BC Provincial Nominee Program

Immigration Pathways for International Students

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Agenda

- 1. Immigration & program overview
- 2. Positioning the BC PNP for growth
- 3. Skills Immigration
 - SIRS
 - Categories
 - Requirements
 - Eligibility
- 4. Questions





B.C.'s Immigration Priorities

Immigration to B.C.

Immigration critical to meet labour market demand and fill projected job openings

BC Provincial Nominee Program

Efficient and responsive programming to support employer and industry needs

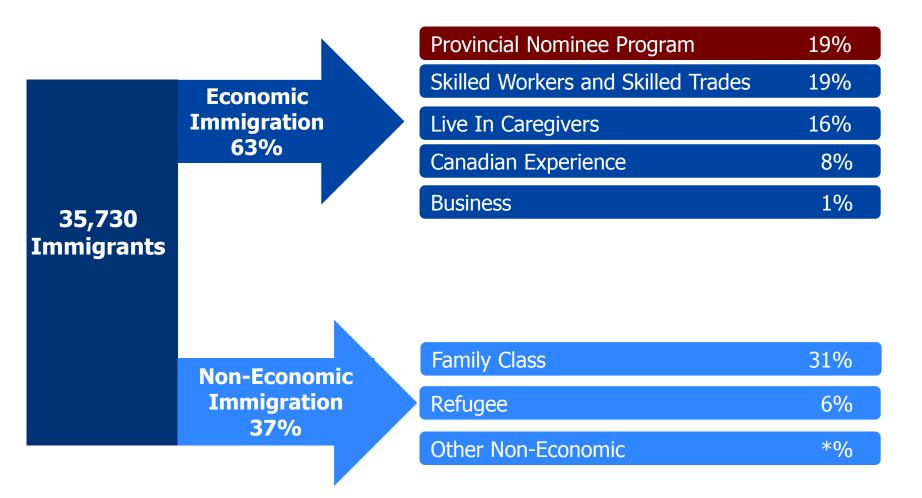
Opportunities for Growth

Steps to enhance program integrity and build more capacity to attract skilled applicants





Immigration to B.C. in 2015







Immigration Pathways

Permanent

Temporary

Economic

Express Entry

- Federal Skilled Worker
 / Skilled Trades
- Canadian Experience Class
- Provincial Nominee

Non Express Entry

- Business
- Caregivers

Non-Economic

- Family
- Refugee

Temporary Foreign Worker

- High Wage
- Low Wage
- Seasonal Agriculture

International Mobility

- International Experience
- Trade Agreements (e.g. NAFTA)
 - Intra-Company Transfer



Positioning the BC PNP for growth

Overall immigration growth planning

Responsive to sector-based skills shortages

Fill skills gaps not addressed by Express Entry

Address labour market challenges





Program Streams

(as of January 2016)

Skills Immigration (SI) includes Express Entry British Columbia (EEBC)

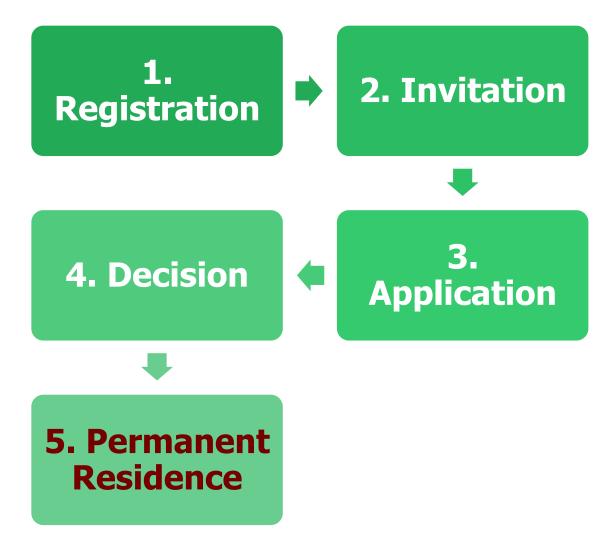
Entrepreneur Immigration (EI) includes Strategic Investment Projects





Skills Immigration

Skills Immigration Process







Skills Immigration Categories

Skills Immigration

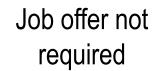
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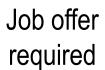
Skilled Workers

International Graduates

Entry Level and Semi-Skilled (includes applications in the Northeast region)

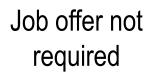


International Postgraduates



EEBC Skilled Workers

EEBC International Graduates



International Post-graduates





General Requirements

Job

- Occupation
- Qualifications
 - Wage

- Language
- Minimum income
 - Legally able to work in Canada

Economic benefit to B.C.





Employer Requirements

Job offer

- 1 yr in business (2 yrs if ELSS)
- Has 5 employees (3 if outside Metro
 Vancouver)
- Uses good business practices

- Offered permanent full-time job
- Satisfies recruitment requirements
- Pays market wage

Economic benefit to B.C.





EEBC - Key Requirements

EEBC applicants must meet BC PNP program requirements

AND

Meet the criteria for at least one of the federal economic immigration programs

(Federal Skilled Worker, Canadian Experience Class, Federal Skilled Trades)

Mandatory language test

May need to have education assessed against Canadian standards

Sufficient settlement funds





International Graduate

EMPLOYER

- Good financial standing
- Established for 1 year
- Min. 5 full-time equivalent staff (3 if outside Metro Vancouver)
- Full-time indeterminate offer
- Market rate wages

SI STREAM INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE

- Degree/Diploma/
 Certificate in an eligible program in Canada within 2 years
- Completed at an eligible institution in Canada
- 8 months full-time study
- Intent to reside in B.C.
- Establish economically
- NOC B, C & D
 applications will require
 valid English language
 test scores
- NOC C & D jobs eligible with progression plan

EEBC STREAM
INTERNATIONAL
GRADUATE

Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool

- Degree/Diploma/ Certificate in an eligible program in Canada
- Completed at an eligible institution in Canada
- 8 months full-time study
- Intent to reside in B.C.
- Establish economically
- NOC O, A or B job only





International Post-Graduate

EMPLOYER

SI STREAM
INTERNATIONAL
POST- GRADUATE

EEBC STREAM
INTERNATIONAL
POST- GRADUATE

No job offer required

- Completed requirements for a Master's or PhD at an eligible B.C. institution within 2 years
- Eligible studies limited to Natural and Applied Sciences
- Intent to reside in B.C.
- Establish economically

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- Establish economically





Skilled Worker

EMPLOYER

- Good financial standing
- Established for 1 year
- Min. 5 full-time
 equivalent staff (3 if
 outside Metro
 Vancouver)
- Efforts to recruit locally
- Full-time indeterminate offer
- Market rate wages

SI STREAM SKILLED WORKER

- Min. 2 years related experience
- Requisite education for job
- BC certification (if required)
- Legally able to work in B.C.
- Establish economically
- NOC B applications will require valid English language test scores

* Health Care Professional contact Health Match BC
www.healthmatchbc.org

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Entry-Level and Semi-Skilled

EMPLOYER

- Good financial standing
- Established for 2 years
- Min. 5 full-time equivalent staff (3 if outside Metro Vancouver)
- Full-time indeterminate offer
- Market rate wages
- NOC C & D in Hospitality, Tourism, Food Processing, Long Haul Truck Driving only

EMPLOYEE

- 9-months consecutive work with employer prior to submission of application
- Continuous employment during process
- **English Language ability** (IELTS or CELPIP - CLB 4)
- Maintain immigration status
- Establish economically



Minimum Income Requirements Ability to Establish Economically

Size of Family	Minimum Income Requirements by Area of Residence	
Unit	Metropolitan Vancouver	Rest of B.C.
1	\$21,905	\$18,248
2	\$27,257	\$22,716
3	\$33,510	\$27,927
4	\$40,685	\$33,908
5	\$46,145	\$38,457
6	\$52,043	\$43,374
7 or more	\$57,943	\$48,290

Note: Categories under the Express Entry British Columbia stream may also need to meet minimum settlement fund requirements under CIC's **Express Entry system.**





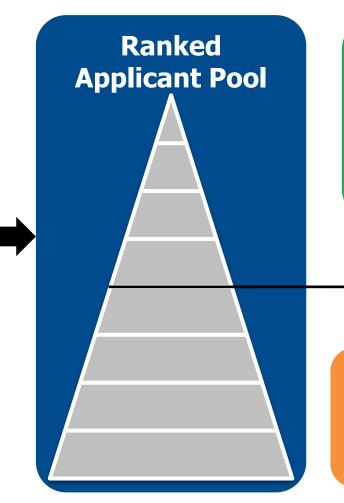
BC PNP: Skills Immigration Registration System

Points for:

- ✓ Skill level of job (NOC)
- ✓ Wage level
- ✓ Job in the region
- ✓ Work experience
- ☑ Education
- ✓ Language

Bonus points:

- ☑BC/CAD education & work experience
- ✓ Priority job



- ✓ Different points thresholds for different categories
- Highest scoring registrants from each category invited to apply

Minimum scores published based on invitations to apply

Lowest scoring applicants not selected are removed from pool after 12 months





SIRS Registration Points System

200 points total

- NOC **60** pts
- Wage 50 pts
- Regional 10 pts

Economic Factors



- Work experience
 - 25 pts
- Education 25pts
- Language 30pts

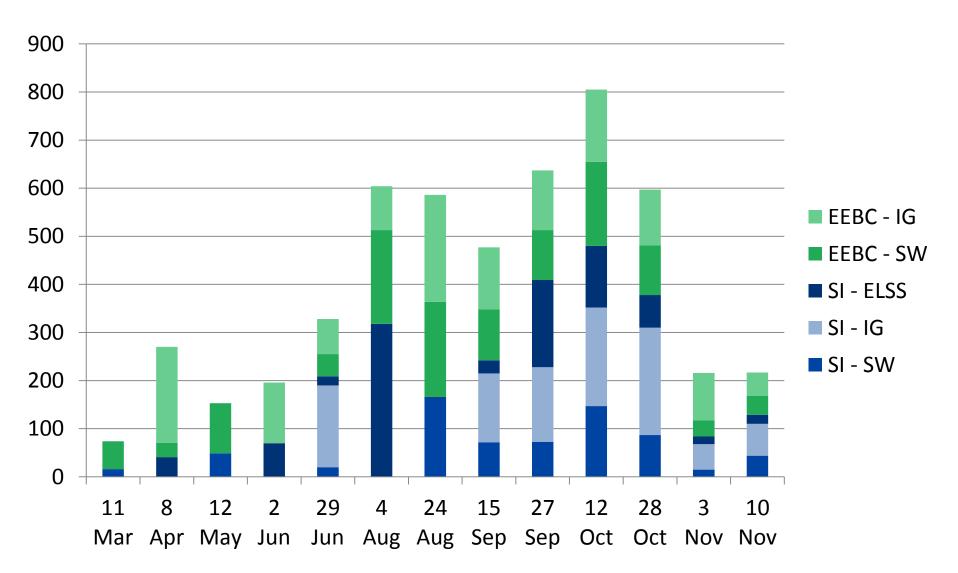
<u>Human Capital</u> Factors







Invitation Trends: ITA's Issued







Am I eligible?







Scenario A

I finished my diploma / degree at UBC last year. I have a NOC O, A or B job. I have 2 years of related work experience from my home country. I am in the Express Entry pool.





Skills Immigration

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Job offer not required

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Scenario B

I finished my Bachelor of Business Administration from UBC last year. I have a NOC C job. I plan to live and work in B.C. I am not in the Express Entry pool.







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Express Entry BC

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Skilled Workers

International Graduates

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Job offer not required

International Postgraduates Job offer required

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Scenario C

I finished my Master of Engineering (M.Eng) at UBC last year. I don't have a job. I plan to live and work in B.C. I am in the Express Entry pool.







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Express Entry BC

Job offer required

Skilled Workers

International Graduates

Entry Level and Semi-Skilled (includes applications in the Northeast region)

Job offer not required

International Postgraduates Job offer required

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Scenario D

I finished my MBA from UBC 3 years ago. I have a NOC O, A or B job. I am not in the Express Entry pool.







Skills Immigration

Express Entry BC

Job offer required

Skilled Workers

International Graduates

Semi-Skilled
Semi-Skilled
(includes
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Job offer not required

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