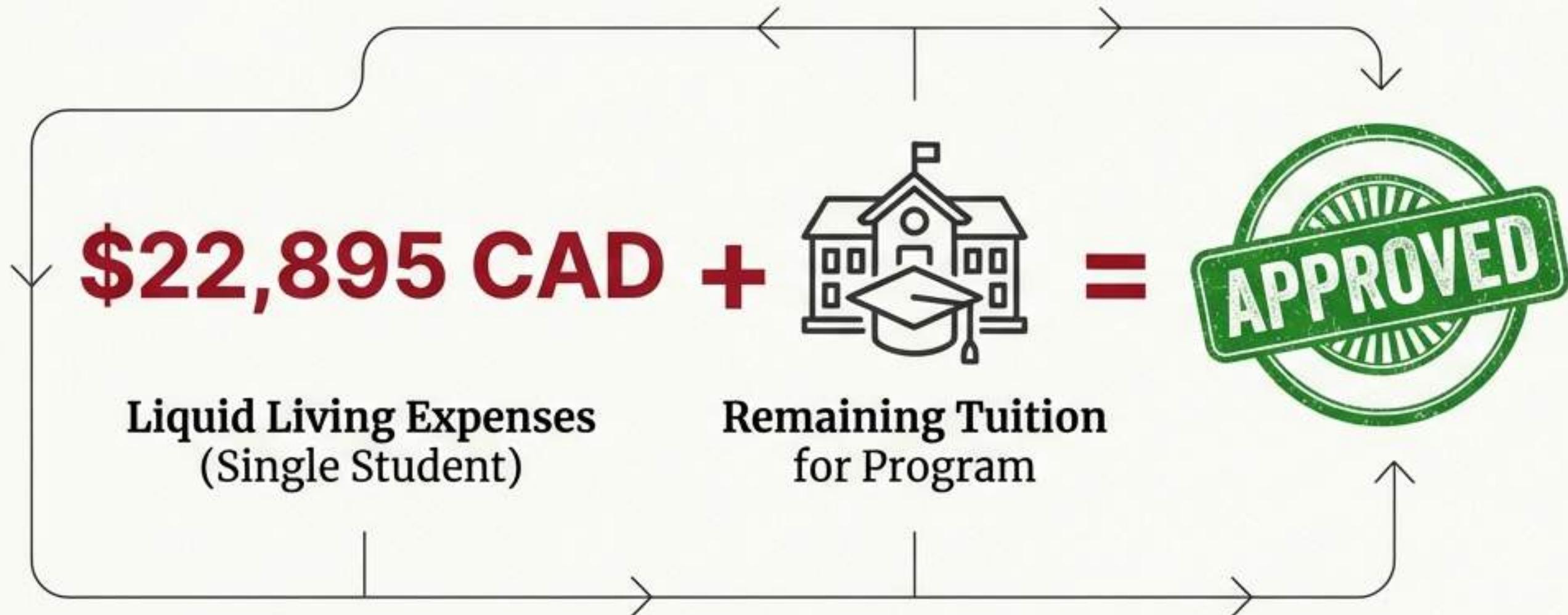
Crucial: IRCC cannot issue a permit past the validity of your passport. Check your passport expiry immediately. If it expires soon, renew it **BEFORE** applying.



Understanding 'Maintained Status' (Formerly Implied Status)



The Financial Hurdle (2025/2026 Standards).



Supporting Evidence Required

- Proof of paid tuition OR funds for future semesters.
- 4 months of detailed bank statements.
- New Letter of Support (if funded by parents).



The “Changing Schools” Trap

Critical Update (Nov 2024): Know Your Application Type

Scenario A: Same School



Apply for:
STUDY PERMIT EXTENSION

Continue studying seamlessly

 Bonus: Exempt from Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL).

Scenario B: Changing DLIs



Apply for:
NEW STUDY PERMIT

 **DO NOT apply for an extension.**
Using the wrong form can lead to immediate refusal.

The Essential Eligibility Checklist.

Academic Requirements

- ✓ **Letter of Enrollment**
(Confirming registration & expected completion date).
- ✓ **Official Transcripts**
(Must prove 'Academic Progress').

IRCC scrutinizes unauthorized leaves vs. authorized gaps. You must be a 'bona fide' student.

Administrative Requirements

- ✓ **Valid Status**
(Application submitted before current expiry).
- ✓ **Biometrics**
(\$85 CAD fee, valid for 10 years).
- ✓ **Letter of Explanation**
(Detail why more time is needed, e.g., "Reduced course load due to illness").

The 5-Step Application Process.



Passport Check.

Ensure validity covers extension.

School Docs.

Request Letter of Enrollment & Transcripts.

Proof of Means.

Gather statements (\$22,895+).

Submit Online.

Log in to IRCC IRCC portal & pay fees.

The Waiting Game.

Stay in Canada to preserve status.

Fees & Estimated Timelines (2026 Estimates).

FEE TYPE	AMOUNT/TIMELINE
Government Application Fee	\$150 CAD
Biometrics Fee	\$85 CAD (if required)
Minimum Living Funds	\$22,895 CAD/year (liquid)
Restoration Fee	\$229 CAD (only if deadline missed)
Processing Time	150 – 220 Days (Significant backlogs)

Estimates subject to change by IRCC.

Why Refusals Happen: Red Flags to Avoid.



Academic Stagnation

Failing grades, multiple program changes, or unjustified gaps lead officers to doubt you are a “bona fide” student.



Financial Insufficiency

Failing to show the updated \$22,895 CAD cost-of-living amount plus tuition.

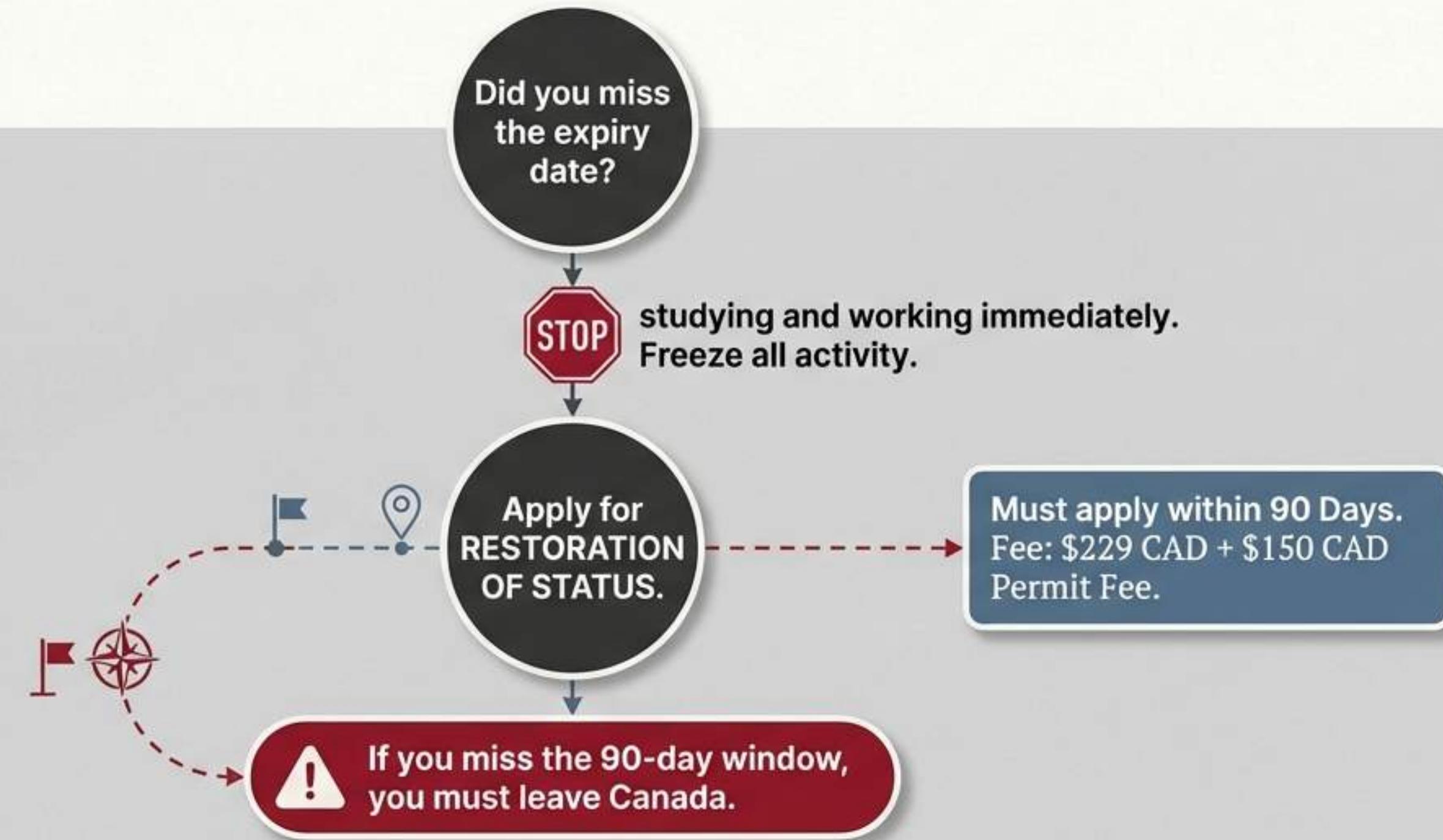


Wrong Application Type

Applying for an extension when changing schools (instead of a new permit).

Refusals are increasing; meticulous documentation is your defense.

Missed the Deadline? The Path to Restoration.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I travel while waiting?

A:  It is risky. Leaving Canada forfeits Maintained Status. You cannot study or work upon re-entry until the physical permit is issued.

Q: Can I work while processing?

A:  Yes, under Maintained Status, provided you applied before expiry and your previous permit allowed work.

Q: Do I need a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)?

A:  Generally, no. Extensions to continue at the same DLI are currently exempt.

Summary: Your Keys to Approval.



1. Apply Early.

Submit 90-120 days before expiry. Don't let the clock run out.

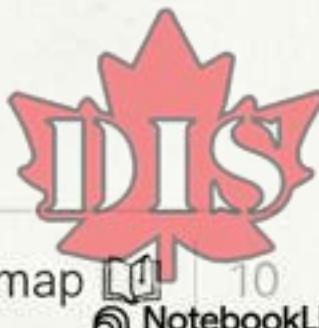
2. Stay Put.

Remain in Canada to benefit from Maintained Status and continue your life uninterrupted.

3. Prove the Money.

Show \$22,895 CAD + Tuition in liquid funds.

Goal: Secure your stay so you can focus on your grades, not your paperwork.



Don't Navigate the IRCC Maze Alone.

The Stakes:

A simple paperwork error or missed deadline can jeopardize your degree and your future Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP).

The Solution:

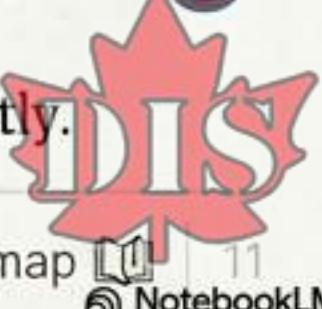
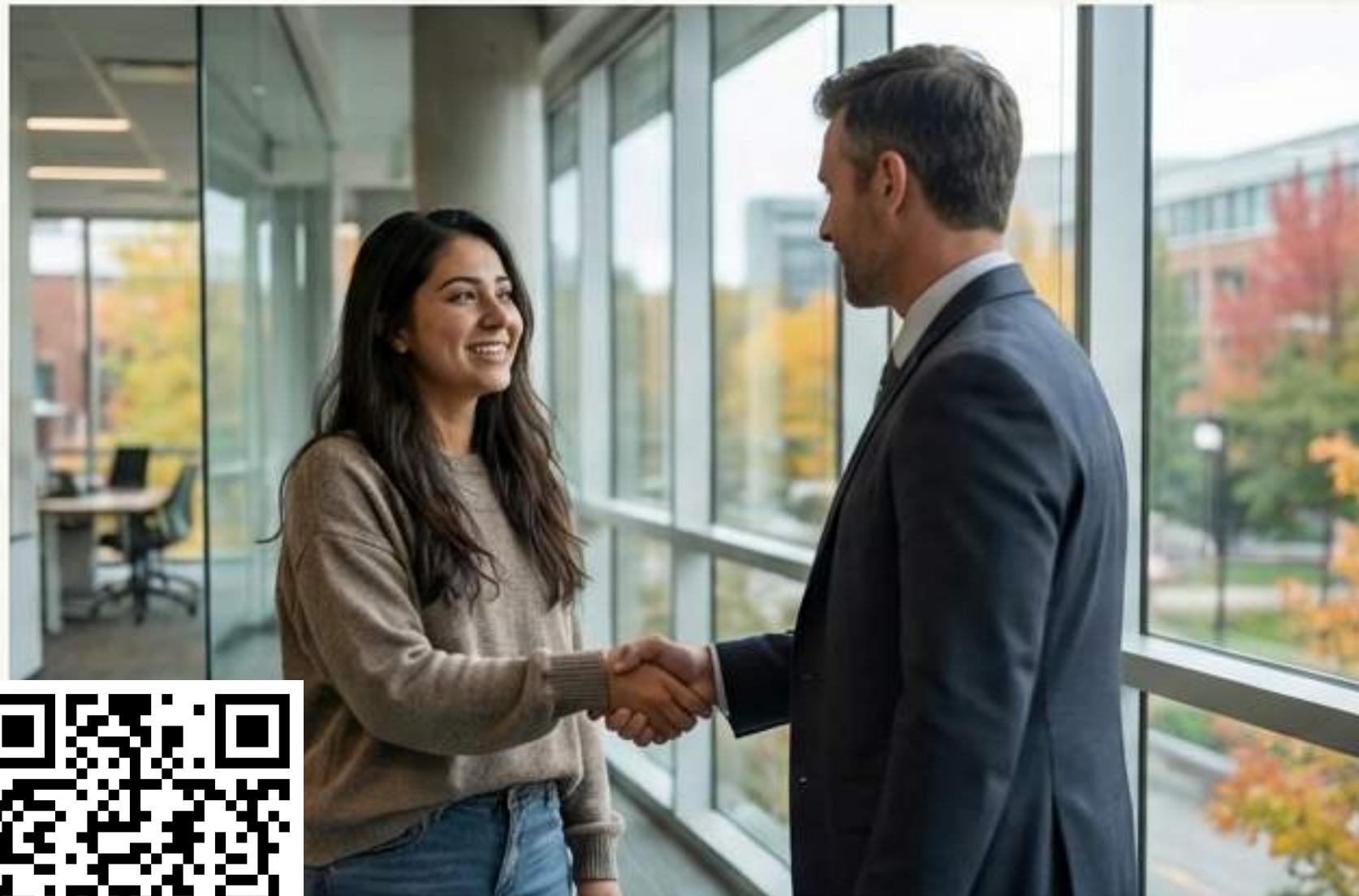
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