Journey to Permanent Residence in Canada for International Students

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IMPORTANT: Policies & programs can change. Please consult www.canada.ca/immigration for up-to-date information.
Agenda

- Important concepts
- Working in Canada during studies & after graduation
- Pathways to permanent residence – Express Entry
- Questions & Answers
Important concepts
Coming to Canada

• **Temporary Resident Visa or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)**
  • Allows you to travel to Canada but does not give you legal status in Canada

• **At the Port of Entry, a Border Services Officer will decide on:**
  1. Your admission
  2. Your legal status – temporary resident (*visitor, student, worker*) or permanent resident
  3. The length of your stay in Canada as a temporary resident
Immigration document vs. legal status

Come to Canada
- Temporary Resident Visa (TRV)
- Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

Stay in Canada Temporarily
- Visitor Record
- Study Permit
- Work Permit

Legal Status in Canada
- Temporary Resident
- Permanent Resident
- Canadian Citizen
National Occupational Classification (NOC)

NOC 0: management jobs
NOC A: professional jobs
NOC B: technical jobs and skilled trades
NOC C: semi-skilled jobs
NOC D: entry-level jobs

IMPORTANT: Work experience in skilled jobs (NOC 0, A, or B) is required before you can apply for PR through Express Entry.
Language testing

Approved Language Tests

- English
  - CELPIP General
  - IELTS General Training
- French
  - TEF Canada
  - TCF Canada

Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB)

Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC)
Educational Credential Assessment (ECA)

Do I need to have my education assessed?

- **Yes**
  - My highest level of education was completed outside Canada
    - **Yes**
      - Find a designated organization to get an ECA
    - **No**
      - My highest level of education was completed in Canada
        - **No**

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Your journey so far...
Working in Canada
during studies & after graduation
You can work on-campus without a work permit only if:

• You are a full-time student at an **eligible educational institution**
• Your Study permit says you can work on- or off-campus
• You have already started studying
• You have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)

You can work full time on campus without a work permit if you meet these conditions
Working off-campus while studying

- You can work off-campus without a work permit only if:
  - You are a full-time student at a designated learning institution (DLI)
  - Your study program is minimum 6 months and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
  - Your study permit says you can work off-campus
  - You have already started studying and you have a SIN

- During regular school terms/semesters you can work off-campus for up to 20 hours per week.

- If you are on a scheduled break (i.e. winter or summer break) you can work full-time IF you are a full time student before and after the scheduled break

- Exception: in your final semester you can study part-time if you do not need a full course load to graduate
Co-op or internship programs

• You can apply for a co-op work permit if:
  • You have a valid study permit
  • The co-op or internship placement is required to complete your study program
  • You have a letter from your school that confirms all students in your program need to complete work placements to graduate
  • The co-op or internship totals 50% or less of your study program
Options after completing your study program

WITHIN 90 DAYS of receiving your completion letter OR final transcript:

- **Leave Canada**
  - Must stop working immediately
  - Must leave within 90 days
    -(even if study permit still valid)

- **Stay in Canada**
  - Be accepted to a new study program
  - Apply for a work permit
    -(if you want to keep working)
  - Change to visitor status

**•** You can travel outside Canada and return with a valid visa or eTA while application in process

**•** If you apply when your study permit is still valid, you can work full-time until a decision is made

**•** You must stop working if your application is refused

**•** If you wait over 90 days after program completion to apply, you cannot work while your application is in process
Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

What is it?

- An Open work permit
- Helps you gain Canadian work experience
- Helps support your PR application (if your experience is a NOC 0, A or B)
- Is Not Renewable
Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

- **Depends on length of study:**
  - Less than 8 months = not eligible
  - 8 months - 2 years = same length as study program
  - 2 years and longer = 3 years

- A work permit cannot be issued for longer than the validity of your passport
Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

How do I qualify?

- Successfully complete an **eligible program**
- Study full-time at an eligible **Designated Learning Institution**
- Do not take unscheduled breaks or unauthorized leave
- Do not exceed the allowable hours of off-campus work
- Apply within **180 days** of **receiving letter of completion** or **final transcript** from your school
When your PGWP Expires...

Temporary Residence:
- Change status to visitor
- Gain more experience on a work permit
  - Temporary Foreign Worker Program
  - International Mobility Program
- Apply for a new study permit

Permanent Residence:
- Federal programs via Express Entry
- Other federal immigration programs
- Provincial & territorial nominee programs
Your journey continues...

- Apply for study permit
- Study in eligible program
- Complete your studies
- 1 year of work experience (NOC 0, A, or B)
- Apply for PGWP
Pathway to PR through Express Entry
• Online system that manages expressions of interest in becoming a permanent resident of Canada
• Must meet minimum requirements to create a profile
• Your profile will be given a score and ranked against other candidates
• Creating a profile is free
Pathway to permanent residence through Express Entry

Express Entry is your first step to immigrate permanently as a skilled worker under:

- Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSW)
- Federal Skilled Trades Program (FST)
- Canadian Experience Class (CEC)
- A portion of the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP)

- Only skilled work experience (NOC 0, A, B) qualifies for Express Entry
- Pass an approved language test — results must be **less than two years old** when you
  - complete your Express Entry profile, and
  - apply for permanent residence
## Minimum eligibility criteria for Express Entry

### Federal Skilled Worker Program
- At least 1 year continuous skilled work experience (in Canada or elsewhere)
- Official Language Proficiency (CLB 7)
- Secondary education or above (supported by ECA)
- At least 67 points in the Federal Skilled Worker points grid

### Federal Skilled Trades Program
- At least 2 years work experience in a skilled trade
- Official Language Proficiency (CLB 4-5)
- Meet the job requirements of that trade described in the NOC
- Full-time employment offer or trade certification from a Canadian province or territory

### Canadian Experience Class
- At least 12 months skilled work experience (in Canada)
- Official Language Proficiency (CLB 7 for NOC 0, A; CLB 5 for NOC B)
- Secondary education or above (supported by an ECA)

- **Provincial / Territorial Nominee Programs**
  - BC

  - [https://www.welcomebc.ca/Immigrate-to-B-C/B-C-Provincial-Nominee-Program](https://www.welcomebc.ca/Immigrate-to-B-C/B-C-Provincial-Nominee-Program)
Express Entry is a step-by-step process

Step 1: Create your Express Entry Profile

Step 2: Receive an Invitation to Apply

Express Entry Pool

Apply for Permanent Residence Online
Express Entry profile

**IMPORTANT**
- Profile is valid for one year
- Keep it up-to-date
- There are no guarantees
- Be truthful
Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS)

Core set of points /600 + Additional points /600 = Total score /1200

Invitation to Apply (ITA):

- Issued to the highest scoring candidates in the Express Entry pool in each invitation round
- Minimum CRS score for ITA on December 23, 2020: 468
# CRS: Maximum points for each factor

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**Total: 1200 points max**
CRS additional points: Valid job offer

🌟 Valid job offer (NOC 00 executive): 200 points

🌟 Valid job offer (NOC 0, A or B): 50 points

- Job offer must be:
  - minimum **1 year** once you receive PR;
  - non-seasonal;
  - NOC 0, A, or B; and
  - supported by a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) unless one is not needed

⚠️ You can still get points for Canadian work experience without a valid job offer
Register with Job Bank

- If you do not already have a valid job offer or provincial/territorial nomination, you are encouraged to register with **Job Match** after creating an Express Entry profile.
- Connect with job opportunities in Canada based on your skills, knowledge, and experience:  [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)
Provincial/Territorial Nomination (PNP): **600 points**

- Candidates nominated under the Express Entry stream of a provincial or territorial nominee program
- **Criteria and streams** differ across the country

To go through an Express Entry stream of a PNP you must first meet minimum criteria for 1 of the 3 Federal programs (FSW, FST, CEC)
CRS additional points: Education completed in Canada

★ Diploma or certificate (1 or 2 years): **15 points**

★ Degree, diploma or certificate (3 years or longer), Master’s, entry-to-practice professional degree, or doctoral degree (minimum one academic year): **30 points**

⚠️ You must have completed the studies at a Designated Learning Institution (DLI)

⚠️ Each educational program needs to be entered separately into the Express Entry profile
CRS additional points: Canada’s official languages

🌟 French test results at NCL 7 in all four abilities: 25 additional points

🌟 French test results of NCL 7 in all four abilities + English test results at CLB 5 or higher: 50 additional points

Parlez-vous français?
Visit canada.ca/francoimmigration to learn about Francophone life across Canada

Bonjour!
A sibling who is a Canadian permanent resident or citizen, is residing in Canada, and is at least 18 years old: **15 points**

- **Sibling** = the biological or adoptive children of candidate or accompanying spouse’s
  - father or mother
  - father or mother’s spouse
  - father or mother’s common-law partner
Apply for Permanent Residence Online after Receiving an ITA

A Complete Application Requires:
- Electronic application for permanent residence (e-APR)
- Cost recovery fees
- Supporting documentation

Personalized Document Checklist
- Medical examination confirmation
- Police certificates
- Biometrics
- Copy of the biographical data page of a passport or travel document
- Proof of work experience
- Other documents as required

For Complete Applications:
We verify all eligibility and admissibility criteria
We process them in six months or less, 80% of the time
How much money do I need?

To pay for your application:

- **Application Fee***
  - Principal applicant: $825
  - Spouse/partner: $825
  - Dependent child: $225

- **Right of Permanent Residence Fee**
  - Principal applicant: $500
  - Spouse/partner: $500

Minimum amount for proof of funds:

- **Proof of Funds (FSW & FST Only)**
  - Family of 1: $12,960
  - Family of 2: $16,135
  - Family of 3: $19,836
  - Family of 4: $24,083

*Exemption if you have a valid job offer

*Fee is for processing and is non-refundable
Your Journey through Express Entry is Complete!
If you are not eligible for Express Entry ...

Other Pathways

- Gain more Experience on a Work Permit
  - Temporary Foreign Worker Program
  - International Mobility Program

- Other Federal Immigration Programs
  - Start-Up Visa
  - Atlantic Immigration Pilot
  - Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot
  - Visit the IRCC website for info on more immigration programs

- Provincial and Territorial Nominee Programs
  - May include options for candidates who do not meet Express Entry requirements
  - Visit your province or territory’s immigration website to learn more
For More Information

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**IRCC Covid 19 Special Measures:**

**IRCC Web form:**

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