

BC PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM:

Immigration Pathways for International Students

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Agenda

1. Immigration & BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) Overview
2. Skills Immigration & Express Entry Streams
3. BC PNP Tech Pilot
4. COVID-19
5. Q&A

Immigration to B.C.

Application to BC PNP

Application for Permanent
Residence (IRCC)

Skills Immigration stream

Express Entry BC (EEBC) stream

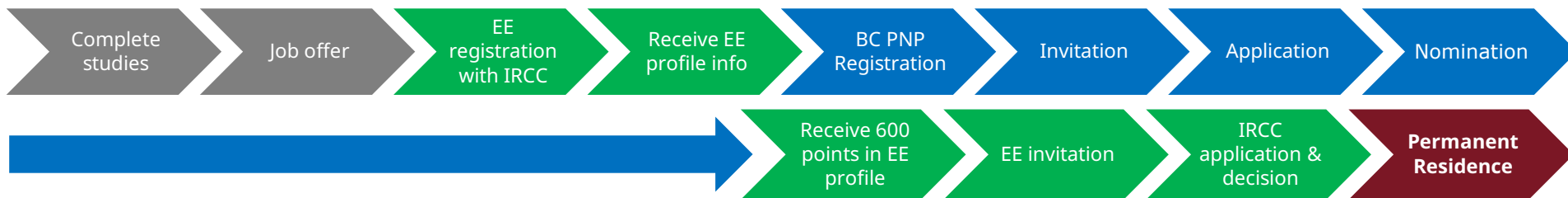
Entrepreneur Immigration stream

Skills Immigration Stream Process

Skills Immigration Process



Express Entry BC Process



BC PNP Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC

Skills Immigration

Express Entry BC

Requires federal Express Entry profile

Registration
required

No registration
required

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No registration
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- Skilled Worker
- **International Graduate**
- Entry Level & Semi-Skilled

- Healthcare Professional
- **International Post-Graduate**

- EEBC – Skilled Worker
- **EEBC – International Graduate**

- EEBC – Healthcare Professional
- **EEBC – International Post-Graduate**

SI vs EEBC – What are the differences?

Skills Immigration

- You do not need to qualify for Express Entry to apply
- You may be able to apply immediately after graduation
- Canadian work experience not necessarily required
- All skill level occupations - NOC 0, A, B, C & D

Express Entry BC

- Nominees receive 600 points in the federal Express Entry pool
- **BUT**
- You must first qualify for one of the 3 federal immigration programs: FSW, CEC, FST
 - work experience, language, settlement funds
- Skilled occupations: NOC 0/A/B

General Program Requirements

- Full-time, indeterminate job offer
 - (exceptions: one-year job offer for Tech Pilot occupations; No job offer required for eligible International Post-Graduates)
- Occupation, qualifications & wage
- Language proficiency
- Minimum income
- Legally able to work in Canada
- Intent to reside in B.C.

*Additional requirements for EEBC stream

Employer Requirements

Employer Requirements

- Minimum 1 year in business (2 years if Entry Level / Semi-Skilled)
- Has 5 employees (3 if outside Greater Vancouver)
- History of good workplace and business practices
- Offered permanent full-time job with market wage (1yr for tech)
- Satisfied recruitment requirements

Employer Responsibilities

- Accuracy of employer info sections of the online application
- Notify of changes in the employment status or if the business has closed or changed ownership.

Minimum Income Requirements: Ability to Economically Establish

Family Size	Minimum Income Requirements by Area of Residence	
	Greater Vancouver Regional District	Rest of B.C.
1	\$22,804	\$19,006
2	\$28,390	\$23,659
3	\$34,902	\$29,087
4	\$42,376	\$35,316
5	\$48,062	\$40,054
6	\$54,205	\$45,175
7 or more	\$60,350	\$50,296

The income thresholds in this table represent 90% of an amount calculated from the appropriate 2017 Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) figures set by Statistics Canada.

Note: Categories under the Express Entry British Columbia stream may also need to meet minimum settlement fund requirements under CIC's Express Entry system.

International Graduate Category

Employer Requirements

- Same requirements for SI and EEBC
- Good financial standing; Good business practices
- Established & operating in BC for at least 1 year
- Have at least 5 full-time staff if in GVRD, 3 if outside GVRD
- Offer Market rate wages

International Graduate SI - IG

- Full-time, indefinite job offer in NOC 0, A, or B occupation
- Degree/Diploma/ Certificate in an eligible program and institution in Canada
- Completed within past 3 years
- Min of 8 months full-time study (2 semesters)
- intent to reside in B.C.
- Able to economically establish
- NOC B applications require language test scores (CLB 4)

International Graduate EEBC - IG

Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool

- Full-time, indefinite job offer in NOC 0, A or B occupation
- Degree/Diploma/ Certificate in an eligible program and institution in Canada
- Completed within past 3 years
- Min of 8 months full-time study (2 semesters)
- intent to reside in B.C.
- Able to economically establish
- NOC B applications require language test scores (CLB 4)

Health Care Professionals contact Health Match BC

www.healthmatchbc.org

BC Tech Pilot

Supporting B.C.'s technology sector

Service & Timeliness

- Dedicated concierge service
- Dedicated email for employers
- 29 priority tech occupations
- 2-day response time / just-in-time access

Prioritization

- Assigned next business day
- Fast-tracked
- BC PNP tech team

Engagement

- Increased and focused outreach to tech sector

Job Offer: Indeterminate **OR** one year duration with **120 days remaining at the time of application;** must be in one of the 29 eligible tech occupations

29 Eligible Occupations

NOC	Job Title	NOC	Job Title
0131	Telecommunication carriers managers	2242	Electronic service technicians (household and business equipment)
0213	Computer and information systems managers	2243	Industrial instrument technicians and mechanics
0512	Managers - publishing, motion pictures, broadcasting and performing arts	2281	Computer network technicians
2131	Civil engineers	2282	User support technicians
2132	Mechanical engineers	2283	Information systems testing technicians
2133	Electrical and electronics engineers	5121	Authors and writers
2134	Chemical engineers	5122	Editors
2147	Computer engineers (except software engineers and designers)	5125	Translators, terminologists and interpreters
2171	Information systems analysts and consultants	5224	Broadcast technicians
2172	Database analysts and data administrators	5225	Audio and video recording technicians
2173	Software engineers and designers	5226	Other technical and co-ordinating occupations in motion pictures, broadcasting and the performing arts
2174	Computer programmers and interactive media developers	5227	Support occupations in motion pictures, broadcasting, photography and the performing arts
2175	Web designers and developers	5241	Graphic designers and illustrators
2221	Biological technologists and technicians	6221	Technical sales specialists - wholesale trade
2241	Electrical and electronics engineering technologists and technicians		

International Post-Graduate Category

Employer

- Offer of employment NOT required

International Post-Graduate SI - IPG

- Completed requirements for a Master's or PhD at an eligible B.C. institution
- Eligible studies limited to specific fields, e.g. natural, applied, or health sciences
- Completed within past 3 years
- Ability and intent to reside in B.C.
- Able to economically establish

International Post-Graduate EEBC - IPG

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- Completed within past 3 years
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Eligibility for IPG & EEBC IPG programs

Your graduate degree (masters or doctorate) must be in one of the following programs of study in the natural, applied, or health sciences as defined by Statistics Canada's Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2016:

Agriculture, agriculture operations and related sciences

Biological and biomedical sciences

Computer and information sciences and support services

Engineering

Engineering technology and engineering-related fields

Health professions and related programs

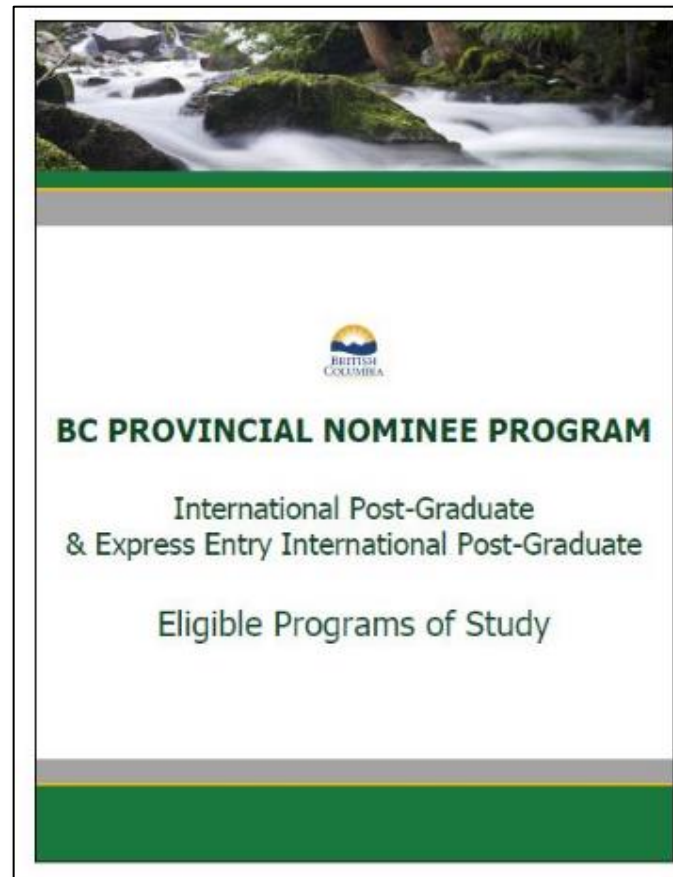
Mathematics and statistics

Natural resources conservation

Physical sciences

Eligibility for IPG, EEBC & IPG Programs

For a full list of programs by institution, please download our IPG & EEBC IPG Eligible Programs of Study from the documents page of the website.



Entry Level and Semi-Skilled (ELSS) Category

Employer

- Good financial standing
- **Well-established for 2 years**
- Sufficient staff
- Full-time, indeterminate job offer
- Market rate wages
- **Eligible NOC C & D occupation in Hospitality, Tourism, Food Processing, Long Haul Truck Driving only**

Applicant

- 9 months consecutive full-time work with employer in offered position prior to submission of registration
- Continuous employment during process
- Minimum language requirements (CLB 4)
- Maintain immigration status
- Able to economically establish

Skilled Worker (SW) Category

Employer

- Good financial standing
- Established for 1 year
- Sufficient staff
- Market rate wages

Skilled Worker SI - SW

- Have full-time, indefinite job offer in a NOC 0, A or B occupation
- Minimum 2 years directly-related experience
- Requisite education for job
- BC certification (if required)
- Legally able to work in B.C.
- Able to economically establish
- NOC B applications language test scores

Skilled Worker EEBC - SW

Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool

- Have full-time, indefinite job offer in NOC 0, A or B occupation
- Min. 2 years related experience
- Requisite education for job
- B.C. certification (if required)
- Legally able to work in B.C.
- Able to economically establish

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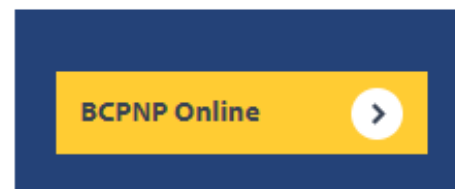
Are you ready to register or apply?

Step 1:



Is Immigration – International Graduate Category
Minimum application fee payable
Copy of Canadian immigration records
Valid N.C. license (if required by the requirement above)
Copy of biographical page of passport
Current photograph
Copy of LMO (if any) (if applicable)
Copy of valid language test results**
Copy of education and/or training certificates (if applicable)
Official Canadian education transcripts
Copy of educational credential assessment (ECA) (if applicable)
Current resume/CV
Spouse or common-law partner's tax employment record (if applicable)
BCPNP user ID and password (if applicable) (if applicable)

Step 2:



Home Register Sign In

WELCOME TO BC PNP ONLINE

Don't have a profile yet? Register

USER ID

Enter your User ID

Forgot User ID?

PASSWORD

Enter your password

Forgot password?

Your password must contain a minimum of 8 characters. It should include upper and lower case (A to Z; a to z) characters, numerals (0 to 9), and non-alphanumeric keyboard symbols (e.g., ! \$ # %). The password must not contain User ID, First Name or Last Name.

Sign In

Registration Scoring

Economic Factors	120	Human Capital Factors	80
NOC	60	Language	30
Wage	50	Work experience	25
Location	10	Education	25
Additional Points		Additional Points	
NOC 00	15	1 year of directly-related work experience in Canada	10
Top 100 Occupation	10	Post-secondary education in Canada	8
Currently working in offered position	10	ECA or trades certification	4

Using a Representative

You do not need a representative to apply to the BC PNP.

PAID reps must be a member of either:

- The Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council
(<http://www.iccrc-crcic.ca/home.cfm>); or
- A Canadian Law Society

UNPAID reps can be a family member, friend, NGO/charity and cannot charge fees or receive any other compensation

Distance Education

- Distance education is defined as a program of study in which the majority (more than 50%) of the credits earned were online.
- The BC PNP has temporarily amended the online learning requirement for the international student categories. This will allow learning to be online, with 50% or more of studies from within Canada.
- We will continue to review this and other policies to determine if changes are appropriate.

For COVID-19 related BC PNP immigration updates and instructions, please visit www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP

Distance Education

- If you are an international student and you completed a program of study before March 1, 2020, you must have completed 50% or more of your studies in-class
- If you completed an eligible program of study on or after March 1, 2020, you may be eligible to apply under this temporary change if:
 - you completed at least 50% of your studies from within Canada; and
 - you meet all other program criteria
- The in-Canada requirement may be considered met as long as:
 - you completed 50% or more of your course credits in Canada, or
 - you were physically present in Canada on a valid study permit for 50% or more of the total length of the program

COVID-19 and BC PNP

COVID-19 related measures:

- International Graduates are eligible for the category for up to 3 years from graduation using the date of initial registration
- Documents – flexibility with deadlines to submit
- Remote work - in BC, outside BC
- Nominees must contact us if material changes to employment

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COVID-19 and BC PNP

Accessing the BC PNP in times of COVID:

- Our office is closed for in-person service
- Applicants are able to register/apply online to the BC PNP
- We continue to issue invitations to apply (with some adjustments)
- BC PNP staff are working remotely, processing applications and responding to inquiries via email / phone
- Nominees can contact our office for help, including with expiring work permits, changing employers and applying for permanent residence

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Scenarios

Student A

- I finished my Associate of Arts degree in Mathematics from Douglas College last year.
- I'm working as a Database Administrator (NOC: 2172).
- I have 2 years of related work experience from my home country.
- I am in the Express Entry pool.



Skills Immigration



Job offer required

Skilled Worker

Health Care Professional

International Graduate

Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

Job offer not required

International Post-Graduate

Express Entry BC



Job offer required

EEBC Skilled Worker

EEBC Health Care Professional

EEBC International Graduate

Job offer not required

EEBC International Post-Graduate

NOC 2172-Database Administrator is an eligible occupation for the BC PNP Tech Pilot

Student B

- I just finished a Post-Baccalaureate program in Computer and Information Systems from Douglas College last year.
- I just started working full-time as an Information Systems Analyst (NOC 2171).
- I plan to live and work in B.C.
- I am in the Express Entry pool.



Skills Immigration



Job offer required

Skilled Worker

Health Care Professional

International Graduate

Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

Job offer not required

International Post-Graduate

Express Entry BC



Job offer required

EEBC Skilled Worker

EEBC Health Care Professional

EEBC International Graduate

Job offer not required

EEBC International Post-Graduate

NOC 2171-Information systems analysts and consultants is an eligible occupation for the BC PNP Tech Pilot

Student C

- I finished my diploma program in Computer Science from Douglas College 5 years ago.
- I've been working full-time as an IT Consultant (NOC 2171) since 2015.
- I'm not in the Express Entry pool.



Skills Immigration



Job offer required

Skilled Worker

Health Care Professional

International Graduate

Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

Job offer not required

International Post-Graduate

Express Entry BC



Job offer required

EEBC Skilled Worker

EEBC Health Care Professional

EEBC International Graduate

Job offer not required

EEBC International Post-Graduate

NOC 2171- IT Consultants is an eligible occupation for the BC PNP Tech Pilot

Student D

- I finished my Bachelor of Arts in Criminology last year from Douglas College.
- I'm currently working part-time as a café supervisor (NOC 6311).
- I plan to live and work in B.C.
- I'm not in the federal Express Entry pool.



Skills Immigration



Job offer required

Skilled Worker

Health Care
Professional

International
Graduate

Entry Level and
Semi-Skilled

Job offer not
required

International
Post-Graduate

Express Entry BC



Job offer
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EEBC
International
Graduate

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