

# Pathway to Permanent Residency

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The purpose of this document is to provide a basic overview of Permanent Residence (PR) categories most accessible to international students. A complete list of [immigration programs](#) is available on the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website.

## **Express Entry**

Express Entry is not a category of permanent residence. It is an application management system used by IRCC to manage applications for certain economic immigration programs.

- 1 Express Entry applicants will first qualify for a PR program that is managed by the Express Entry system
- 2 Applicants create an online profile.
- 3 The system will assess each applicant's profile based on IRCC's [Comprehensive Ranking System \(CRS\)](#) and assigns a ranking to the application.
- 4 Highly ranked applicants will be invited to apply for PR

## **Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSWP)**

The FSWP is for individuals with skilled work experience, who may become permanent residents based on their ability to become economically established in Canada, and who intend to live in a province other than Quebec.

Minimum Requirements:

- At least one year of continuous full time work experience within the last 10 years in a (Teer 0, 1,2, or 3 occupation), in Canada or abroad.
- Language proficiency of at least CLB 7 in all four abilities (reading, writing, listening, and speaking)
- Canadian secondary or post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree, or the foreign equivalent supported by an [Educational Credential Assessment](#) report from an approved agency must be completed
- A score of 67 or higher out of 100 on the Federal Skilled Worker points grid (which assesses six selection factors: language skills, education, work experience, age, arranged employment, adaptability)

## **Canadian Experience Class (CEC)**

CEC is a permanent resident category for individuals with skilled work experience in Canada.

Minimum Requirements:

- At least 12 months (1,560 hours) of skilled Canadian work experience within the last three years in a (Teer 0, 1,2, or 3 occupation)
- Language requirements:
  - Teer0 or 1 occupation: CLB 7 in all four abilities
  - Teer 2 or 3 occupations : CLB 5 in all four abilities

Work that does NOT count towards CEC:

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- Work performed while enrolled in full-time studies in Canada (co-ops, internships) -
- Self-employment
- Volunteer work
- Unauthorized work

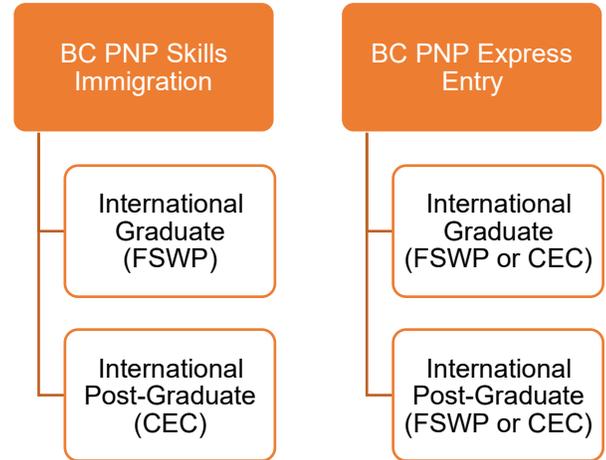
**British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP)**

[BC PNP](#) is designed for high-demand foreign workers and experienced entrepreneurs to gain permanent residency in BC’s labor market economic priorities.

BC PNP is a Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) consists of two streams,:

- Skills Immigration stream and
- Express Entry stream.

Both the Skills Immigration and Express Entry streams contain multiple immigration categories.



Both streams use the Skills Immigration Registration System (SIR) to rank candidates. Express Entry BC stream also requires an active Express Entry profile.

**Application Process for BC PNP**



1. As an economic program, the BC PNP is designed to meet labour market needs and economic priorities of the province. For this reason you must first meet the minimum program requirements for the category you will be applying to.
2. Create an online profile with BC PNP Online and complete all registration sections. Once submitted, your registration is entered into the selection pool and will be ranked alongside other candidates in your category.. If applying through the Express Entry stream, you must maintain an active an online EE profile alongside the BC PNP profile.
3. BC PNP will invite the highest scoring candidates, in each category, to apply. If invited to apply, you will have up to **30 calendar days** from the date of invitation to submit a complete application using the BC PNP Online system. If you have been invited to apply, your registration will be removed from the selection pool.

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4. Once you have submitted a complete application and paid the applicable application fee, BC PNP will then assess your application. You will be notified of your application decision after assessment.
5. If approved, you will have 6 months from the date of your confirmation of nomination to apply to IRCC for a permanent resident visa.

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