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## Who can apply

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## Immigration programs

Express Entry is an online system that we use to manage immigration applications for 3 programs:

## Canadian Experience Class

For skilled workers with eligible **Canadian** work experience



## Federal Skilled Worker Program

For skilled workers with eligible **foreign or Canadian** work experience



## Federal Skilled Trades Program

For skilled workers who are qualified in a **skilled trade**



# Key differences in eligibility criteria

Before you compare programs, here are 3 terms you should know:

- **Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB):** The CLB is the Canadian standard used to measure English language ability of immigrants.

- **National Occupation Classification (NOC):** The NOC is a list of all the occupations in the Canadian labour market.
- **Training, education, experience and responsibilities (TEER):** The NOC has 6 TEER categories. A TEER category is based on the education and training needed for an occupation.

## ▼ Language skills

### Canadian Experience Class

- CLB 7 for TEER 0 or TEER 1 occupations
- CLB 5 for TEER 2 or TEER 3 occupations

### Federal Skilled Worker Program

- CLB 7

### Federal Skilled Trades Program

- CLB 5 for speaking and listening
- CLB 4 for reading and writing

## ▼ Type of work experience

### Canadian Experience Class

Canadian work experience in an occupation listed in 1 or more of these NOC TEER Categories:

- TEER 0
- TEER 1
- TEER 2
- TEER 3

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**Federal Skilled  
Worker Program**

Work experience in an occupation listed in 1 of these NOC TEER Categories:

- TEER 0
- TEER 1
- TEER 2
- TEER 3

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**Federal Skilled  
Trades Program**

Work experience in a skilled trade under key groups of TEER 2 or TEER 3:

- Major Group **72**, technical trades and transportation officers and controllers
  - excluding Sub-Major Group **726**, transportation officers and controllers
- Major Group **73**, general trades
- Major Group **82**, supervisors in natural resources, agriculture and related production
- Major Group **83**, natural resources and related production

- Major Group **92**, processing, manufacturing and utilities supervisors, and utilities operators and controllers
- Major Group **93**, central control and process operators and aircraft assembly assemblers and inspectors
  - excluding Sub-Major Group **932**, aircraft assemblers and aircraft assembly inspectors
- Minor Group **6320**, cooks, butchers and bakers
- Unit Group **62200**, chefs

## ▼ Amount of work experience

<b>Canadian Experience Class</b>	1 year in Canada in the last 3 years (either combination of full-time or part-time work)
<b>Federal Skilled Worker Program</b>	1 year continuous within the last 10 years (combination of part-time, full-time or more than 1 job in your <u>primary occupation</u> )
<b>Federal Skilled Trades Program</b>	2 years within the last 5 years (either combination of full-time or part-time work)

## ▼ Job offer

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**Canadian Experience Class** Not required.

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**Federal Skilled Worker Program** Not required, but you can get selection criteria points for having a valid job offer.

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**Federal Skilled Trades Program** Required:

- a valid job offer of full-time employment for a total period of at least 1 year, **or**
- a certificate of qualification in the above skilled trade issued by a Canadian provincial, territorial or federal authority

## ▼ Education

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**Canadian Experience Class** Not required.

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Secondary education required.

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**Federal Skilled  
Worker Program**

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You can get more selection criteria points for your post-secondary education.

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**Federal Skilled  
Trades Program**

Not required.

## Check if you're eligible

Answer a questionnaire to check if you're eligible for the minimum requirements of Express Entry. To answer the questionnaire, you have 2 options:

### ▼ Option 1: Come to Canada tool

Answer a few questions using the Come to Canada tool to assess your eligibility.

The tool gives you a number at the end (a personal reference code). You will use this number to move your information from the tool to your Express Entry profile.

[Go to Come to Canada tool](#)



## ▼ Option 2: IRCC secure account

Fill out the questionnaire in your IRCC secure account.

1. Sign in to your account and choose **Apply to come to Canada** under **Start an application**.
2. Choose “Express Entry” under **I do not have a Personal Reference Code**.
3. Answer the questions.

Sign in to your account

## Provincial Nominee Program (PNP)

If you’re eligible for one of these programs, you can also apply through Express Entry for the Provincial Nominee Program.

If you’re nominated, you’ll get **extra points** so you can be invited to apply quickly.

[Apply for the Provincial Nominee Program](#)

Check your score ➡

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