Is my school designated? DLI, student aid and membership check

Before you apply or pay a deposit, check three separate things for each school: student-aid designation, whether it's a designated learning institution (DLI) if you need a study permit, and its association memberships.

NAME _____ DATE _____

SCHOOLS I'M CHECKING

School and program	Student-aid designated? (where I checked)	DLI number (if I need a study permit)	Public or private?	Member of (association)

HOW I CHECKED

- [ ] Checked designation for my program, not just the school
- [ ] Checked my province's or territory's student aid search
- [ ] Checked IRCC's DLI list (international students)
- [ ] Noted whether the school is private for-profit (federal grant rules)
- [ ] Saved the page and date for each check

Designation for student aid, DLI status and association membership are separate lists. A school can be on one and not another. This sheet gives no study permit advice; see IRCC's pages.

SOURCES (CHECKED 2026-11-27)

StudentAid BC says designation is a status it grants to an approved school that lets eligible students apply for Canada and B.C. student aid, and a designated school does not mean every program is eligible. https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/designated (checked 2026-11-27)
Alberta Student Aid says that to be eligible for student aid your school and program must be designated. https://studentaid.alberta.ca/eligibility/ (checked 2026-11-27)
Canada.ca says most students going to private, for-profit schools in Canada are no longer eligible for the Canada Student Grant for Full-Time Students (some programs are exempt). https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid/grants-loans/full-time.html (checked 2026-11-27)
IRCC says a DLI is a school approved by a provincial or territorial government to host international students, and you need a letter of acceptance from a DLI to apply for a study permit.
https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/prepare/designated-learning-institutions-list.html (checked 2026-11-27)