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Good day,

Foreign nationals applying for a restoration of status must discontinue distance learning until their status has been restored and a visitor visa extension or study permit has been issued or leave Canada at the end of the validity of their current status, even if the course is now offered completely by distance learning. For more information, please consult our [website](#).

I hope that this information is helpful to you.

Thank you kindly,

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:

Sent: January 27, 2021 10:59 AM

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Subject: [SUSPECTED SPAM] Out of Status and Distance (Online) Learning, and Compliance

Hello,

Per the IRCC instructions on distance learning:

Since by definition distance learning **does not require one to be in Canada, a study permit cannot be issued for this type of course**. For example, if a foreign national authorized to work in Canada is prohibited from engaging in studies as per a condition of their work permit, they are allowed to engage in distance learning courses.

(Source: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/other-considerations.html>)

This suggests that a study permit is not required, and it is also noted that studying without a permit in this scenario is also acceptable. (see: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/who-needs-study-permit.html>)

QUESTION:

In instances where an international student has become **Out of Status**, would they be deemed as out of compliance if they continue distance learning (i.e. attending online classes without attending their school in-person under any circumstance)?. To note, the expectation in this scenario would be to have the international student restore their status.