BC Provincial Nominee Program:
Immigration Pathways for International Students

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Agenda

1. Immigration Programs Overview

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

| University Degree 36% | Diploma or trade certificate 42% | High school or less 22% |

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Immigration to B.C.

Permanent Pathways

Economic*  
22,260 | 53%

- Express Entry 9,995 | 26%
- BC PNP 7,560 | 20%  
  (34% of economic)
- Live-In Caregivers 4,475 | 12%
- Business 230 | <1%

Non-Economic*  
16,250 | 47%

- Family Sponsorship 13,425 | 35%
- Refugees 2,695 | 7%
- Other 130 | <1%

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

BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP)

Application to BC PNP

(Work Permit Support Letter)
Provincial Nomination

Application for Permanent Residence

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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Process

Immigration Programs (BC PNP)

IRCC (Federal)

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# BC PNP Tech Pilot

## Supporting B.C.’s technology sector

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<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

Express Entry BC

- Requires federal Express Entry profile

Registration required

- Healthcare Professional
- International Post-Graduate

EEBC – Skilled Worker

EEBC – International Graduate

No registration required

EEBC – Healthcare Professional

EEBC – International Post-Graduate

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# Skills Immigration Registration System (SIRS)

**Economic Factors**

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**Human Capital Factors**

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**Additional Points**

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<td>1 year of directly-related work experience in Canada</td>
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<td>Post-secondary education 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

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## Skills Immigration

**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
    - 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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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

International Graduate 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 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

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• Eligible studies limited to natural/ applied/ health sciences
• Completed within past 3 years
• Ability and intent to reside in B.C.
• Establish economically

Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool
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 2 years
- 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 Associate of Science degree in Computer Science from Langara 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.
Am I eligible?

Skills Immigration
- Job offer required
  - 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
- Job offer not required
  - EEBC International Graduate

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Am I eligible?

Scenario B

- I finished my MEng from UBC 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

- 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 C

• I finished my BBA from Langara 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.
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 D

- I finished my Bachelor of Arts in Sociology last year from UBC.
- 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
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  - 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

www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP

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Thank you

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Invitation trends: 2018 ITAs issued – Skills Immigration

All SI & EEBC Categories

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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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