



CANADA

Express Entry Skilled Migration

Pursue Canadian permanent residence through Express Entry and provincial skilled nomination pathways nationwide.

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About Canada Skilled Migration

Canada’s Express Entry system manages permanent residence applications for skilled workers under the Federal Skilled Worker Program, Canadian Experience Class and Federal Skilled Trades Program.

Eligible candidates create an online profile, receive a Comprehensive Ranking System score and enter a pool. IRCC invites top-ranking candidates through general, program-specific or category-based rounds for Canadian permanent residence selection.

Eligibility

- Eligibility for one Express Entry program
- Approved English or French test results
- Qualifying skilled work experience under program rules
- Required education or credential assessment completed
- Sufficient settlement funds available where applicable
- All medical, criminal, security and admissibility requirements satisfied

Program Overview



Program Type

Express Entry Permanent Residence



Minimum investment

Not Applicable



Processing Time

Most Complete Applications: Six Months



Physical Presence Required

Varies by Program and Stage

Invitation depends on program eligibility, CRS ranking, round type, annual targets and complete evidence supporting every profile claim.

Key Benefits

- Permanent residence through skilled programs
- Provincial nomination provides 600 additional CRS points
- Category-based rounds respond to current economic priorities
- Eligible family members can be included
- FSW and CEC require no job offer
- Most complete applications processed within six months



Express Entry and Provincial Pathways

Express Entry manages three federal economic programs, while provinces and territories nominate candidates through aligned streams. Eligibility, ranking factors and invitation requirements differ across programs and current rounds.

- **Federal Skilled Worker:** Requires qualifying TEER 0–3 experience, approved language results, education evidence and at least 67 selection-factor points.
- **Canadian Experience Class:** Requires one year of authorized, paid Canadian TEER 0–3 work within three years. No education minimum applies.
- **Federal Skilled Trades:** Requires two years' trade experience within five years, plus a one-year job offer or Canadian qualification certificate.
- **CRS ranking:** Profiles receive points for human capital, spouse, transferability and additional factors. Job offers receive no CRS points.
- **Provincial nomination:** An accepted nomination provides 600 additional CRS points and requires settlement in the nominating province or territory.
- **Category-based selection:** IRCC may target French proficiency, occupations, education or Canadian work experience within categories established for current economic priorities.

Process

- 1 Profile Assessment**
Identify the program, NOC, language level, education, work history and CRS score.
- 2 Language Testing**
Take an approved English or French test and confirm result validity.
- 3 Education Assessment**
Obtain the required Educational Credential Assessment for qualifying foreign education credentials beforehand.
- 4 Express Entry Profile**
Create an accurate profile and enter the pool after meeting eligibility.
- 5 Provincial Nomination**
Consider provincial streams and accept a nomination within the account deadline.
- 6 Invitation and Application**
After invitation, submit the complete permanent residence application within sixty days.
- 7 Medical and Decision**
Provide biometrics, medical examinations, police certificates and requested evidence; await IRCC's final decision.

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