

# International Students

Journey to Permanent Residence

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# Agenda

- Working in Canada before and after graduation
- Important concepts
- Pathways to permanent residence
- Questions & Answers



# Gaining Work Experience as a Student

- On Campus – unlimited hours
- Off Campus – 20 hours/week\*  
\*new temporary public policy exemption
- Co-op or Internship –  
work permit required





# After completing your study program

Stop working immediately when you receive your letter of completion / final transcript

## Do you want to leave Canada?

- You must leave before your study permit expires or within 90 days

## Do you want to stay in Canada

- Begin a new study program
- Apply for a work permit
- Change to Visitor Status



# What is a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)?

- Open Work Permit
- Length of PGWP validity varies (8 months to 3 years)
- Issued only once in a lifetime
- Apply within 180 days
- If you apply while holding valid study permit status you can start working full time immediately





# Important Concepts

- Immigration Status
- Maintained Status
- Entry Requirements

Come to Canada tool





# National Occupational Classification (NOC)

TEER 0: Management jobs

TEER 1: High-skilled jobs

TEER 2: Intermediate-Skilled Jobs  
(requiring > 2 years of education)

TEER 3: Intermediate-Skilled Jobs  
(requiring <2 years of education)

TEER 4 : Semi-Skilled Jobs

TEER 4 : Entry-Level Jobs



# Preparing for Permanent Residency

- Approved Language Testing
- Educational Credential Assessments
- Work Experience
  - Full time = 30hrs/week for 12 months
  - Part time = 15hrs/week for 24 months
  - =1560 hours total
- Job Bank





# Economic programs for permanent residence in Quebec

## Government of Quebec (MIFI):

- Select candidates
- Determines the selection criteria
- Issues the Certificats de sélection du Québec (CSQ)

## Government of Canada (IRCC):

- Grants the right of establishment
- Verifies the eligibility of candidates
- Grants permanent residency and citizenship



A person wearing a grey beanie and a red life vest is seen from behind, paddling a canoe on a vibrant turquoise lake. In the background, a majestic, rugged mountain with patches of snow rises steeply under a cloudy sky.

# Express Entry

1. Create Profile
2. Pool of Candidates
3. Receive Invitation to Apply
4. Submit Application





# Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSW)

## Work Experience

1 year of continuous work in a NOC 0, A or B occupation within the last 10 years

## Language Proficiency

CLB 7

## Education

Secondary or above

## Other

Must receive 67 or more points in the FSW Grid





# Federal Skilled Trade Program (FST)

## Work Experience

2 years in one of the designated NOC B occupations within the last 5 years

## Language Proficiency

CLB 5 for speaking + listening  
CLB 4 for reading + writing

## Education

Must meet job requirement of the trade

## Other

Must have full-time job offer or trade certification





# Canadian Experience Class (CEC)

Work  
Experience

12 months in-Canada in a  
NOC 0, A or B occupation  
within the last 3 years

Language  
Proficiency

CLB 7 for NOC 0 & A  
CLB 5 for NOC B

Education

None

Other

Work experience accumulated  
while a student is not eligible

# Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS)

Use our calculator tool:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Core Points} \\ /600 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{Additional Points} \\ /600 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{Total Points} \\ /1200 \end{array}$$

Core points take into account:

- Canadian Work Experience
- Level of Education
- Official Language Proficiency
- Age







# Additional Express Entry Points

- Provincial Nomination (600 points)
- Valid Job Offer (50 or 200 points)
  - \*Register with Job Bank
- Canadian Education (15 or 30 points)
- French Proficiency (25 or 50 points)
- In-Canada Siblings (15 points)

# After receiving an ITA

## Complete Application Requires:

- ✓ Electronic Application (e-APR)
- ✓ Cost Recovery Fees
- ✓ Supporting Documentation

## Personalized Documentation Checklist:

- ✓ Medical Examination
- ✓ Police Certificates
- ✓ Biometrics
- ✓ Biographical data page of passport or travel document (copy)
- ✓ Proof of Work Experience
- ✓ Proof of Funds\*







# Funds required

	Application Fee(s)	Right of Permanent Resident Fee
Principal Applicant	\$850	\$515
Spouse	\$850	\$515
Dependent Child	\$230	N/A

## Proof of Funds for FSW + FST:

- Family of 1 requires \$13 757
- Exemption if living + working in Canada with a valid job offer



# Francophone Immigration

- Additional Express Entry Points
- Employability + Mobilité Francophone
- Live in a Francophone community

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to learn about Francophone life across Canada





# Alternatives to Express Entry

## Gain more work experience

- Temporary Foreign Worker Program
- International Mobility Program

## Other Federal Programs

- Start-Up Visa Program
- Atlantic Immigration Program
- Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot

## Provincial & Territorial Nominee Programs



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**IRCC Client Support Centre:**

1-888-242-2100

**IRCC Web form:**

[www.cic.gc.ca/english/contacts/web-form.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/contacts/web-form.asp)



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