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Journey to Permanent Residence in Canada for International Students

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IMPORTANT: Policies & programs can change. Please consult www.canada.ca/immigration for up-to-date information.
Agenda

1. Important concepts
2. Working in Canada during studies & after graduation
3. Pathways to permanent residence
4. Questions & Answers
Important concepts
Coming to Canada

- **Temporary Resident Visa or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)**
  - Allows you to travel to Canada but does not give you legal status in Canada

- **At the Port of Entry, a Border Services Officer will decide on:**
  1. Your admission
  2. Your legal status – temporary resident (*visitor, student, worker*) or permanent resident
  3. The length of your stay in Canada as a temporary resident
# Immigration Document ≠ Legal Status

## Come to Canada
- Temporary Resident Visa (TRV)
- Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

## Stay in Canada Temporarily
- Visitor Record
- Study Permit
- Work Permit

## Legal Status in Canada
- Temporary Resident
- Permanent Resident
- Canadian Citizen
National Occupational Classification (NOC)

- **NOC 0**: management jobs
- **NOC A**: professional jobs
- **NOC B**: technical jobs and skilled trades
- **NOC C**: semi-skilled jobs
- **NOC D**: entry-level jobs

**IMPORTANT**: Work experience in skilled jobs (NOC 0, A, or B) is required before you can apply for PR through Express Entry.
Educational Credential Assessment (ECA)

Do I need to have my education assessed?

- My highest level of education was completed in Canada
  - No

- My highest level of education was completed outside Canada
  - Yes
  - Find a designated organization to get an ECA
Your journey so far...
Working in Canada during studies & after graduation
Working on-campus while studying

- You can work on-campus without a work permit only if:
  - You are a full-time student at an **eligible educational institution**
  - Your Study permit says you can work on- or off-campus
  - You have already started studying
  - You have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)

- You can work full time on campus without a work permit if you meet these conditions
Working off-campus while studying

• You can work off-campus without a work permit only if:
  • You are a full-time student at a designated learning institution (DLI)
  • Your study program is minimum 6 months and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
  • Your study permit says you can work off-campus
  • You have already started studying and you have a SIN

• During regular school terms/semesters you can work off-campus for up to 20 hours per week.

• If you are on a scheduled break (i.e. winter or summer break) you can work full-time IF you are a full time student before and after the scheduled break

• Exception: in your final semester you can study part-time if you do not need a full course load to graduate
Co-op or internship programs

- You can apply for a co-op work permit if:
  - You have a valid study permit
  - The co-op or internship placement is required to complete your study program
  - You have a letter from your school that confirms all students in your program need to complete work placements to graduate
  - The co-op or internship totals 50% or less of your study program
Extending your stay as a student and implied status

**Extend your Study Permit**
- Make sure your school is on the [Designated Learning Institutions List](#)
- Gather all required documents
- Apply online, ideally 3-4 months in advance

**Implied Status**
- If you apply for a new study permit before your old one expires, you can keep studying until a decision is made on your application
- You must remain in Canada
Options after completing your study program

WITHIN 90 DAYS of receiving your completion letter OR final transcript:

Leave Canada
- Must stop working immediately
- Must leave within 90 days
  (even if study permit still valid)

Stay in Canada
- Be accepted to a new study program
- Apply for a work permit
  (if you want to keep working)
- Change to visitor status

• You can travel outside Canada and return with a valid visa or eTA while application in process
• If you apply when your study permit is still valid, you can work full-time until a decision is made
• If you wait over 90 days after program completion to apply, you cannot work while your application is in process
• You must stop working if your application is refused
Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

What is it?

- An **open** work permit
- Helps you gain Canadian work experience
- Helps support your PR application (if your experience is a NOC 0, A or B)
- You can only be issued **one** PGWP (not renewable, not extendable)
Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

How long is it valid?

- Depends on length of study:
  - Less than 8 months = not eligible
  - 8 months - 2 years = same length as study program
  - 2 years and longer = 3 years

- A work permit cannot be issued for longer than the validity of your passport
Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

How do I qualify?

- Successfully complete an eligible program
- Study full-time at an eligible Designated Learning Institution
- Do not take unscheduled breaks or unauthorized leave
- Do not exceed the allowable hours of off-campus work
- Apply within 180 days of receiving letter of completion or final transcript from your school
When your PGWP Expires...

Temporary Residence
- Change status to visitor
- Apply for a new study permit
- Gain more experience on a work permit
  - Temporary Foreign Worker Program
  - International Mobility Program

Permanent Residence
- Federal programs via Express Entry
- Other federal immigration programs
- Provincial & territorial nominee programs
Your journey continues...

- Study in eligible program
- Complete your studies
- Apply for PGWP
- 1 year of work experience (NOC 0, A, or B)
- Apply for study permit
Pathway to PR through Express Entry
• Online system that manages expressions of interest in becoming a permanent resident of Canada
• Must meet minimum requirements to create a profile
• Your profile will be given a score and ranked against other candidates
• Creating a profile is free
Pathway to permanent residence through Express Entry

Express Entry is your first step to immigrate permanently as a skilled worker under:

- Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSW)
- Federal Skilled Trades Program (FST)
- Canadian Experience Class (CEC)
- A portion of the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP)

- Only skilled work experience (NOC 0, A, B) qualifies for Express Entry
- Pass an approved language test — results must be less than two years old when you
  - complete your Express Entry profile, and
  - apply for permanent residence
Minimum eligibility criteria for Express Entry

**Federal Skilled Worker Program**
- At least 1 year continuous skilled work experience (in Canada or elsewhere)
- Official Language Proficiency (CLB 7)
- Secondary education or above (supported by ECA)
- At least 67 points in the Federal Skilled Worker points grid

**Federal Skilled Trades Program**
- At least 2 years work experience in a skilled trade
- Official Language Proficiency (CLB 4-5)
- Meet the job requirements of that trade described in the NOC
- Full-time employment offer or trade certification from a Canadian province or territory

**Canadian Experience Class**
- At least 12 months skilled work experience (in Canada)
- Official Language Proficiency (CLB 7 for NOC 0, A; CLB 5 for NOC B)
- Secondary education or above (supported by an ECA)
Minimum work experience requirement

**Federal Skilled Worker Program**
- 1 year of continuous work in one skilled occupation
- Experience while studying can count
- Experience through self-employment can count

**Federal Skilled Trades Program**
- 2 years of work in an eligible skilled trade
- Experience while studying can count
- Experience through self-employment can count

**Canadian Experience Class**
- 1 year of work in Canada in any skilled occupation
- Unauthorized work does not count
- Experience during full-time study does not count
- Experience through self-employment does not count

**Full-time**: 30 hours/week for 12 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours), or
**Part-time**: 15 hours/week for 24 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)
**More than 1 job**: 30 hours/week for 12 months at more than 1 job = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)
Teaching, Research, and Lab Assistant (NOC 4012)

Canadian Experience Class:
You cannot count work experience you gained while enrolled as a full-time student. Your work experience must have been gained while on a valid work permit, such as the Post-Graduation Work Permit.

Federal Skilled Worker Program:
Your work experience must have been full-time (or the equivalent in part-time hours), worked continuously and paid, for at least one year in the same occupation.
Express Entry is a step-by-step process

Step 1: Create your Express Entry Profile

Step 2: Receive an Invitation to Apply

Express Entry Pool

Apply for Permanent Residence Online
Express Entry profile

**IMPORTANT**

- Profile is valid for one year
- Keep it up-to-date
- There are no guarantees
- Be truthful
Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS)

Comprehensive Ranking System Calculator Tool

- Core set of points /600
- Additional points /600
- Total score /1200

Invitation to Apply (ITA):

- Issued to the highest scoring candidates in the Express Entry pool in each invitation round
- Minimum CRS score for ITA on Sept. 30, 2020: 471
### CRS: Maximum points for each factor

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#### Spouse Factors 40

| Education | 10 |
| 1\(^{st}\) Official Language | 20 |
| Canadian work experience | 10 |

#### Skill Transferability 100 points max

| Education (with OL or CDN exp) | 50 |
| Foreign work experience (with OL or CDN exp) | 50 |
| Qualification cert (with OL) | 50 |

#### Additional Points 600 points max

| Provincial Nomination | 600 |
| Valid job offer | 200 (max) |
| Canadian Education | 30 (max) |
| French proficiency | 50 (max) |
| Siblings in Canada | 15 (max) |

**Total: 1200 points max**
CRS additional points: Valid job offer

🌟 Valid job offer (NOC 00 executive): **200 points**

🌟 Valid job offer (NOC 0, A or B): **50 points**

- Job offer must be:
  - minimum **1 year** once you receive PR;
  - non-seasonal;
  - NOC 0, A, or B; and
  - supported by a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) unless one is not needed

⚠️ You can still get points for Canadian work experience without a valid job offer
Register with Job Bank

• If you do not already have a valid job offer or provincial/territorial nomination, you are encouraged to register with **Job Match** after creating an Express Entry profile

• Connect with job opportunities in Canada based on your skills, knowledge, and experience:  **www.jobbank.gc.ca**
CRS additional points: Provincial/Territorial Nomination

🌟 Provincial/Territorial Nomination (PNP): 600 points

- Candidates nominated under the Express Entry stream of a provincial or territorial nominee program

- **Criteria and streams** differ across the country

⚠️ To go through an Express Entry stream of a PNP you must first meet minimum criteria for 1 of the 3 Federal programs (FSW, FST, CEC)
CRS additional points: Education completed in Canada

⭐ Diploma or certificate (1 or 2 years): **15 points**

⭐ Degree, diploma or certificate (3 years or longer), Master’s, entry-to-practice professional degree, or doctoral degree (minimum one academic year): **30 points**

⚠ You must have completed the studies at a Designated Learning Institution (DLI)

⚠ Each educational program needs to be entered separately into the Express Entry profile
CRS additional points: Canada’s official languages

★ French test results at NCL 7 in all four abilities: **25 additional points**

★ French test results of NCL 7 in all four abilities
  + English test results at CLB 5 or higher:
  **50 additional points**

*Parlez-vous français?*
Visit [canada.ca/francoimmigration](http://canada.ca/francoimmigration) to learn about Francophone life across Canada
CRS Additional Points: Sibling in Canada

A sibling who is a Canadian permanent resident or citizen, is residing in Canada, and is at least 18 years old: **15 points**

- **Sibling** = the biological or adoptive children of candidate or accompanying spouse’s
  - father or mother
  - father or mother’s spouse
  - father or mother’s common-law partner
Apply for permanent residence online after receiving an ITA

A Complete Application Requires:
- Electronic application for permanent residence (e-APR)
- Cost recovery fees
- Supporting documentation

Personalized Document Checklist
- Medical examination confirmation
- Police certificates
- Biometrics
- Copy of the biographical data page of a passport or travel document
- Proof of work experience
- Other documents as required

For Complete Applications:
We verify all eligibility and admissibility criteria
We process them in six months or less, 80% of the time
How much money do I need?

To pay for your application:

- **Application Fee***
  - $825 Principal applicant
  - $825 Spouse/partner
  - $225 Dependent child

- **Right of Permanent Residence Fee**
  - $500 Principal applicant
  - $500 Spouse/partner

Minimum amount for proof of funds:

- **Proof of Funds (FSW & FST Only)***
  - $12,960 Family of 1
  - $16,135 Family of 2
  - $19,836 Family of 3
  - $24,083 Family of 4

*Fee is for processing and is non-refundable

*Exemption if you have a valid job offer
Your Journey through Express Entry is Complete!
If you are not eligible for Express Entry ... 

Other Pathways

Gain more Experience on a Work Permit
- Temporary Foreign Worker Program
- International Mobility Program

Other Federal Immigration Programs
- Start-Up Visa
- Atlantic Immigration Pilot
- Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot
- Visit the IRCC website for info on more immigration programs

Provincial and Territorial Nominee Programs
May include options for candidates who do not meet Express Entry requirements
To learn more, visit the immigration websites of provinces and territories.
For more information

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