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**Updated Information on International Student Isolation Requirements**

As of November 03, 2020, Dalhousie was given status as a Designated Learning Institute. This meant that international students could again be accommodated by the school after DLI status was revoked earlier in the year in response to Covid-19.

In Canada, education is a joint responsibility of both the Federal and Provincial governments. The regulation of international students is primarily carried out by the Federal government. The current isolation requirements are a result of federal policy that was interpreted by the Provincial government and facilitated by Dalhousie University. Dalhousie University has confirmed that they continue to meet with representatives of the NS Department of Labour and Advanced Education to discuss international student isolation.

To receive DLI status, Dalhousie had to create a plan to comply with the Nova Scotian International Student Institutional Readiness: Public Health Requirements. These requirements include strict supervision and differ from the isolation requirements that domestic students must follow. To meet the Nova Scotian requirements, Dalhousie determined that international students would be required to isolate in hotels. The cost of this isolation is $1,627.36 CA per student and/or co-arriving family member. Students who are first-time entries into the province are eligible to receive a subsidy to cover 50% of this cost. This subsidy will be applied upfront to the cost of accommodations and payment is not required until the end of the 14-day isolation. Students who are first-time entries who also demonstrate need are eligible to apply for up to $425.00 CA in additional bursary funds from Dalhousie. Students who previously entered the province after November 03, 2020, have left, and are required to isolate for a second time, are not eligible for either of these supports. Students who have previously entered the province but have not yet applied for traditional financial aid from Dalhousie, may apply for traditional financial aid and Covid-19 specific aid but must demonstrate need.

According to the Student Affairs Office at Dalhousie, the International Centre is responsible for ensuring that international students have adequate care and resources during their quarantine. International Student Advisors have been assigned to each student in isolation. International students are also to receive calls from International Centre student supporters daily. These calls are tracked and any issues raised are to be referred to the Manager of the International Centre, to be addressed by the appropriate University unit.

For questions, concerns, or to report an issue during your isolation, contact the International Centre at 902-494-1566 or email international.centre@dal.ca.

If your concerns are not addressed through the International Centre, please contact the DSU at 226-377-3703 or dsupres@dal.ca.