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Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) criteria

The Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) is a points-based system that we use to assess and score your profile and rank it in the Express Entry pool.

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We no longer give points for job offers

As of March 25, 2025, we're removing job offer points from the Comprehensive Ranking System for current and future candidates in the Express Entry pool. This includes job offers:

- classified under Major Group 00 of the National Occupation Classification (for example, senior management positions) **(200 points)**
- in any other skilled occupation **(50 points)**

It may take a few days for your score to show correctly.

▼ What isn't changing

If having a valid job offer is part of your eligibility criteria, this won't change. This includes:

- the Federal Skilled Trades Program
- the Federal Skilled Worker Program
- some streams under provincial nominee programs

You should still include the details of any job offers in your Express Entry profile so you stay eligible for these programs.

A. Core/human capital factors

You will earn points as if you **don't** have a spouse or partner if:

- they are not coming with you to Canada, or

- they are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident

Factors	Points with a spouse or common-law partner	Points without a spouse or common-law partner
Age	100	110
Level of education	140	150
Official languages proficiency	150	160
Canadian work experience ⓘ	70	80

▼ **Points breakdown of Core/human capital factors**

- With a spouse or common-law partner: Maximum 460 points total
- Without a spouse or common-law partner: Maximum 500 points total

Age	With a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 100 points)	Without a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 110 points)
17 years of age or less	0	0
18 years of age	90	99
19 years of age	95	105
20 to 29 years of age	100	110
30 years of age	95	105
31 years of age	90	99
32 years of age	85	94
33 years of age	80	88

Age	With a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 100 points)	Without a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 110 points)
34 years of age	75	83
35 years of age	70	77
36 years of age	65	72
37 years of age	60	66
38 years of age	55	61
39 years of age	50	55
40 years of age	45	50
41 years of age	35	39

Age	With a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 100 points)	Without a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 110 points)
42 years of age	25	28
43 years of age	15	17
44 years of age	5	6
45 years of age or more	0	0

Level of Education	With a spouse or common- law partner (Maximum 140 points)	Without a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 150 points)
Less than secondary school (high school)	0	0

Secondary diploma (high school graduation)	28	30
One-year degree, diploma or certificate from a university, college, trade or technical school, or other institute	84	90
Two-year program at a university, college, trade or technical school, or other institute	91	98
Bachelor's degree OR a three or more year program at a university, college, trade or technical school, or other institute	112	120
Two or more certificates, diplomas, or degrees. One must be for a program of three or more years	119	128

Master's degree, OR professional degree needed to practice in a licensed profession (For “professional degree,” the degree program must have been in: medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, optometry, law, chiropractic medicine, or pharmacy.)	126	135
Doctoral level university degree (Ph.D.)	140	150

Official languages proficiency - first official language

Maximum points for each ability (reading, writing, speaking and listening):

- 32 with a spouse or common-law partner
- 34 without a spouse or common-law partner

Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) level per ability	With a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 128 points)	Without a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 136 points)
Less than CLB 4	0	0

Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) level per ability	With a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 128 points)	Without a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 136 points)
CLB 4 or 5	6	6
CLB 6	8	9
CLB 7	16	17
CLB 8	22	23
CLB 9	29	31
CLB 10 or more	32	34

Official languages proficiency - second official language

Maximum points for each ability (reading, writing, speaking and listening):

- 6 with a spouse or common-law partner (up to a combined maximum of 22 points)
- 6 without a spouse or common-law partner (up to a combined maximum of 24 points)

Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) level per ability	With a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 22 points)	Without a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 24 points)
CLB 4 or less	0	0
CLB 5 or 6	1	1
CLB 7 or 8	3	3
CLB 9 or more	6	6

Canadian work experience	With a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 70 points)	Without a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 80 points)
None or less than a year	0	0
1 year	35	40
2 years	46	53
3 years	56	64
4 years	63	72

Canadian work experience	With a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 70 points)	Without a spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 80 points)
5 years or more	70	80

B. Spouse or common-law partner factors (if applicable)

Factors	Points (Maximum 40 points)
Level of education	10
Official language proficiency	20
Canadian work experience ⓘ	10

▼ Points breakdown of Spouse or common-law partner factors (if applicable)

Spouse's or common-law partner's level of education	With spouse or common-law partner (Maximum 10 points)	Without spouse or common-law partner (Does not apply)
Less than secondary school (high school)	0	n/a
Secondary school (high school graduation)	2	n/a
One-year program at a university, college, trade or technical school, or other institute	6	n/a
Two-year program at a university, college, trade or technical in school, or other institute	7	n/a
Bachelor's degree OR a three or more year program at a university, college, trade or technical school, or other institute	8	n/a

Two or more certificates, diplomas, or degrees. One must be for a program of three or more years	9	n/a
Master's degree, or professional degree needed to practice in a licensed profession (For "professional degree", the degree program must have been in: medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, optometry, law, chiropractic medicine, or pharmacy.)	10	n/a
Doctoral level university degree (PhD)	10	n/a

Note: (n/a) means that this factor does not apply in this case.

Spouse's or common-law partner's official languages proficiency - first official language

Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) level per ability (reading, writing, speaking and listening)	Maximum 20 points for section Maximum 5 points per ability	Without spouse or common-law partner (Does not apply)
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CLB 4 or less	0	n/a
CLB 5 or 6	1	n/a
CLB 7 or 8	3	n/a
CLB 9 or more	5	n/a

Note: (n/a) means that this factor does not apply in this case.

Spouse's Canadian work experience	Maximum 10 points	Without spouse or common-law partner (Does not apply)
None or less than a year	0	n/a
1 year	5	n/a
2 years	7	n/a
3 years	8	n/a
4 years	9	n/a
5 years or more	10	n/a

Note: (n/a) means that this factor does not apply in this case.

C. Skill Transferability factors

Education	Points (Maximum 50 points)
With good/strong official languages proficiency and a post-secondary degree	50
With Canadian work experience and a post-secondary degree	50
Foreign work experience	Points (Maximum 50 points)
With good/strong official languages proficiency (Canadian Language Benchmark [CLB] level 7 or higher) and foreign work experience	50
With Canadian work experience and foreign work experience	50

Certificate of qualification (for people in trade occupations)	Points (Maximum 50 points)
With good/strong official languages proficiency and a certificate of qualification	50

► **Points breakdown of Skill transferability factors**

D. Additional points

Factor	Maximum points per factor
Brother or sister living in Canada (18 years or older, citizen or permanent resident)	15
French language skills	50
Post-secondary education in Canada	30
Provincial or territorial nomination	600

▼ **Breakdown of additional points**

Additional points	Maximum 600 points
Brother or sister living in Canada who is a citizen or permanent resident of Canada	15
Scored NCLC 7 or higher on all four French language skills and scored CLB 4 or lower in English (or didn't take an English test)	25
Scored NCLC 7 or higher on all four French language skills and scored CLB 5 or higher on all four English skills	50
Post-secondary education in Canada - credential of one or two years	15
Post-secondary education in Canada - credential three years or longer	30
Provincial or territorial nomination	600

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