Permanent Residence Pathways

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The purpose of this document is to provide a basic overview of Permanent Residence categories most accessible to international students. A complete list of categories is available on the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website: What immigration programs can I apply for? (canada.ca)

Express Entry

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

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

Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSWP)

The FSWP is for individuals who are skilled workers, who may become permanent residents on the basis of 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 work experience within the last 10 years (in a NOC 0, A or B job), in Canada or in another country
- □ Language skills (CLB 7 in all 4 abilities)
- Education (Canadian secondary or post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree, or the foreign equivalent). If you have obtained foreign education an <u>Educational Credential Assessment</u> 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 (in a NOC 0, A or B job) within the last 3 years
- Language skills o for NOC 0 and A jobs = CLB 7 in all 4 abilities o for NOC B = CLB 5 in all 4 abilities

Work excluded from CEC eligibility includes:

- work while enrolled in full-time studies in Canada (co-ops, internships) self-employment
- volunteer work
- unauthorized work

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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.

BC PNP is a Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) which consists of two streams, the Skills Immigration stream and the Express Entry stream. Both the Skills Immigration and Express Entry streams contain multiple immigration categories.

Both PNP streams assess applications through the BC PNP online Skills Immigration Registration System (SIR). However, the Express Entry stream uses both the SIR and CRS (Comprehensive Ranking System).

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 registrants in the category you have applied to. If applying through the Express Entry stream, you must make an online EE profile alongside the BC PNP profile.
- **3**. BC PNP will invite the highest scoring registrants, 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.
- 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 permeant resident visa.

Important Links

BC PNP Pathways: https://www.welcomebc.ca/Immigrate-to-B-C/B-C-Provincial-Nominee-Program/BC-PNP-pathways

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BC PNP Express

Entry

International

Graduate

(FSWP or CEC)

International

Post-Graduate

(FSWP or CEC)

BC PNP Skills

International

Graduate

(FSWP)

International

Post-Graduate

(CEC)