

– Nova Pathway Immigration Service Inc. presents -

Permanent Residence Pathways for International Student

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Agenda

- Study Permits
- Maintaining Your Temporary Status (Post Graduate Work Permit)
- Express Entry
 - Canadian Experience Class
 - Federal Skilled Workers
- Provincial Nominee Program
- Spouse sponsorship
- Maintain Permanent Residence status
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Latest Updates about International students due to COVID 19

Travel Restriction:

- Hold a valid study permit, or were approved for study permit on or before March 18th, 2020, or entering Canada directly from the US.
- Studying in Canada in person may be considered as non-discretionary depending on your situation.

Working Off-Campus:

- A study permit authorizes full-time students to work part-time (up to 20 hours/week) off campus during studies and full-time off campus during sessional breaks without a work permit while being a full-time student.
- Eligible International students providing essential services were allowed to work more than 20 hours till August 31, 2020.

Post Graduate Work Permit:

Can temporarily apply without graduation letter or final transcript due to school closures. Processing
officer will request at a later time.



Study Permit



Maintaining your Student Status:

- In order to remain in Canada on a Study Permit you must make ongoing progress towards completing your program
- Extend your study permit 1-2 months prior to expiry date

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- International students providing essential services are allowed to work more than 20 hours. Essential services include energy and utilities, IT, Finance, Health, Food, Water, Transportation, Safety, etc.



Maintaining Temporary Status (Post Graduate Work Permit)

Post-Graduate Work Permits

- Can only be obtained <u>once in a life time</u> and will allow you to gain valuable Canadian work experience
- Length of study must be at least 8 months
- Valid for up to 3 years depending on length of program completed
- Apply within <u>180 days</u> of passing and completing the education program
- Have a <u>valid study permit</u> at time of application if you want to start working full time while you wait
- Total government fee of \$255

You must NOT become inadmissible

• e.g., criminality, medical conditions, misrepresentations, etc.





PGWP eligibilities during COVID19

Is online courses going to affect my eligibility for PGWP?

Current students inside and outside Canada

Eligibility for PGWP with a valid study permit, and your in-class courses are switched to online due to COVID19, and if at least 50% of your program is being completed within Canada.

New incoming students

Eligible for PGWP if max 50% of program is completed online if:

- Have a valid study permit and decided to study online (whether students are exempted from travel restriction).
- Have received the approval-in-principle of study permit application, but study online due to travel restriction.



Processing Time

PGWP applications

Online Application – 197 days (as of September 28, 2020)

TIPS:

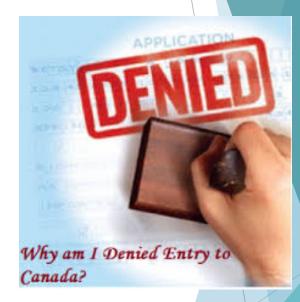
- Inform your employer of the processing time
- Start job search process early
- Valid Study Permit while waiting for PGWP: work f/t



Before applying for permanent residence

Things to consider:

- Do you meet the basic eligibility requirements for the program?
- Are you admissible to Canada?
 - Criminality, medical issues, misrepresentation, noncompliance may render you inadmissible
- Plan ahead
 - Be aware of expiry dates of your temporary status in Canada





Permanent Residence - Overview

- Options for applying for Permanent Residence (PR) in Canada:
 - Express Entry
 - Canadian Experience Class
 - Federal Skilled Worker
 - Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program
 - Family Sponsorship
- Must maintain your permanent residence after a successful application





EXPRESS ENTRY

A new system to manage (*eligibility, selection, application*) for people with skilled work experiences to apply for PR.

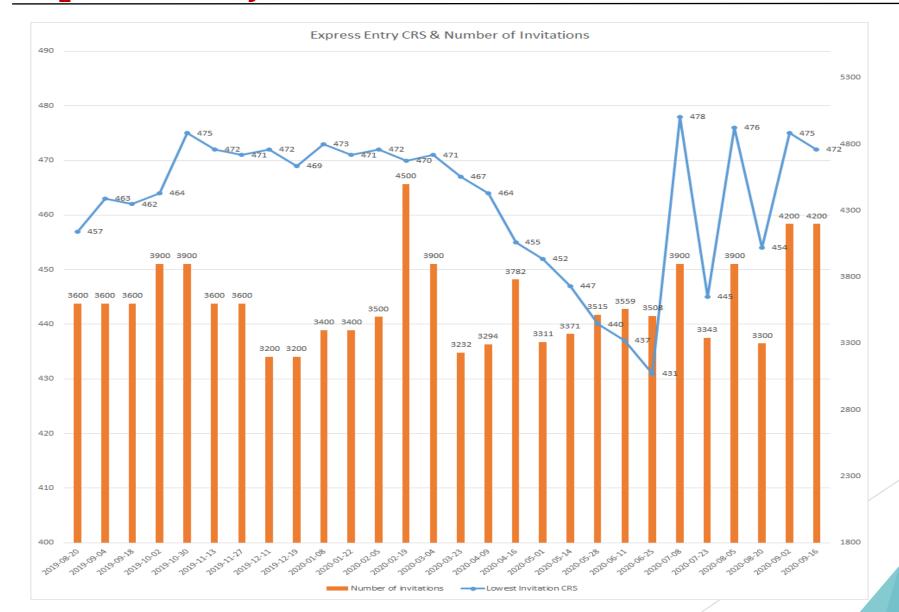
- ✓ Be eligible for 1 of the PR categories (CEC, FSW, FST, some PNP)
- ✓ Create <u>EE profile</u> online in a pool of potential candidates
- ✓ Score under CRS (comprehensive ranking system)
- ✓ IRCC draws top candidates and send Invitation to Apply (<u>ITA</u>)
- ✓ <u>Apply for PR</u> with within <u>90</u> days

Latest Draw (Sept 16, 2020):

✓ Recent draw-score: 472 for 4,200 candidates



Express Entry – Candidate selection trends





Canadian Experience Class (CEC)

- ✓ Canadian Work Experience: Min12 months in 36 months, f/t, skilled work, in Canada
 - Authorized work
 - f/t or p/t equivalent (1,560 hours total or 30hrs/week)
 - Skilled work: NOC 0, A, B
 - o NOC 0: Management
 - o NOCA: Professional
 - o NOC B: Technical
- ✓ Language: recognized language test includes IELTS/CELPIP/TEF/TCF

NOC skill type or level	Minimum level for all four language abilities (English)	Minimum level for all four language abilities (French)
NOC 0 or A	CLB 7	NCLC 7
NOC B	CLB 5	NCLC 5

- **✓** Other Requirements:
 - ▶ Plan to live outside Quebec
 - ▶ Must be admissible to Canada (criminal, health, fraud, illegal work/study, etc.)

Work NOT Counts:

- Self-employed work
- Work during studies (co-op, work on/offcampus)
- Unauthorized work



Federal Skilled Worker (FSW)

- ✓ Work Experience: 1-year continuous paid skilled work in the past 10 years
 - Skilled Work (NOC 0, A, B)
- ✓ **Minimum Scores: 67** out of 100 (6 factors)
 - Age (18-35 for full score)
 - Education (Credential Assessment for foreign education)
 - Work Experience
 - Language ability (Benchmark of 7.0 IETLs 6.0)
 - Job arrangement
 - Adaptability
- **✓** Others:
 - Financial support: min. settlement funds

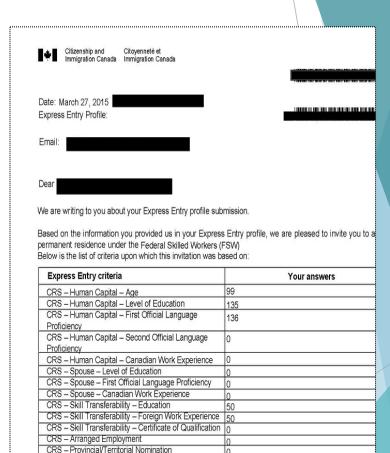


Work NOT Counts:

- Unpaid internship, volunteering
- Work irrelevant to NOC

Express Entry – Invitation to Apply

- Candidates who are invited to apply for permanent residence will only have 60 days to submit a complete application to IRCC
- Serious implications for misrepresentation
 - Application refused
 - Inadmissibility finding
 - Barred for five years from applying for permanent residence status
- Estimated processing time 6 to 9 months
- Candidates who do not receive an invitation to apply within 12 months must re-enter the pool



Your overall points score



Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP) Overview

Ontario Express Entry

- Human Capital Priorities
- French-speaking Skilled Workers
- Skilled Trades

Note:

- ON identifies candidates in EE pool & issue a "Notification of Interest (NOI)" to apply for nomination
- Successful applicants receive 600 points for higher chance for PR under EE

Regular Streams

- International Student with a Job
 Offer (currently closed)
- Master (currently closed) /PhD graduate

Notes:

- Online applications, and receive nomination certificate if approved
- Apply to federal on paper-based application

Nomination allocation for 2020: 7350



Ontario Express Entry

Categories:

- 1. Human Capital Priorities
- 2. French-Speaking Skilled Worker
- 3. Skilled Trades

Before Applying:

- 1. Candidates must be qualified for either FSW or CEC
- 2. Must create an Express Entry profile
- 3. Intend to residing and working in Ontario
- 4. Meet requirements for either Human Capital or French-Speaking

OINP Application fee: CAD\$1500





Ontario Express Entry

1. Human Capital Priorities

- a. Bachelor degree (not college diploma)
- b. Minimum 1-yr qualifying work experience (NOC 0,A or B)
- c. CLB 7 (IELTS <u>or</u> CELPIP <u>or</u> TEF)
- d. Meet min requirements under CEC/FSW
- e. Min. settlement funds

2. French Speaking Skilled Worker

- a. Bachelor degree (not college diploma)
- b. Minimum 1-yr qualifying work experience (NOC 0,A or B) in the past 5 years
- c. French CLB 7 AND English CLB 6
- d. Meet min requirements under CEC/FSW & have an EE profile
- e. Min. settlement funds







Ontario Express Entry

3. Skilled Trade

- a. Minimum 1-yr qualifying work experience in the past 2 years
- b. Work experience in Minor Group 633 or Major Group 72, 73 or 82 in NOC
- c. CLB 5 (IELTS/CELPIP/TEF/TCF)
- d. Valid certificate or license
- e. Min. settlement funds

Sample occupations for 633, 72, 73, 82

Butcher, Baker, Fishmonger, automotive machinist, aviation machinist, electrician, telecommunication cable repairer, telecommunication line installer, cable TV installer, carpenters, heavy-duty equipment mechanic/technician, oil and gas contractor, farm supervisor, landscaping contractor/supervisor, etc.





Ontario Express Entry Updates

September 29, 2020, OINP is accepting applications to Master Graduate Stream.

August 26th, 2020, OINP issued invitations to targeted occupations under Human Capital Stream.

The OINP targeted candidates with a CRS between 466-475 and work experience in the following NOCs: 0111, 0124, 0601, 1111, 1114, 1122, 3012, 3124, 3132

August 19th 2020, OINP accepted 1250 of Employer Job Offer: International Student Stream.

July 29th, 2020, OINP issued invitations to targeted occupations under Human Capital Stream.

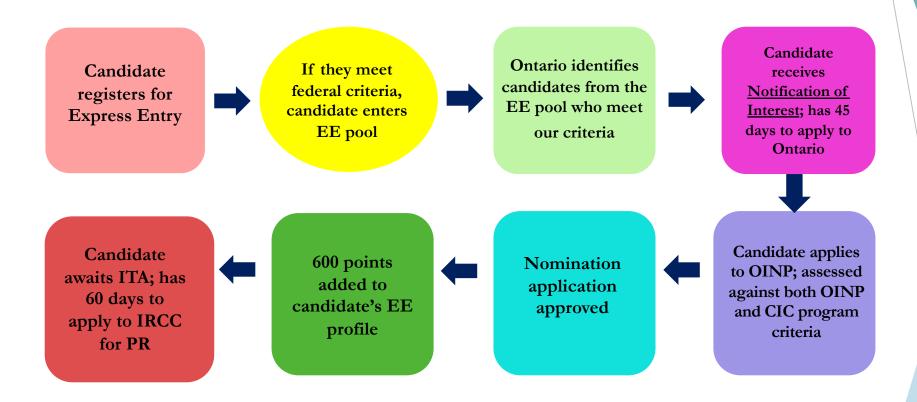
The OINP targeted candidates with a CRS between 463-477 and work experience in the following NOCs: 0213, 2147, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175

July 21st 2020, OINP accepted 1300 of Employer Job Offer: Foreign Worker Stream.

For updates of OINP: https://www.ontario.ca/page/2020-ontario-immigrant-nominee-program-updates



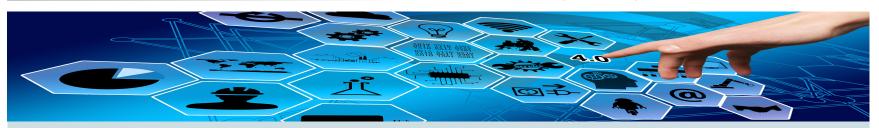
Ontario Express Entry Process



You will be awarded additional 600 points for an Ontario nomination **ONLY** if you were nominated under one of the two Ontario Express Entry streams.



Expression of Interest System (EOI)



- Point system that opens all year round and replaces the "first come first served" approach.
- Enables the province to focus on the most acute areas of labour market need and assist employers to fill talent gaps.
- System allows OINP to strategically manage high demand for the program and to create more predictability for applicants and employers.
- System should be ready to be implemented in 8-10 months.
- Applicants will be assessed against the follow factors:
 - 1. Labor market/employment
 - 2. Education
 - 3. Language
 - 4. Regionalization
 - 5. Strategic Priorities



How does EOI work?



- Register and be placed in a selection pool, providing basic personal information.
- Candidates will be scored against the factors and be ranked.
- Receive Invitation to Apply (ITA).
- Submit application online.
- OINP reviews and processes applications.
- Nominated for PR application.



Family Class – Spouse Sponsorship

- Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents may sponsor their spouse in Canada or overseas
- Sponsors establish undertaking to ensure sponsored spouse does not seek social assistance after they come to Canada
- In-Canada spousal sponsorship applicants may obtain open work permits and can work while waiting
- Medical, Criminal and other background checks





Maintaining Permanent Resident Status



- Must reside in Canada for at least 2 years out of 5 years
- Exceptions to physical presence include:
 - Work for a Canadian employer abroad
 - Accompanying a Canadian Citizen spouse who resides overseas
 - Accompanying a spouse abroad who is a permanent resident and is working for a Canadian Corporation
- You must <u>NOT</u> become inadmissible
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