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 BC Streams

3. BC PNP Tech Pilot

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

903,000 B.C. 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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Permanent Pathways

- **Economic***
  - Express Entry: 16,045 | 36%
  - Live-In Caregivers: 3,255 | 7%
  - Business: 325 | <1%
  - BC PNP: 11,030 | 25% (41% of economic)

- **Non-Economic***
  - Family Sponsorship: 14,805 | 33%
  - Refugees: 3,230 | 7%
  - Other: 180 | <1%

- Data: 2018; total permanent residents = 44,920

- *Economic immigrants* refer to categories of permanent residents selected for their ability and skills to contribute to Canada’s economy.

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Immigration to B.C.

BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP)

Skills Immigration stream

Express Entry BC (EEBC) stream

Entrepreneur Immigration stream

• Includes Base Category, Regional Pilot, and Strategic Projects

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Immigration to B.C.

Advantages of 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 select Post-Graduates
- The only immigration pathway for entry-level & semi-skilled workers
- Client support throughout the process

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Skills Immigration & EEBC Streams

BC PNP Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC

Skills Immigration

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

Express Entry BC

Requires federal Express Entry profile

- Healthcare Professional
- International Post-Graduate

Registration required

Registration required

- EEBC – Skilled Worker
- EEBC – International Graduate

No registration required

No registration required

- EEBC – Healthcare Professional
- EEBC – International Post-Graduate

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# Skills Immigration & EEBC Streams

## SI vs EEBC - What are the differences?

### 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
- Processing time for PR is around 14-18 months and is a paper process

### 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
- Processing time for PR is around 6 months and is an online process

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Complete studies → Job offer → BC PNP Registration → Nomination → Application → Invitation → IRCC application for PR → Permanent Residence.

Skills Immigration Stream

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Express Entry BC Stream

Express Entry BC Process

1. Complete studies
2. Job offer
3. EE registration with IRCC
4. Receive EE profile info
5. Nomination
6. Application
7. Invitation
8. BC PNP Registration
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
  – (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 stream
Employer Requirements

- Minimum 1 year in business (2 years if Entry Level & Semi-Skilled)
- Has 5 employees in B.C. (3 if outside Greater Vancouver)
- History of good workplace and business practices
- Offered permanent full-time job with market wage (1yr for tech pilot)
- 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
Skills Immigration & EEBC Streams

International Graduate Category

Employer Requirements

- Same employer requirements for SI and EEBC
- 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 require language test scores

International Graduate EEBC - IG

Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool

- 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

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International Post-Graduate Category

**Employer**

- N/A: 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 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

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**Skills Immigration & EEBC Streams**

**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 |
## 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
- Language test scores

### 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 & EEBC Streams

### Entry Level and Semi-Skilled (ELSS) Category

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<td>• Good financial standing</td>
<td>• 9 months consecutive full-time work with employer prior to submission of registration</td>
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<td>• Well-established for 2 years</td>
<td>• Continuous employment during process</td>
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<td>• Sufficient staff</td>
<td>• Minimum language requirements (CLB 4)</td>
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<td>• Full-time, indeterminate job offer</td>
<td>• Maintain immigration status</td>
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<td>• Market rate wages</td>
<td>• Establish economically</td>
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Skills Immigration:
BC PNP Tech Pilot – 4 Pillars

Supporting B.C.’s technology sector

Service
- Dedicated concierge service
- Dedicated email for employers
- 2-day response time

Timeliness
- Weekly invitations to apply
- 29 tech occupations
- Employers have just-in-time access

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

Engagement
- Increased and focused outreach to tech sector

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# Registration Scoring

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<td>NOC 00</td>
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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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Entrepreneur Immigration: Key Criteria

* Active management*

Personal net worth: $600,000

Investment: $200,000

Job creation: 1 new job

Business growth/expansion: $50,000

Ideal applicant profile:

- experienced
- investment-ready
- prepared
- business confident
- adaptable

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Entrepreneur Immigration – Regional Pilot
4 Pillars

Supporting regional economic development

Service
- Dedicated concierge service
- Dedicated email for employers

Timeliness & Prioritization
- More frequent invitations to apply
- Assigned next business day
- Fast-tracked
- BC PNP regional team

Collaboration
- Partner with communities to attract needed businesses in the regions

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Are you ready to register or apply?

**Step 1:**

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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.

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Scenarios
I finished my Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from SFU last year.

I’m working as a Database Administrator (NOC: 2172).

I have 2 years of related work experience from my home country.

I am in the Express Entry pool.
Scenarios: Student A

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

NOC 2172-Database Administrator is an eligible occupation for the BC PNP Tech Pilot

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Student B

- I just 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.
Scenarios: Student B

Skills Immigration

Job offer required
- Skilled Worker
- Health Care Professional
- International Post-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

NOC 2131-Civil Engineer is an eligible occupation for the BC PNP Tech Pilot

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Student C

- I finished my MBA from SFU 5 years ago.
- I’ve been working full-time as an IT Consultant (NOC 2171) since 2015.
- I’m not in the Express Entry pool.
**Scenarios: Student C**

**Skills Immigration**

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

- **Job offer required**

**Express Entry BC**

- **Job offer required**
  - EEBC Skilled Worker

- **Job offer not required**
  - EEBC Health Care Professional
  - EEBC International Graduate

NOC 2171- IT Consultants is an eligible occupation for the BC PNP Tech Pilot

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Student D

• I finished my Bachelor of Arts in Sociology last year from SFU.
• I’m currently working part-time as a café supervisor (NOC 6311).
• I plan to live and work in B.C.
• I’m not in the federal Express Entry pool.
Scenarios: Student D

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

- Job offer not required
  - EEBC Health Care Professional
  - EEBC International Graduate

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