

Express Entry

If you are a skilled worker who wants to economically settle in Canada permanently, Canada chooses skilled workers based on their skills and ability to contribute to Canada's economy.

Express Entry is an intake process that manages applications for three economic immigration programs:

1. Federal Skilled Worker Program

You must meet all the minimum requirements to be eligible.

- Skilled work experience - worked in 1 of these National Occupational Classification (NOC) job groups:
 - Managerial jobs (skill type 0)
 - Professional jobs (skill level A)
 - Technical jobs and skilled trades (skill level B)

Your skilled work experience must be:

- in the same type of job (have the same NOC) as the job you want to use for your immigration application (primary occupation)
- within the last 10 years
- paid work (This means you must have been paid wages or earned commission. Volunteer work or unpaid internships don't count.)
- at least **1 year of continuous work** or 1,560 hours total (30 hours per week). You can meet this in a few different ways:
 - **full-time at 1 job:** 30 hours/week for 12 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)
 - **equal amount in part-time:** 15 hours/week for 24 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)
 - **full-time at more than 1 job:** 30 hours/week for 12 months at more than 1 job = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)

For part-time work, you can work more or less than 15 hours/week as long as it adds up to 1,560 hours.

Hours worked above 30 hours/week does not count.

- Language ability

You must:

- take approved language tests in English or French

- get a minimum score of Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) 7 in all 4 abilities

Your language tests are valid for 2 years after the date of the test result. They must be valid on the day you apply for permanent residence.

- Education
 - Must have a secondary or post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree from a Canadian school
 - Or must have foreign education with completed credential, and an Educational Credential Assessment report from an approved agency showing that your education is equal to a completed certificate, diploma or degree from a Canadian secondary (high school) or post-secondary school

Selection factors

If you meet **all** the minimum requirements, then you will be assessed based on:

- age
- education
- work experience
- whether you have a valid job offer
- English and/or French language skills
- adaptability (how well you're likely to settle here)

These factors awards a total of 100 points. The current pass mark is **67 points**.

Proof of funds

You must show that you have enough money for you and your family to settle in Canada, unless you:

- are currently able to legally work in Canada
- have a valid job offer from an employer in Canada

2. Federal Skilled Trades Program

Minimum requirements

- meet the required language levels for each language ability. Canadian Language Benchmark 5. Your language tests are valid for 2 years after the date of the test result. They must be valid on the day you apply for permanent residence.
- have at least **2 years** of full-time work experience (or an equal amount of part-time work experience) in a skilled trade **within the 5 years** before you apply under these groups of the National Occupational Classification (NOC):
 - Major Group 72, industrial, electrical and construction trades
 - Major Group 73, maintenance and equipment operation trades
 - Major Group 82, supervisors and technical jobs in natural resources, agriculture and related production
 - Major Group 92, processing, manufacturing and utilities supervisors and central control operators
 - Group 632, chefs and cooks
 - Minor Group 633, butchers and bakers
- meet the job requirements for that skilled trade as set out in the National Occupational Classification, except for needing a certificate of qualification
- have a
 - valid job offer of full-time employment for a total period of at least **1 year** **or**
 - certificate of qualification in that skilled trade issued by a Canadian provincial, territorial or federal authority

Education

There is no education requirement for the Federal Skilled Trades Program.

Proof of funds

You must show that you have enough money for you and your family to settle in Canada, unless you

- are currently able to legally work in Canada and
- have a valid job offer from an employer in Canada

3. Canadian Experience Class

Minimum requirements

- meet the required language levels needed for your job for each language ability. Canadian Language Benchmark 7 for NOC 0 or A jobs **or** Canadian Language Benchmark 5 for NOC B jobs. Your language tests are valid for 2 years after the date of the test result and must be valid on the day you apply for permanent residence.
- have at least [1 year of skilled work experience in Canada](#), in the last 3 years before you apply. The work experience must be:
 - full-time **or**
 - an equal amount in part-time
- have gained your work experience by working in Canada legally
 - managerial jobs (skill level 0)
 - professional jobs (skill type A)
 - technical jobs and skilled trades (skill type B)

Your work experience can be in 1 or more NOC 0, A or B jobs.

Self-employment and student work experience gained while you were a full-time student (such as a co-op work term) doesn't count under this program.

Education

There is no education requirement for the Canadian Experience Class.

Once you are in the Express Entry pool, a different system – Comprehensive Ranking System – is used to rank your profile in a pool of global applicants. The highest-ranking candidate from the pool is selected and invited to apply for permanent residence.

Provinces and territories can also recruit candidates from the Express Entry pool through the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) to meet local labour market needs.

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