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2. Skills Immigration Categories

3. Eligibility

4. Questions
B.C.’s Labour Market Outlook

903,000 BC job openings in the next 10 years
1/4 sourced internationally

MAXIMIZE BRITISH COLUMBIA’S WORKFORCE
584,000 NEW WORKERS BY 2028

RECRUIT FROM ACROSS CANADA
76,000 WORKERS BY 2028

UTILIZE SKILLED INTERNATIONAL WORKERS
243,000 NEW WORKERS BY 2028

Job Openings by Educational Requirement

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<th>University Degree</th>
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<td>36%</td>
<td>42%</td>
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• ‘Economic immigrants’ refer to categories of permanent residents selected for their ability and skills to contribute to Canada’s economy.
• * 2017 Data; total permanent residents = 38,435
Immigration to B.C.

The Immigration Pathway

Immigration is the temporary/permanent movement of people for economic, family reunification or humanitarian reasons.

- Attraction
- Selection
- Integration
- Citizenship

Permanent

Temporary

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Immigration to B.C.

B.C.’s Role: Attraction, Integration & Selection

**Attraction**
- Promotion and outreach
- +$12M provincial in settlement funding
  - BC Settlement and Integration Services
  - Career Paths for Skilled Immigrant
  - Foreign Credential Recognition
- VISIT: WelcomeBC.ca

**Integration**

**Selection**
- Skills Immigration
- Entrepreneur Immigration
- Strategic Projects

BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP)
Immigration to B.C.

BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP)

Skills Immigration
- Includes Express Entry BC

Entrepreneur Immigration
- Includes Strategic Projects

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Consider the BC PNP

- No LMIA required
- Work Permit Support Letters for nominees
- International Students can apply once job offer accepted
- No job offer required for Post Graduates
- Immigration pathway for NOC C & D
- Client support throughout the process
- Nominees exempt from Foreign Buyers Tax

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**Skills Immigration**

**BC PNP Tech Pilot**

**Supporting B.C.’s technology sector**

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<td>Assigned next business day</td>
<td>Increased and focused outreach to tech sector</td>
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<td>Dedicated email for employers</td>
<td>29 tech occupations</td>
<td>Fast-tracked</td>
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## BC PNP Skills Immigration Categories

### Skills Immigration

- Skilled Worker
- International Graduate
- Entry Level & Semi-Skilled

- Healthcare Professional
- International Post-Graduate

### Express Entry BC

- Requires federal Express Entry profile

- Registration required:
  - EEBC – Skilled Worker
  - EEBC – Healthcare Professional

- No registration required:
  - EEBC – International Graduate
  - EEBC – International Post-Graduate

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## Skills Immigration Registration System (SIRS)

### Economic Factors

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### Additional Points

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### Human Capital Factors

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<td>1 year of directly-related work experience in Canada</td>
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General Requirements

- full-time, indeterminate job offer
  - (one-year job offer for eligible Tech Pilot occupations)
- occupation, qualifications & wage
- language proficiency
- minimum income
- legally able to work in Canada

*Additional requirements for EEBC categories
Employer Requirements & Responsibilities

- 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
- accuracy of employer info in online application
- notify of changes in the employment status or if the business has closed or changed ownership
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
- 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
- Processing time for PR is around 6 months and is an online process

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## Skills Immigration

### International Graduate (IG) Category

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

#### International Graduate

##### SI - IG
- 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

##### EEBC - IG
- 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

Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool
Skills Immigration

International Post-Graduate (IPG) Category

**Employer**

- N/A: Offer of employment not required

**International Post-Graduate (IPG)**

- Completed requirements for a Master’s or PhD at an eligible B.C. institution
- Eligible studies limited to natural, applied, or health sciences
- Completed within past 3 years
- Ability and intent to reside in B.C.
- Establish economically

**International Post-Graduate (EEBC) - IPG**

- Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool
- Completed requirements for a Master’s or PhD at an eligible B.C. institution
- Eligible studies limited to natural/applied/health sciences
- Completed within past 3 years
- Ability and intent to reside in B.C.
- Establish economically
Skills Immigration

Skilled Worker (SW) Category

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

**Skilled Worker SI - SW**
- Minimum 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 Professionals contact Health Match BC
  www.healthmatchbc.org

**Skilled Worker EEBC - SW**
- Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool
- Min. 2 years related experience
- Requisite education for job
- B.C. certification (if required)
- Legally able to work in B.C.
- Establish economically

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Skills Immigration

Entry Level and Semi-Skilled (ELSS) Category

**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
Is my program eligible for 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:

- 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
Am I eligible?

Scenario A

- I finished my degree in economics from 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.
Am I eligible?

**Skills Immigration**
- Job offer required
  - Skilled Worker
    - Health Care Professional
    - International Graduate
    - Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

- Job offer not required
  - International Post-Graduate

**Express Entry BC**
- Job offer required
  - EEBC Skilled Worker
    - EEBC Health Care Professional
    - EEBC International Graduate

- Job offer not required
  - EEBC International Post-Graduate

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Am I eligible?

Scenario B

- I finished my MEng from SFU last year.
- I just started working full-time as a Civil Engineer (NOC 2131).
- I plan to live and work in B.C.
- I am in the Express Entry pool.
Am I eligible?

Skills Immigration

- Skilled Worker
- Health Care Professional
- International Graduate
- Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

Express Entry BC

- Job offer required
  - EEBC Skilled Worker
  - EEBC Health Care Professional
  - EEBC International Graduate

- Job offer not required
  - International Post-Graduate

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Am I eligible?

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.

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Am I eligible?

Skills Immigration

Job offer required
- Skilled Worker
  - Health Care Professional
  - International Graduate
  - Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

Job offer not required
- International Post-Graduate

Express Entry BC

Job offer required
- EEBC Skilled Worker
  - EEBC Health Care Professional
  - EEBC International Graduate

Job offer not required
- EEBC International Post-Graduate

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Scenario D

- 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.
- I am not in the federal Express Entry pool.
Am I eligible?

Skills Immigration

- Job offer required
  - Skilled Worker
  - Health Care Professional
  - International Graduate
  - Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

- Job offer not required
  - International Post-Graduate

Express Entry BC

- Job offer required
  - EEBC Skilled Worker
  - EEBC Health Care Professional
  - EEBC International Graduate

- Job offer not required
  - EEBC International Post-Graduate

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Questions

- 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?

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For more information

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Thank you

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Immigration Programs Branch

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Invitation trends: 2018 ITAs issued – Skills Immigration

All SI & EEBC Categories

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## Minimum Income Requirements: Ability to Establish Economically

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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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