BC Provincial Nominee Program

Immigration Pathways for International Students

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BC PNP

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Immigration to B.C. in 2016

The Federal government selects economic and non-economic permanent immigrants. The BC PNP selects skilled international workers and nominates them for permanent residence.

- **Economic Immigration** 53%
  - BC Provincial Nominee Program 18%
    - Skilled Workers and Skilled Trades 18%
    - Live In Caregivers 10%
    - Canadian Experience 7%
    - Business 1%
  - Skilled Workers and Skilled Trades 18%
  - Family Class 34%
  - Refugee 12%
  - Other Non-Economic <1%

BC PNP annual nomination allocation:
- 2017 = 6,000
- 2018 = 6,250

Notes: 2016 data; As a result of rounding, IRCC data may not sum to the totals indicated; ‘Economic immigrants’ refer to categories of permanent residents selected for their ability and skills to contribute to Canada’s economy.
Establish B.C. as a preferred location for new and emerging technologies.

Grow domestic B.C. tech companies.

Remove barriers to attracting and repatriating skilled workers.
**BC PNP: Progress and Opportunity**

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<th>2014</th>
<th>2018</th>
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<td>SI processing time: 16 months</td>
<td>2-3 months</td>
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<td>EI processing time: 36 months</td>
<td>4-6 months</td>
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<td>First in / first out</td>
<td>Prioritization based on B.C.’s economic needs</td>
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## Advantages of the BC PNP

- ✔ No LMIA
- ✔ Work permit support letters for nominees
- ✔ International students who have graduated can apply sooner
- ✔ No job offer required for International Post-Graduates
- ✔ The only immigration pathway for entry-level & semi-skilled workers
- ✔ Client support throughout the process
- ✔ Nominees are exempt from foreign buyers’ tax

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BC PNP - Program Streams

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

- Target investment-ready entrepreneurs
- Create jobs in B.C.
- Attract and support foreign corporations to establish operations in B.C.

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National Occupational Classification (NOC)

The NOC is a system used by the Government of Canada to classify jobs (occupations).

Jobs are grouped according to the type of work a person does and the types of job duties.

• Skilled occupations:
  – NOC ‘0’ = Management positions
  – NOC ‘A’ = Occupations requiring a degree or diploma
  – NOC ‘B’ = Occupations requiring technical training

• Entry-level and/or semi-skilled occupations:
  – NOC ‘C’ = Occupations considered semi-skilled
  – NOC ‘D’ = Occupations considered entry-level

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Skills Immigration Categories

**Skills Immigration**
- Job offer required
  - Skilled Worker
  - Health Care Professional
  - International Graduate
- Job offer not required
  - Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
  - International Post-Graduate

**Express Entry BC**
- Job offer required
  - EEBC Skilled Worker
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SI vs EEBC – what are the differences?

**Skills Immigration**

- Not required to qualify for Express Entry
- 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
- Processing time for PR is around 14-18 months and is a paper process

**Express Entry BC**

- You 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
  - includes meeting IRCC criteria for work experience, language, settlement funds
- Skilled occupations: NOC 0, A, B
- Processing time for PR is around 6 months and is an online process

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Skills Immigration Process

1. Complete studies
2. Job offer
3. BC PNP Registration
4. Invitation
5. Application
6. Decision
7. IRCC application
8. Permanent Residence
Express Entry BC Process

1. Complete studies
2. Job offer
3. EE registration with IRCC
4. Receive EE profile info
5. BC PNP Registration
6. Invitation
7. Application
8. Decision
9. Receive 600 points in EE profile
10. EE invitation
11. IRCC application & decision
12. Permanent Residence

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General Requirements

- Full-time, indeterminate job offer
- Occupation, qualifications & wage
- Language proficiency
- Minimum income
- Legally able to work in Canada

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EEBC – Key Requirements

✅ Meet BC PNP requirements
✅ Valid and visible Express Entry profile

This means that you have already met the criteria for one of the federal economic immigration programs:
- Federal Skilled Worker
- Canadian Experience Class
- Federal Skilled Trades

In order to have a valid profile, you also need to have provided evidence of:
- mandatory language test
- possible education assessment
- sufficient settlement funds

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Employer Requirements

- Minimum 1 year in business (2 years if ELSS)
- Has 5 employees (3 if outside Greater Vancouver)
- History of good workplace and business practices
- Offered permanent full-time job
- Satisfies recruitment requirements
- A job offer for a full-time, indeterminate position with a market wage rate

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International Graduate

**EMPLOYER**
- Good financial standing
- Established for 1 year
- Sufficient staff
- Full-time indeterminate offer
- Market rate wages

**SI STREAM INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE**
- Degree/Diploma/Certificate in an eligible program and institution in Canada
- Completed within past 3 years
- Min of 8 months full-time study
- Ability and intent to reside in B.C.
- Establish economically
- NOC B applications will require valid English language test scores

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International Post-Graduate

**EMPLOYER**

- N/A: Offer of employment not 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, applied, or health sciences
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### Skilled Worker

#### EMPLOYER
- Good financial standing
- Established for 1 year
- Sufficient staff
- Full-time indeterminate offer
- Market rate wages

#### SI STREAM SKILLED WORKER
- Minimum 2 years related experience
- Requisite education for job
- B.C. certification (if required)
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Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool

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Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

**EMPLOYER**
- Good financial standing
- Established for 1 year
- Sufficient staff
- Full-time indeterminate offer
- Market rate wages
- Eligible occupation in Hospitality, Tourism, Food Processing, Long Haul Truck Driving only

**EMPLOYEE**
- 9 months consecutive full-time work with employer prior to submission of registration
- Continuous employment during process
- Minimum language requirements (CLB 4)
- Maintain immigration status
- Establish economically

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Is my program eligible for IPG / EEBC - IPG?

Your graduate degree (master’s 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:

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<td>Biological and biomedical sciences</td>
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<td>Computer and information sciences and support services</td>
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<td>Engineering</td>
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<td>Health professions and related programs</td>
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<td>Mathematics and statistics</td>
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For a full list of programs by institution, please download the IPG & EEBC IPG Eligible Programs of Study from the documents page of our website.

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International Post-Graduate & Express Entry International Post-Graduate

Eligible Programs of Study
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<th>Human Capital Factors</th>
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<td>NOC</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>Language</td>
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<td>Wage</td>
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<td>Work experience</td>
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<td>NOC 00</td>
<td>15 1 year of directly-related work experience in Canada</td>
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<td>Top 100 Occupation</td>
<td>10 Post-secondary education in Canada</td>
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<td>Currently working in offered position</td>
<td>10 ECA or trades certification</td>
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BC PNP Tech Pilot: Goals & Objectives

Increase the number of tech workers in B.C.

Support the growth of B.C. tech companies
BC PNP Tech Pilot: 4 Pillars

- Dedicated concierge service
- Weekly invitations to apply (32 Occupations)
- Priority processing
- Sector engagement

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BC PNP Tech Pilot:
Weekly Draws/Priority Processing

- Weekly invitations: 30 days to apply
- Priority processing: Assigned in 24 hours
- BC PNP tech team: Decision within 4 weeks*  
  * In 80% of cases

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Am I eligible?
Scenario A

• I finished my degree in economics from the SFU last year.
• I’m working as a Risk Analyst (NOC: 1112).
• I have 2 years of related work experience from my home country.
• I am in the Express Entry pool.
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Scenario B

• I finished my Bachelor of Arts in Sociology last year from SFU.
• I’m working part-time as a café supervisor (NOC 6311).
• I plan to live and work in B.C.
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Scenario C

- I finished my MBA from SFU 4 years ago.
- I’ve been working full-time as an IT Consultant (NOC 2171) since 2013.
- I am not in the Express Entry pool.
Skills Immigration

Job offer required

Skilled Worker

Health Care Professional

International Graduate

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Where to find more information

www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP
Ready to register or apply?

**Step 1:**

**Step 2:**

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FAQs

• When is the best time to apply?
• Can I apply to both the BC PNP and IRCC at the same time?
• How long will the total process take?
• What can I do or prepare now that will help me when I apply?
• How does my program of study affect my eligibility?
• How does working while studying affect my eligibility?
• Does leaving B.C. affect my eligibility?
Immigration Programs Branch
Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

pnpinfogov.bc.ca
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Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information

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Appendices:

Reference slides
Invitation Trends: 2017 ITAs Issued

All SI & EEBC Categories

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## Minimum Income Requirements:
### Ability to Establish Economically

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<th>Family Size</th>
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<td>$22,140</td>
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<td>$27,562</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>$52,625</td>
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<td>7 or more</td>
<td>$58,591</td>
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The income thresholds in this table represent 90% of an amount calculated from the appropriate 2015 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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