

# ACCESS TO PERMANENT RESIDENCE

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# Agenda

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  - ✓ Skilled Worker Selection Program (SWSP)
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# Permanent Immigration for Quebec

Two steps:

## 1. Québec Selection Certificat (CSQ) - MIFI

The Government of Québec is responsible for selecting candidates who intend to settle in its territory.

## 2. Permanent Residence - IRCC

### Quebec-Selected Skilled Workers

The Government of Canada is responsible for admitting of all immigrants to its territory.

The process of obtaining a post-graduation work permit and the application for permanent residence are **2 separate procedures**. Applying for and obtaining a CSQ and applying for permanent residence do not grant legal status in Canada.



# QUÉBEC SELECTION CERTIFICATE - (CSQ)

# Québec Selection Certificate (CSQ)

## Programs available for skilled workers

- **Skilled Worker Selection Program (SWSP / PSTQ)**

Invitations began in July 2025 and primarily target people already living in Quebec. Priority is given to those who have work experience or studies outside the Greater Montreal area, speak French, and work in occupations that help address labor shortages. The program also seeks individuals with exceptional talents.

- **Pilot Programs**

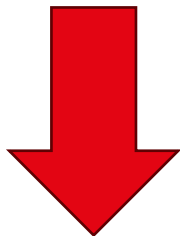
Permanent Immigration Pilot Program for Workers in the Artificial Intelligence, Information Technology and Visual Effects Sectors (ends on January 1, 2026)

Permanent Immigration Pilot Program for Workers in Food Processing (ends on January 1, 2026)

# SKILLED WORKER SELECTION PROGRAM (SWSP - PSTQ)

# Two-step process

Submit an Expression of Interest in ARRIMA platform



You may receive an invitation to submit an Application for Permanent Selection (CSQ):



- ✓ Accept the invitation (within 30 days)
- ✓ Submit supporting documents (within 60 days, or up to one year if invited under stream 3 – regulated profession)

# Expression of Interest

- You must submit an [Expression of Interest](#) in Arrima (free of charge, updates possible, valid for one year)
- Your profile will be ranked according to a [scoring system](#) based on various criteria set by the government, including: main occupation, knowledge of French, education level, Quebec diploma, stay in Quebec, age, work experience in the past 5 years, [validated job offer](#), spouse's characteristics, etc.
- Important: everything you declare must be true and demonstrable.
- For more information on the expression of interest: [Help Capsules](#) and [MIFI Customer Service](#).



# Four streams, based on the main targeted occupation

**Stream 1** – Highly Qualified Specialized Skills (TEER 0,1,2)

**Stream 2** - Intermediate and Manual Skills (TEER 3,4,5)

**Stream 3** - Regulated Professions

**Stream 4** - Exceptional Talent

**Main occupation and work experience:** Except in Stream 3, work experience must have been acquired within the five years preceding the date the CSQ application, in Quebec, Canada or elsewhere. The person does not need to be employed or have held their last job in their main occupation at the time of submitting their permanent selection application.

You must identify your **main occupation** in the [National Occupational Classification \(NOC\)](#) to find out its TEER category (Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities) and to know [which stream applies to you](#).

# National Occupational Classification (NOC)

- The [National Occupational Classification \(NOC\)](#) is the national system that categorizes all occupational activities in Canada.
- NOC 2021 uses 5-digit codes and TEER categories (Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities) numbered 0 to 5. The first digit of the NOC code identifies the [broad occupational category](#)
- The TEER categories are as follows (second digit of the NOC code):
  - TEER 0 - Management Occupations
  - TEER 1 - Usually requires a university degree
  - TEER 2 - Usually requires a college diploma or apprenticeship training of 2 years or more; or supervisory occupations
  - TEER 3 - Usually requires a college diploma or apprenticeship training of less than 2 years; or more than 6 months of on-the-job training
  - TEER 4 - Usually requires a high school diploma; or several weeks of on-the-job training
  - TEER 5 - Usually requires short-term work demonstration and no formal education

[Find NOC](#)

[Contact the NOC Team](#)

# NOC - Examples

TEER	NOC CODE	TITLE
TEER 0	60030	Restaurant and food service managers
TEER 1	41201	Post-secondary teaching and research assistants
	41200	University professors and lecturers, postdoctoral fellow
TEER 2	12200	Accounting technicians and bookkeepers
TEER 3	33102	Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates
TEER 4	64400	Customer Service Representatives - financial institutions
TEER 5	65310	Light duty cleaners

# Requirements Stream 1 - Highly Qualified Specialized Skills

Main occupation	TEER Category 0, 1 or 2
Work Experience	As an employee. In the main occupation for at least one year within the last 5 years. An internship (paid or unpaid) that was mandatory as part of your studies is recognized for up to 3 months, provided you held a co-op work permit
Education	<p><b>Quebec diploma:</b> Must be obtained before submitting the application. If it's a university-level diploma, must be at least 30 credits.</p> <p><b>Outside Quebec:</b> post-secondary diploma obtained before submitting the application, representing at least one year of full-time studies (no need to request a comparative evaluation from MIFI).</p>
Knowledge of French	<p><b>Principal applicant:</b> level 7 or higher in oral production and comprehension, and level 5 or higher in written production and comprehension</p> <p><b>Spouse:</b> level 4 or higher in oral production and comprehension</p> <p>See <a href="#">French languages tests and diplomas</a></p>

# Requirements Stream 2 - Intermediate and Manual Skills

Main occupation	TEER Category 3, 4 or 5
Work Experience	As an employee. In the main occupation for at least 2 years in the last 5 years, including at least 1 year in Quebec. Clarification for work experience outside Quebec: it can be in the same broad occupational category (1st digit of the NOC code).
Education	<p><b>Quebec diploma:</b> Must be obtained before submitting the application. If it's a high school diploma, must be of at least 600 hours; if it's a college-level diploma, must be of at least 900 hours</p> <p><b>Outside Quebec:</b> diploma equivalent to a high school diploma or equivalent to one year of professional or college studies (no need to request a comparative evaluation from the MIFI)</p>
Knowledge of French	<p><b>Principal applicant:</b> level 5 or higher in oral production and comprehension</p> <p><b>Spouse:</b> level 4 or higher in oral production and comprehension</p> <p>See <a href="#">French languages tests and diplomas</a></p>

# Calculation of hours worked

To calculate work experience, part time jobs (less than 30 hours per week) can be considered.

## Calculation to determine the full-time equivalent

Number of hours per week  $\div$  30 hours  $\times$  number of weeks = number of full-time equivalent weeks

### Examples

Part-time job for one year at 15 hours per week:

$15 \div 30 \times 52 \text{ weeks} = 26 \text{ full-time equivalent weeks}$

Part-time job for 3 weeks at 10 hours per week:

$10 \div 30 \times 3 \text{ weeks} = 1 \text{ full-time equivalent week}$

### Important to remember

Full time job of more than 30 hours per week do not count extra.

*Exemple : one week of full-time work, whether at 30 hours or 50 hours per week, counts as one week.*

# Requirements Stream 3 - Regulated Professions

Main occupation	Listed on the <u>Ministry's List of Regulated Professions (PDF)</u> No work experience required
Authorization to practice in Québec	Partial or complete authorization, see Table of <a href="#">accepted documents issued by a regulatory authority in Quebec</a>
Knowledge of French	<p><b>Principal applicant:</b> If your main occupation is TEER 0, 1 or 2: level 7 or higher in oral production and comprehension, and level 5 or higher in written production and comprehension</p> <p>If your main occupation is in TEER category 3, 4 or 5: level 5 or higher in oral production and comprehension</p> <p><b>Spouse:</b> level 4 or higher in oral production and comprehension</p> <p>See <a href="#">French languages tests and diplomas</a></p>

# Requirements Stream 4 - Exceptional Talent

Main occupation	Exceptional Expertise Likely to Contribute to Quebec's Prosperity
Exceptional Achievements	Hold one of the following types of research chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Canada Excellence Research Chair;</li><li>• Canada Research Chair;</li><li>• UNESCO Research Chair;</li><li>• Institutional Research Chair;</li><li>• Ministerial Research Chair.</li></ul>
4 targeted fields	Opinions of MIFI partners <a href="#">Strategic economic sectors</a> <a href="#">Research</a> <a href="#">Arts and culture</a> <a href="#">Sport</a>
Work Experience	At least 3 years in the last 5 years



# How to apply

## Two situations are possible

**First option** - If you have accepted an invitation in Stream 1, 2, 4 or Stream 3 if you already have proof of recognition of your qualifications from the regulatory authority, you have 60 days to submit your application (pay the fee and submit the required documents).

Option Two - Stream 3 if you don't already have proof of recognition of your qualifications from the regulatory authority: you have one year to submit your application (pay the fee and submit the required documents). This period allows the completion of the procedures with the regulatory authority in Quebec.

# How to apply

## Fees

Effective January 1, 2025. Fees may change without notice. They must be paid online by credit card on the Arrima platform when submitting your application.

**\$921** - Principal Applicant

**\$197** – Spouse/partner and each dependent child

## List of required documents

See: [MIFI-Submitting a CSQ application](#)

All documents must be scanned in color. They must be: legible, complete, accurate, in the required format, written in French or English (otherwise accompanied by a certified translation)

# French tests and diplomas

## French tests and diplomas accepted

- [Test de connaissance du français pour le Québec](#) (TCF-Québec) from France Éducation international
- [Test de connaissance du français pour le Canada](#) (TCF-Canada) from France Éducation international\*
- [Test de connaissance du français](#) (TCF) from France Éducation international
- [Diplôme approfondi de langue française](#) (DALF) from France Éducation international
- [Diplôme d'études en langue française](#) (DELF) from France Éducation international
- [Test d'évaluation du français adapté pour le Québec](#) (TEFAQ) of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Paris Île-de-France (CCIP-IDF)
- [Test d'évaluation du français pour le Canada](#) (TEF Canada) from CCIP-IDF\*
- [Test d'évaluation du français](#) (TEF) from CCIP-IDF.

To find out which level of the [Échelle québécoise des niveaux de compétence en français](#) your result corresponds to, refer to the [results correspondence tables](#).

# French tests and diplomas

## High school diplomas accepted

- General, vocational and technological baccalaureates awarded by the French Department of Education;
- Certificate of higher secondary education (CESS) issued by the Government of the French Community of Belgium;
- Maturité certificate awarded on completion of studies at a school located in a French-speaking canton of Switzerland.

## Documents from a professional order, accepted only in Stream 3 (Regulated professions)

- A regular permit to practice from a professional order in Québec that is valid or expired for two years or less; note that a regular temporary permit to practice is not accepted;
- An attestation proving that you have passed the French exam of the Office québécois de la langue française for professional orders within the last two years.

**The Ministère may call you for an interview to verify the level of French you declared in your application for permanent selection.**

# General Requirements

Age	At least 18 years of age
Eligible employment (salaried employee)	Intend to settle in Quebec to work in a salaried position for a <a href="#">company located in Quebec</a> , excluding self-employment, business ownership or employment in an ineligible sector.
Ineligible sectors of employment	<p>Payday loans, cheque cashing or pawn loans;</p> <p>Production, distribution or sale of pornographic or sexually explicit products or services related to the sex industry such as nude or erotic dancing, escort services or erotic massages.</p> <p>Note: A job is in an ineligible sector when the employer operates a business in that sector, whether or not that employment contributes to it.</p>

# General Requirements

Attestation of learning of democratic and Quebec values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online assessment</li></ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Objective Intégration Information Session (offered, among others, to Option-travail and the Centre R.I.R.E. 2000).</li></ul>
Financial autonomy	<p>You must commit to providing for your basic needs and those of your family members included in your application for a minimum period of three months from the date you obtain permanent resident status. See <a href="#">scales in effect from January 1 to December 31, 2025</a></p> <p>Note that you do not have to send financial proof, you have to fill out and sign the financial autonomy contract</p>
Compliance with conditions	<p>You must comply with any conditions of return to your country imposed by a scholarship to study in Québec, if applicable.</p>

# APPLYING FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN QUEBEC

# Application for permanent residence

- Once you have your CSQ, though the **Quebec-Selected Skilled Worker Program**.
- Online application. You can find information and application package on this [IRCC website](#).
- Within 4 to 8 months of submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation of receipt with your file number and instructions on how to contact IRCC office processing your application.
- Once your application is received by IRCC, notify them of any changes, such as: contact information, marital status (marriage, divorce, etc.), birth of a child outside Canada, etc.



# Application for permanent residence

- You and your family members (children, spouse), whether or not they are accompanying you, must undergo a medical examination. Detailed medical instructions will be sent to you by IRCC. You may not need to do this if you had a medical exam within the past five years, due to a temporary IRCC policy.
- You must provide a valid [police certificate](#) or criminal record check for each country, other than Canada, in which you or your family members have lived for 6 consecutive months or more since the age of 18.
- Biometrics are mandatory, even if you have already provided it. Instructions on these will be sent to you after you open your file.

# Application for permanent residence

**Processing fee**, to be paid as soon as you submit your request

- Principal applicant and spouse: \$950
- Each dependent child: \$260

**Biometrics Fee:** \$85 for applicants 14+

**Right of Permanent Residence Fee** if your application is accepted

- Principal applicant and spouse: \$575
- Children are exempt

[Processing times](#): Economic immigration –Skilled Worker (Quebec)

# PERMANENT RESIDENCE OUTSIDE QUEBEC

# Permanent Residency Outside Quebec

## Express Entry

Is an online system used by the federal government to manage immigration applications from skilled workers. **You must plan to reside outside the province of Quebec before you get the response from IRCC. If you receive an invitation, move immediately.**

Three immigration programs are managed under Express Entry:

**Canadian Experience Class:** for skilled workers with [Canadian work experience](#) who wish to become permanent residents.

**Federal Skilled Worker Program:** for skilled workers with [eligible work experience abroad or in Canada](#).

**Federal Skilled Trades Program:** for skilled workers in [trades](#) (construction, transportation, manufacturing and industrial production, natural resources and agriculture)

# Permanent Residency Outside Quebec

To create a profile in the system, you must first have the following:

- The results of a [recognized language test](#)
- If you have not yet your degree from Université Laval, [proof of recognition of your foreign degree](#)
- Evidence confirming that you have at least [one year of skilled employment within the last 10 years](#) (TEER 0,1,2 and 3) in your main occupation
- Have an [adequate amount of cash](#) to support yourself and all family members

# Permanent Residency Outside Quebec

## Check your rating

This tool will help you calculate your score: [Express Entry Calculator](#)

Review the scores from previous [invitation rounds](#): French Language Proficiency (Version 1), Education Professions (Version 1), Health and Social Service Professions (Version 2), etc

## Create your profile

Prepare your [documents](#)

Log in to your [IRCC secure account](#)

## For more information

[Virtual learning sessions](#)

# Permanent Residency Outside Quebec

## Express Entry for French-Speaking Skilled Workers

You can get up to 50 extra points for strong French language skills (even if French is your second language).

If you achieve NCLC level 7 or higher for all four French language skills, you can receive:

- 25 additional points if you scored CLB level 4 or lower in English (or if you did not take an English test);
- 50 additional points, if you scored CLB level 5 or higher for all four English language skills.

Visit the [IRCC website](#)

# GENERAL TIPS TO MAXIMIZE YOUR CHANCES OF OBTAINING PERMANENT RESIDENCE, WHETHER IN QUEBEC OR ELSEWHERE



- **French test:** A strong score on the TEF or TCF Canada is often a key asset (PSTQ or Express Entry).
- **English test:** Taking an English test can help you to accumulate more points. IELTS General is accepted for Express Entry and PSTQ
- **Gain work experience:** Ideally outside the Greater Montreal area. Receiving a [validated Job Offer](#) could be an advantage for the PSTQ
- **Get your non-Canadian educational credentials assessed ([ECA](#)) :** Required for Express Entry.
- **Stay informed:** Immigration rules change frequently.
- Visit the [Université Laval's Immigration Website](#)

## Université Laval IMMIGRATION website

You will find information on the steps to become a permanent resident:

[Settling permanently in Quebec](#)

[Settling permanently in Canada \(in a province other than Quebec\)](#)

To view the calendar of presentations offered by the Bureau de la vie étudiante: [BVE – Conferences.](#)

# END OF STUDIES: IMMIGRATION STEPS TO TAKE

# Maintain a valid temporary status

If you wish to stay in Canada after completing your study program, you have several options:

Apply for a **post-graduation work permit** before your study permit expires

Extend your student status if you start a new program of study

Change your student status to a visitor status



**It is essential to always have a valid temporary resident status when living in Canada (temporary worker, international student, tourist)**

Note that your study permit becomes invalid on its expiry date or 90 days after you complete your program, whichever comes first.

# Maintain a valid temporary status

**Do you want to work in Canada after completing your program of study?**

The [post-graduation work permit](#) allows you to maintain a valid temporary status.

The validity period varies: typically 3 years for bachelor's, master's and doctoral students and 1 year for certificate and DESS students.

If you apply when your study permit is still valid, you can start working immediately with no time limit.

Issued only once in a lifetime.

For more information, you can :

- Visit our website [Applying for post-graduation work permit](#)
- Attend the [After you graduate: knowing your authorization to work and applying for a post-graduation work permit](#) conference

Policies and programs are subject to change at any time.

Please refer to [www.canada.ca/immigration](http://www.canada.ca/immigration) for up-to-date information.

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# Any questions?

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