BC Provincial Nominee Program

International Students
Simon Fraser University

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Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training
Workforce Development & Immigration Division
B.C.’s Objectives

right number of people, with the right skills, in the right places across our province…

Province
The province prospers when the workforce matches employers’ needs for growth

Individuals
A good job provides financial security and well-being

Employers
Businesses thrive when they have the right employees

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The Immigration Pathway

- Pre-Decision
- Recruitment
- Selection
- Integration
- Citizenship

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Immigration to B.C. in 2014

34,949 Immigrants

Economic Immigration 61%

- Provincial Nominee Program 20%
- Skilled Workers and Skilled Trades 15%
- Live In Caregivers 11%
- Canadian Experience 9%
- Business 5%

Non-Economic Immigration 39%

- Family Class 33%
- Refugee 4%
- Other Non-Economic 1%

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Canada-BC Immigration Agreement

- Signed April 2015
- Streamlines access to international skilled workers through:

  **Foreign Worker Annex**
  - Expedited 10-day processing
  - New work permits
  - Significant Investment Projects

  **Provincial Nominee Annex**
  - Continues BC’s authority to nominate economic immigrants
  - Strengthens program integrity

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BC PNP Skills Applications, Nominations & Targets

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Current State of BC PNP

March 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2015

- 90-day pause for policy shift, redesign

July 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 2015

- Re-opened program to limited intake; full within 36 hours due to overwhelming demand.
- Extend temporary closure for all but Express Entry BC, Health Care and Northeast Pilot categories

September 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2015

- Temporary Pause on Express Entry BC categories

January 27, 2016

- Launch of new Skills Immigration Registration System (SIRS)
Skills Immigration Registration System (SIRS)

Points for:
- Skill level of job (NOC)
- Wage level
- Job in the region
- Work experience
- Education
- Language

Bonus points:
- BC/Cdn education & work experience

Ranked Applicant Pool

- Different points thresholds for different categories
- Highest scoring registrants from each category invited to apply
- Minimum scores published based on invitations to apply
- Lower scoring applicants not selected will be removed from pool after 12 months

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SIRS – Points Factors

**Economic Factors**
- Skill level of the job
- Wage
- Regional district of employment

**Human Capital Factors**
- Directly related work experience in occupation
- Highest level of education
- Language

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SIRS - Registration Points System

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

**Human Capital Factors**
- Work experience - 25 pts
- Education - 25 pts
- Language - 30 pts

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# Guaranteed Invitations

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Registration Score</th>
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Program Streams
(as of January 2016)

Skills Immigration

- Meet B.C.’s economic needs for skilled workers
- Attract and retain workers
- Retain international students in B.C.
- Transfer expertise, skills and knowledge

Express Entry British Columbia

Entrepreneur Immigration

- Target investment-ready entrepreneurs
- Create jobs in B.C.
- Promote regional economic development
BC PNP Categories
Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC

Skills Immigration

- Job offer required
  - Skilled Workers
  - International Graduates
  - Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
  - Northeast Pilot Project

- Job offer not required
  - International Post-Graduates

Express Entry BC

- Job offer required
  - EEBC - Skilled Workers
  - EEBC - International Graduates

- Job offer not required
  - EEBC - International Post-Graduates

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### EEBC - Key Requirements

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<th>EEBC applicants</th>
<th>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)</th>
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<td>Low skilled occupations (NOC C &amp; D)</td>
<td>Pathway under BC PNP Skills Immigration stream</td>
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- Mandatory language test
- May need to have education assessed against Canadian standards
- Sufficient settlement funds
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](http://www.healthmatchbc.org)

**EEBC STREAM SKILLED WORKER**
- Accepted into CIC Express Entry pool
  - Min. 2 years related experience
  - Requisite education for job
  - BC certification (if required)
  - Legally able to work in B.C.
  - Establish economically

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**Joint Application**

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International Graduate

**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 INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE**
- 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 B, C & D applications will require valid English language test scores
- NOC C & D jobs eligible with progression plan

**EEBC STREAM INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE**
- 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

*Accepted into CIC Express Entry pool*

**Joint Application**

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International Post-Graduate

**EMPLOYER**
- No job offer required

**SI STREAM INTERNATIONAL POST-GRADUATE**
- Completed requirements for a Master’s or PhD at an eligible B.C. institution
- Eligible studies limited to Natural and Applied Sciences
- Intent to reside in B.C.
- Establish economically

**EEBC STREAM INTERNATIONAL POST-GRADUATE**
- Accepted into CIC Express Entry pool
- Completed requirements for a Master’s or PhD at an eligible BC institution
- Eligible studies limited to Natural and Applied Sciences
- Intent to reside in B.C.
- Establish economically

Joint Application

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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)
- Efforts to recruit locally
- 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

**Joint Application**
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Northeast Pilot Project

**EMPLOYER**
- Good financial standing
- Established for 2 years
- Min. 3 full-time equivalent staff
- Efforts to recruit locally
- Full-time indeterminate offer
- Market rate wages
- Any sector, any NOC

**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

Joint Application  March 24, 2016
## Minimum Income Requirements

### Ability to Establish Economically

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<th>Size of Family Unit</th>
<th>Minimum Income Requirements by Area of Residence</th>
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<td>$21,905</td>
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<td>7 or more</td>
<td>$57,943</td>
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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 Process by Stream

**Express Entry British Columbia Stream**
- Skilled Worker
- International Graduate
- International Post-Graduate

B.C. nominates candidates through Express Entry Pool

**Skills Immigration Stream**

Applicants obtain Express Entry Profile Number and Job Seeker Validation Code

Electronic PR Application (80% processed in < 6 mos)

**Entrepreneur Immigration Stream**

Regular Provincial Nomination

Paper PR Application

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Individual creates a profile and submits a registration.

Registration is auto-scored and entered into selected category pool.

No cost to register.

Registrations are valid for 12 months.

Highest scoring registrants may be invited to apply.

Number & frequency of draws based on nomination allocation and processing capacity.

Registrants invited to apply will be removed from the pool.

Applicants submit an application via BCPNP Online.

$550 processing fee.

Applicants have 30 days to submit an online application.

BC PNP assesses the application according to program criteria.

Approval / Refusal.

Estimated processing time 2-3 mos from date application received.

Provincial nominees and eligible dependants apply to IRCC for permanent residence.

If approved, IRCC issues permanent residence visas.

Processing times vary; see IRCC website for details.

80% Express Entry applications are typically processed in 6 months.

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<th>Application inventory (from 2014/2015)</th>
<th>1,452</th>
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<td>New applications (2016)</td>
<td>379</td>
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<td>New registrations (as of Mar 22/16)</td>
<td>4,087</td>
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## Processing Times

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<th>Date Received</th>
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<td>Nov – Dec 2014</td>
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<td>April – July 2015</td>
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