BC PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM:

Immigration Pathways for International Students

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Agenda

1. Immigration & BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) Overview
2. Skills Immigration & Express Entry Streams
3. BC PNP Tech
4. COVID-19
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Immigration to B.C.

Skills Immigration stream
Express Entry BC (EEBC) stream
Entrepreneur Immigration stream

Application to BC PNP
Application for Permanent Residence (IRCC)

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Skills Immigration Stream Process

Skills Immigration Process

- Job offer
- BC PNP Registration
- Invitation
- Application
- Nomination
- IRCC application for PR
- Permanent Residence

Express Entry BC Process

- Job offer
- EE registration with IRCC
- Receive EE profile info
- BC PNP Registration
- Invitation
- Application
- Nomination
- Receive 600 points in EE profile
- EE Invitation
- IRCC Application & Decision
- Permanent Residence

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### Skills Immigration

- You do not need to qualify for Express Entry to apply
- You may be able to apply immediately after graduation
- Canadian work experience not necessarily required
- All skill level occupations - NOC 0, A, B, C & D

### Express Entry BC

- Nominees receive 600 points in the federal Express Entry pool
  
  **BUT**
  - You must first qualify for one of the 3 federal immigration programs: FSW, CEC, FST
    - work experience, language, settlement funds
  - Skilled occupations: NOC 0/A/B

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General Program Requirements

- Full-time, indeterminate job offer
  - (exceptions: one-year job offer for BC PNP Tech occupations; No job offer required for eligible International Post-Graduates)
- Occupation, qualifications & wage
- Language proficiency
- Minimum income
- Legally able to work in Canada
- Intent to reside in B.C.

*Additional requirements for EEBC stream
Employer Requirements

• Minimum 1 year in business (2 years if Entry Level / Semi-Skilled)
• Has 5 employees (3 if outside Greater Vancouver)
• History of good workplace and business practices
• Offered permanent full-time job with market wage (1yr for tech)
• Satisfied recruitment requirements

Employer Responsibilities

• Accuracy of employer info sections of the online application
• Notify of changes in the employment status or if the business has closed or changed ownership.
International Post-Graduate Category

**Employer**

- Offer of employment NOT required

**International Post-Graduate**

**SI - IPG**

- Completed requirements for a Master’s or PhD at an eligible B.C. institution
- Eligible studies limited to specific fields, e.g. natural, applied, or health sciences
- Completed within past 3 years
- Ability and intent to reside in B.C.
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**Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool**

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Eligibility for IPG & EEBC IPG programs

Your graduate degree (masters or doctorate) must be in one of the following programs of study in the natural, applied, or health sciences as defined by Statistics Canada’s Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2016:

- Agriculture, agriculture operations and related sciences
- Biological and biomedical sciences
- Computer and information sciences and support services
- Engineering
- Engineering technology and engineering-related fields
- Health professions and related programs
- Mathematics and statistics
- Natural resources conservation
- Physical sciences
Eligibility for IPG, EEBC & IPG Programs

For a full list of programs by institution, please download our IPG & EEBC IPG Eligible Programs of Study from the documents page of the website.
International Graduate Category

**Employer Requirements**
- Same requirements for SI and EEBC
- Good financial standing; Good business practices
- Established & operating in BC for at least 1 year
- Have at least 5 full-time staff if in GVRD, 3 if outside GVRD
- Offer Market rate wages

**International Graduate SI - IG**
- Full-time, indefinite job offer in NOC 0, A, or B occupation
- Degree/Diploma/Certificate in an eligible program and institution in Canada
- Completed within past 3 years
- Min of 8 months full-time study (2 semesters)
- Intent to reside in B.C.
- Able to economically establish
- NOC B applications require language test scores (CLB 4)

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Health Care Professionals contact Health Match BC
www.healthmatchbc.org

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**Employer**

- Good financial standing
- Established for 1 year
- Sufficient staff
- Market rate wages

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**Skilled Worker SI - SW**

- Have full-time, indefinite job offer in a NOC 0, A or B occupation
- Minimum 2 years directly-related experience
- Requisite education for job
- BC certification (if required)
- Legally able to work in B.C.
- Able to economically establish
- NOC B applications language test scores

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**Skilled Worker EEBC - SW**

**Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool**

- Have full-time, indefinite job offer in NOC 0, A or B occupation
- Min. 2 years related experience
- Requisite education for job
- B.C. certification (if required)
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# Entry Level and Semi-Skilled (ELSS) Category

## Employer
- Good financial standing
- Well-established for 2 years
- Sufficient staff
- Full-time, indeterminate job offer
- Market rate wages
- Eligible NOC C & D occupation in Hospitality, Tourism, Food Processing, Long Haul Truck Driving only

## Applicant
- 9 months consecutive full-time work with employer in offered position prior to submission of registration
- Continuous employment during process
- Minimum language requirements (CLB 4)
- Maintain immigration status
- Able to economically establish

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BC PNP Tech

Supporting B.C.’s technology sector

Service & Timeliness
- Dedicated concierge service
- Dedicated email for employers
- 29 priority tech occupations
- 2-day response time / just-in-time access

Prioritization
- Assigned next business day
- Fast-tracked
- BC PNP tech team

Engagement
- Increased and focused outreach to tech sector

Job Offer: Indeterminate OR one year duration with 120 days remaining at the time of application; must be in one of the 29 eligible tech occupations

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## 29 Eligible Occupations

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<td>Electronic service technicians (household and business equipment)</td>
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<td>Computer and information systems managers</td>
<td>2243</td>
<td>Industrial instrument technicians and mechanics</td>
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<td>0512</td>
<td>Managers - publishing, motion pictures, broadcasting and performing arts</td>
<td>2281</td>
<td>Computer network technicians</td>
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<td>Civil engineers</td>
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<td>Information systems testing technicians</td>
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<td>Electrical and electronics engineers</td>
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<td>Authors and writers</td>
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<td>Chemical engineers</td>
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<td>Computer engineers (except software engineers and designers)</td>
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<td>Translators, terminologists and interpreters</td>
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<td>Information systems analysts and consultants</td>
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<td>Broadcast technicians</td>
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<td>Database analysts and data administrators</td>
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<td>Audio and video recording technicians</td>
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<td>Software engineers and designers</td>
<td>5226</td>
<td>Other technical and co-ordinating occupations in motion pictures, broadcasting and the performing arts</td>
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<td>Computer programmers and interactive media developers</td>
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<td>Web designers and developers</td>
<td>5241</td>
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<td>2221</td>
<td>Biological technologists and technicians</td>
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<td>Technical sales specialists - wholesale trade</td>
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Are you ready to register or apply?

Step 1:

Step 2:

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### Registration Scoring

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<td>1 year of directly-related work experience in Canada</td>
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<td>Top 100 Occupation</td>
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<td>Post-secondary education in Canada</td>
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<td>Currently working in offered position</td>
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<td>ECA or trades certification</td>
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You do not need a representative to apply to the BC PNP.

**PAID** reps must be a member of either:
- The College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants ([https://www.college-ic.ca/](https://www.college-ic.ca/)); or
- A Canadian Law Society

**UNPAID** reps can be a family member, friend, NGO/charity and cannot charge fees or receive any other compensation.
COVID-19 related measures:

• International Graduates are eligible for the category for up to 3 years from graduation using the date of initial registration

• Documents – flexibility with deadlines to submit

• Remote work - in BC, outside BC

• Nominees must contact us if material changes to employment

For COVID-19 related BC PNP immigration updates and instructions, please visit www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP
COVID-19 related measures (cont’d):

• Distance education is defined as a program of study in which the majority (more than 50%) of the credits earned were online.

• The BC PNP has temporarily amended the online learning requirement for the international student categories. This will allow learning to be online, with 50% or more of studies from within Canada.

• We will continue to review this and other policies to determine if changes are appropriate.

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Accessing the BC PNP in times of COVID:

- Our office is closed for in-person service
- Applicants are able to register/apply online to the BC PNP
- We continue to issue invitations to apply (with some adjustments)
- BC PNP staff are working remotely, processing applications and responding to inquiries via email / phone
- Nominees can contact our office for help, including with expiring work permits, changing employers and applying for permanent residence

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For more information:

Immigration Programs Branch

Email: PNPInfo@gov.bc.ca

Website: www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP

For COVID-19 Updates, visit: www.welcomebc.ca/Immigrate-to-B-C/B-C-Provincial-Nominee-Program/COVID-19-Updates
Appendix
## Minimum Income Requirements: Ability to Economically Establish

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<td>7 or more</td>
<td>$60,350</td>
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The income thresholds in this table represent 90% of an amount calculated from the appropriate 2017 Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) figures set by Statistics Canada.

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

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