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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6TEECANN

Posted (on page 54) by:

**TEECANN**

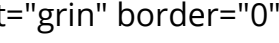
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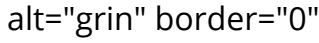
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## Message:

I WOKE UP TO THE GOLDEN MAIL TODAY (20th NOVEMBER, 2018)!!! GOD BE PRAISSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSED!!!!

NOTE: THIS IS MORE THAN A LONG POST- IT IS AN E-HANDOUT FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE  border="0" class="faces">

If you are not a friend of "PAGE 1", don't bother, just side-step it and waka pass- Just kidding  border="0" class="faces">

Kindly don't quote the full post as we want to reduce the speed at which Part 6 is throttling!  border="0" class="faces">

### IMMIGRATION JOURNEY HIGHLIGHT

PHASE 1- IELTS (BC)- LRSW- 7.5, 8, 7.5, 7 (Sept. 30, 2017)- It ended in praise!

PHASE 2- WES ECA- Master's degree equivalency (Nov 2017)- It ended in praise!

PHASE 3- IELTS (BC)- LRSW- 8, 8.5, 7, 7 (May 4, 2018)- It ended in praise!

PHASE 4- IELTS (IDP)- LRSW- 8, 8, 7, 6.5 (May 25, 2018)- It ended in praise! (Though I never used the result)

PHASE 5- ITA (FSW)- CRS 441 (May 23, 2018) (Draw cutoff was 440)- It ended in praise!

PHASE 6- AOR- (July 25, 2018) It ended in praise!

PHASE 7- IP 1/MEDICALS PASSED (August 15, 2018) It ended in praise!

PHASE 8- IP 2 (Oct 3, 2018) It ended in praise!

PHASE 9- PPR (Nov 20, 2018) It ended in praise!

VISA OFFICE: CPC-OTTAWA























ADR: NONE

FAMILY SIZE - 5

I want to first of all THANK GOD, for this journey thus far as He has given me and my family many praise endings on this journey!!

It all started late 2016 during my annual leave. The leave afforded me the time to think deeply about my life and future and that of my young family in this country and I concluded I have to move if for nothing but for the sake of my kids.

I started out with the Canadian Study route (whilst I thought [at the time] that the Express Entry route was a long thing and difficult to achieve) God bless friends that I spoke with who encouraged me to give Federal Skilled Workers Class [FWS] a try.

(In retrospect, to imagine that the 3 schools that I applied to rejected my applications...Don't even let me talk about what I have spent hustling that route....God would have been looking at me and be like "yinmu" at me)                      

I and wifey wrote our first IELTS with almost similar scores...but we couldn't use the score to climb into the 440s CRS range)- I got bad advice that I shouldn't waste money re-writing IELTS, that I should just pack into a PNP and coast to nomination for an eventual sure ITA- I did and till tomorrow, I didn't know what made me take that advice (Don't even let me talk of how much I have spent [and obviously wasted] on this PNP hustle talk less of bad advice that I recieved to cut some corners that would have marred my Canadian dreams ultimately by now). Thank God I didn't heed the advice and faced re-taking my IELTS.

In Oct, 2017, I submitted an application to SINP. As at Dec 2017, I hadn't received provincial nomination, little did I know that I was setting myself up for frustration and delay...unending test of patience for months...(You guys here on FSW can never

understand what folks on the PNP route go through just to get the same ITA that we celebrate here on a regular) Here, many are even yet to understand the acronym- MEP- and before you say Jack Robi...., its PPR for them!

Frustration and lack of movement on my PNP application made me resit the IELTS and God did it enough for us to climb to 441!! (I can never forget friends here who advised against procuring an EOR for that IELTS as I had proposed to do so as to have a higher CRS than 441, they said that the score will drop and that I should wait it out...days after their advises, it did drop and I clinched an ITA on May 23, 2018)

I promptly withdrew my SINP application and bid the provincial program farewell for good. They acknowledged my intention to withdraw with a formal letter of withdrawal.

Yet again, another hiccup; My first EE profile of October 20th, 2017 became ineligible on the April 30, 2018, I missed ITA of May 9, 2018 though I had enough CRS points but because of the tie breaking rule pegged at Dec 2017, I couldn't clinch one then (as my new profile of May 1, 2018 didn't qualify- it was painful)

We did medicals in Qlife and it went smoothly. No issues. We passed medicals 3 weeks post-AOR.

We uploaded Schedule A form as part of our e-APR documents. CIC didn't ask for it but because myself and wifey had some UK tourist visa refusals between us, we thought to note it in a Schedule A instead of being distracted with an ADR that may come later.

#### THINGS TO NOTE FROM OUR GCMS NOTE:

1. POF: I submitted GTbank letter in CIC format capturing my current and savings accounts balances and the fixed deposit that I have with the bank.

I also submitted the Fixed Deposit Investment letter from GTbank and letter from Stanbic IBTC pensions with my Pensions Statement of Account with a LOE stating that I have 25% available to me 4 months post resignation.

Case Officer noted all that I submitted including the 25% of pensions balance and converted naira to CAD and recommended POF criterion MET.

NOTE: 25% of my pension total sum was about about 60% of our POF, it was not a POF buffer in our case, it was a large chunk of our POF and it was passed.

2. CHANGE OF WIFE'S SURNAME POST-AOR: We got another passport for wifey

though her maiden name passport was still very much beyond 6 months validity but we wanted her CoPR and PR Card to have a uniform surname as the rest of the crew. So after AOR, we applied for a new passport for change of name at Ikoyi, the passport came out after 4 weeks later and I raised a CSE for it. The name change reflected 48 hours later in my profile and the changed surname also reflected in our GCMS note.

I thank God because it was a generally smooth and issues-free application that took a total of 117 days post AOR.

I came here, I saw, I learnt and I made friends...too many friends to start mentioning you one by one, those that I have met one on one, those that I have built affinities with here and even those that don't know me but are generally men and women of goodwill who always wish me and my family well...I thank you all for your encouragement, support and faith keeping.

Permit to specially recognize MAY 23RD ITA CLINCHERS (whatever time you submitted)...you guys made the wait fun, this is not the time to loose hope, infact everything is still on course and the eagle is getting nearer home with the golden mail; we shall all celebrate your PPRs before Christmas BGG!

\*\* My heart goes out to those who are yet to clinch the ITA especially those on the border line of 435-439, and those awaiting PPRs, you know how we do na- keep the faith up, do all you have to do to improve the CRS legitimately because one thing is certain, iyanu ma sele soon and it will definitely end in praise IJN!

All that end well is that that ends in praises!.

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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6jhoci

Posted (on page [414](#)) by:

**jhoci**

8:32pm On Jan 28

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## Message:

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.  
The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. - Psalm 126:1-3

Finally, it's PPR!!

VERY LONG POST ALERT!

IELTS – March 2018 L9 S7.5 R8.5 W7 (British Council)

ECA – Nov 2017 to 25th July 2018

ITA – 8th August 2018

AOR – 16th August 2018

MEP/BIL – 13th Sept 2018

Biometrics done – 14th Sept 2018

1st GCMS – received 23rd Nov 2018

2nd GCMS – ordered 3rd Jan and yet to receive it.

Ghost update – 23rd Jan 2019



PPR – 25th Jan 2019 (dated 24th)

Passport submission – 28th Jan 2019

VO – Ottawa

Single applicant.

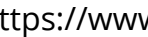
Decision to relocate – I've never really wanted to relocate; my wish was to have enough money to travel whenever and wherever I wanted. My brother left for Canada with his family in 2015 via the old scheme and before he left, he said to me, you need to get out. He sent me links, but I never really looked at them. I kept giving excuses until we got a mail in the office about an impending retrenchment exercise, still I didn't do anything. My job finally ended October 2017 and I traveled to my school in November to process my transcript.

IELTS – I wasn't afraid of the exam, in fact my main motivation was to score higher than my brother (sibling rivalry things). I'm not much of a talker and I knew I stood no chance with my brother in the speaking test. I decided that I was going to beat him in the other sections and have a higher average, but it was never to be. I started with writing task 1 and it was great. As I was writing my concluding paragraph in task 2 a bell went off in my head, I had written a whole four paragraph essay on something different from the question . From a distance I heard, ten minutes more as the sweat started leaking out from my braided wig . What in the world would have made me make this type of mistake? I don't use the cramming method when studying, so it wasn't a case of copy and paste. I studied more about the techniques of writing IELTS and what the examiner expects, then just a few practice questions. Except the Listening test which I found exciting to practice, it felt like putting together pieces of a puzzle. Anyway, as the sound of the bells in my head calmed a bit, I looked at the question again and started writing down points to expand into paragraphs. Then I remembered how long it took me to decide on a topic sentence for my introduction and saw that writing a fresh essay will be a futile effort. I settled for giving a great conclusion to the essay I had already written and hope for the best.

It was while I was doing a search about low IELTS score that I came across this thread. I then knew I had to also evaluate my master's degree to make a good CRS point.

Study materials; IELTS Liz, Road to IELTS (BC) and I also did a free IELTS course on Edx.

ECA – I used WES. I hadn't looked at the express entry process in detail, so I felt I could just use only my first degree. That was before the IELTS incident. Besides I have plans to continue a career with my first degree as my master's degree is in a completely different field.


My ECA report came with a comment that the date of birth on my transcript was different from what I filled in my form. My school had increased my age by four years!  The excitement of getting my ECA just died when I saw the comment. I wrote to WES via the contact form and twitter. I also faxed copies of my birth certificate, WAEC certificate, international passport and even national ID card, all showing my correct date of birth. WES replied me after one month saying my school must resend my transcript with the correct information before they can send me an updated ECA report. Thanks to the good people I spoke with who assured me that I could go ahead



and use the report like that. So, while I waited for WES to respond, I had gotten ITA and submitted my application. After seeing their response, I was glad I didn't wait a whole month to continue with the process. In my application I attached all the documents I sent to WES to prove my correct date of birth and explained the mistake.

PCC – Superintendent Moshood to the rescue.

Medicals – this was done at IOM and I requested for a copy of my result which was sent via email

POF – One good thing that came from my retrenchment was my pay off . I changed it to dollars and put in a domiciliary account, I wanted to make it less accessible to me and avoid exchange rate issues.

NOC – I spent two months trying to find a matching NOC for my last job role to no avail. I shared it on the thread but couldn't find a code for it. Following Newmum0615's advise I decided to use my previous job role as my primary NOC since it spanned over three years.

Visa refusals – I had two UK visa refusals which I mentioned and attached one of the rejection letters. I was concerned about this because the reason for the second refusal had to do with the VO doubting my employment details. And the same job turned out to be the one I couldn't find a NOC for. My fear was that it would give more weight to the UK VO's comments. So, I got a reference letter from my company even though I no longer worked there. I also wrote a LOE addressing the comments by the UK VO and attached other documents relating to the said job.

Others – After I got my first GCMS notes and saw that the issue about my date of birth was not mentioned, I felt relieved.

-I called a couple of times before November 2018, since that time I haven't been able to reach IRCC.

-I also sent a couple of mails to Ottawa VO and they always gave the same generic response.

-I sent a mail on the 24th after the ghost update to enquire what the update was about, and I got the passport request mail the next morning

-Losing my job was the wake up call I needed. I was depressed for some months (still comes and goes) and I would lie in bed until noon. I have always been independent so losing my job was like being stripped Unclad, I didn't want to go out or be seen. My younger brother called me and encouraged me to continue with the Canada immigration plan (I had already registered with WES). I will never forget his words,

approach this thing like you're escaping for your life, like someone is trying to strangle you and you must fight. My ECA took eight months to complete and anytime I would return from Unilag or call IMSU without any positive news, I would just break down and cry. I was and I'm still out of job, my savings depleting and I always have this fear of having to ask for money to sustain myself.

I can't thank God enough for this new lease on life he has just given me. It still feels like a dream and sometimes I check my mailbox to see if the email is still there. God never disappoints and his timing is always perfect and the best. I was worried about having to renew my rent soon, and I can imagine God smiling down and saying, my daughter you too worry! Cast your cares on him and have faith (not easy but doable).

I am grateful to 40manlappy, Newmum0615, ddymple and Hakeemgp for their help and suggestions. Especially Newmum for her patience. May God grant all your heart's desires.

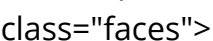
I appreciate everyone on this thread for all the contributions, whether na fight, joke or information. I want to specially mention joo2018, Ifeoma77 and Tojued, you guys are great!

For everyone here who feels like there's no hope, I went from asking God "why me?"

 to proclaiming "who am I Lord!"



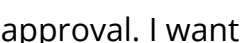


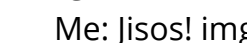


Just keep the faith!

And some others: I was worried about how I would tell my parents, especially my mum about my approval. My younger brother left the country first, then my older brother (she was greatly affected by that one), now her only remaining child here (plus only daughter kwa), me. I know she wants the best for us but would prefer us being in proximity to them. So, I called my mum yesterday and told her;

Mum: (shouting for joy) ehen remember you promised to take me out when you get approval. I want to go to Jevinik.

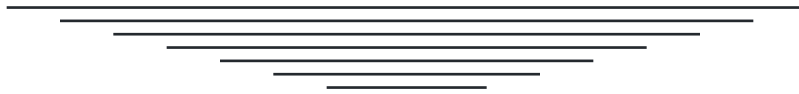
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Me: Jisos!  alt="shocked" border="0" class="faces"> mummy I thought you'd be sad. (disappointed but relieved)

Mum: I'm sad you'll be leaving but I know better now. This country holds no hope for you, look at how long you've been out of job. Go and find something new, just do my visa for me.

I am currently filling visa applications for them.

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 6Barryston

Posted (on page 454) by:

**Barryston**

1:17pm On Feb 05

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### Message:

ALHAMDULILAH ROBBIL ALAAMIN!!!!!!!!!!!!

#### TIMELINE

I sat for IELTS 4 TIMES and on numerous occasions I thought of giving up for so many reasons for people like me who resides in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State...you either travel to Calabar or Ph to write IELTS it was never easy for me...but I was pushed by @bronze25 to keep trying..

1st IELTS; L.6.5,R.7.0,W.6.5,S.7.5

2ND IELTS; L.6.0,R.6.5,W.6.5,S7.0

3RD IELTS;L.7.5,6.5,W.7.5,S.7.0 (at this point I was going crazy...I even lost it a night to the 4th exam...)

4th IELTS; L.8.0,R.7.0,W.7.5,S.7.5

Then CRS stood at 462 at this point and the round of draws on the 15th of November 2018 was 449 (Naso ITA no drop on time...my wife was almost crying and she didn't eat until when ITA dropped around 9.30pm)

ITA- NOV 15,2018

AOR- DEC 8TH 2018

MED/BIO NOTIFICATION- JAN 17TH


GHOST UPDATE- JAN 18TH

RPRF REQUEST- FEB 1ST and I paid on FEB 2ND

PPR MAIL- FEB 5TH at around 1.35am

Family size is 3, and my Visa office was in Ottawa.

My story was a funny one because I have been struggling since I graduated from Law school, my first salary as a legal practitioner was meagre and my mother was the one sending me pocket money every month)...I was deeply in love with my University gf..same age,same class and same birth date...and we dated for 8yearsssss but when it seems I cant give her the life she wants and I really cant blame her....life was so bleak to me too..infact I only had one suit..she got a job in Lag and I was still earning peanuts...so we grew apart but because I loved her I left that place and move to Lag, not knowing what Lagos hold for me....and started distributing my CV in Ikeja firms, went to all the Law firms in Western House and took me.....before I could get a law firm that offered me 50k (also this was not constant as the man just started the firm and was in the process of building his client base but I was determined to make it in Lag).

When I don't feel comfortable with the Lagos stress and the money does not commensurate with the stress and traffic (Mind you...I was born and bred in Ibadan so that Lagos life is what I never prayed for againnnnnnnnnn) I decided to apply for US visa to run away and never look back but for wheresrc="/faces/huh.png" style="width:15px;height:22px;">img src="/faces/huh.png" style="width:15px;height:22px;">? Agent nearly killed me....he didn't ask for vital information just filled rubbish..my education history was wrongly mentioned, let us just thank God..no consequence whatsoever and to top it all the purpose of visit is to "attend my friends baby shower" I just knew I can never get that visa but he has been successful wit a lot of people and he was well recommended...so I attended the interview but the VO didn't spend up to 3mins before he handled the blue paper to me....i wanted to cry but I continued with my life.

So everything started changing for me when I met my wife, she was in her final year when I met her and I swear when I first saw her I told her "I want to marry you"....she looked at me like a mad man,although I was still earning meagre salary at my law firm but within 3weeks of accepting my offer to date me(I am a very fine boy I just don't have money at the time) she later told me she has been highing me too since the day she saw me and that infact 2 of her friends were interested in me....so within a period of 3 weeks of accepting my offer....i got my current job and the salary is something I never expected in my life!.....A Chinese company and my salary is times 8 of what I was earning in Lag....i fainted oooooo no be lie...it was when I got my first alert that it dawn on me that its real.....then I told my wife that I want to marry (ara baba ti kun) she was like my parents wont agree,they want me to do my masters in US....i was like I cant wait any longer,let me meet them and I will convince them....so she agreed that she should talk to her parents first and then hear there reactions.....naso everything finalize ooo.....the father only asked "is that what you want?" but the mother didn't agree oooo until after 7months...even before she agreed to the nikkah date na war but now she is the happiest and mama dey always ask for the videos of her grandson....infact her

nickname in her school is youngest grandmama because my mother-in-law is still sexy ooooo.

So I continued with my life, money kept flowing in and I have no reason to leave Naija...then my company kept sacking people for no reason,the project stopped coming in and my salary has been slashed 3times..but still it is still better than going back to law firm where they used you anyhow and yet get paid by peanuts....so I travelled home in my car in Dec 2017, and as I got to Benin...I had an accident my engine burst into two....i first had brake failure and then noticed that a lot of people were stranded on the road between Benin to Ore in Ondo state....i later heard that it's a very common practice by the towing vehicle association on that road to pour some jazz during the festive period just to tow your vehicle to nearby mechanic shop...because there are so many vehicles and stranded passengers on that day with problem ranging from radiator,engine knock, tire getting bursted and accidents....the towing vehicle I saw agreed to tow my vehicle to a village for 100k...just few kilometres away and right there that I got tired of Nigeria....i saw people who have spent 4days on the road, I met a guy who just bought his car and was using it for Uber in Lagos...he bought two engines within 3days....and I was like if this notion is true why do we hate ourselves in this country...why would you make life difficult for your fellow countrymen just because you want to make money....so I paid just for my car to be safe, logged in a motel (my God, there was bed bug on the bed, tanwindin in the toilet and it was amosquoe infested area) couldn't sleep overnight....so when I got the car to Abeokuta thanks to my brother-in-law who brought a mechanic and drove down to Benin to tow the car...we started gisting and told him my ordeal he even spent over 5hrs in traffic because the road was so busy that day (24th of Dec 2017) so he was just mentioning developed country...talking about different means of transportation during holiday periods and how those people make life easy for their citizens, so he adviced me to apply to Canadian Universities because it was the easiest route(this was his belief that time) naso I started applying to various schools oooo..... TRU,Royal Castle University,Saskatchewan,UBC,Winnipeg ....all the schools that was still open for admission not even thinking of my car (because I was to buy another engine) by January I was so broke that the last 15k was used to fuel my car....my wife and son had to follow me on road back to Uyo (I am always scared to fly so they always go by air while I go by road) and my son was just barely 3months then...infact I was just praying for us to have a smooth journey...and you know as January dey long.....how I survived Jan 2018 is unknown to me.....i was just entering keke up and down because my son needs comes first and I am just a salary earner with wife not working...then the wait for the schools to give me admission started....thats when for the first time in my life I joined Nairaland..started asking questions on the Student visa forum thinking atleast one of the school will give me admission.....LOL I thought wrong,none of them give me admission! At this point, I have became close to @bronze25, we were both chasing Sasckatchewan LLM admission so when we were

rejected, I was telling her that I will try again later(because I always thought school route is my best shot at entering Canada)..then I received my best advice from @bronze25 to apply for EE...I told her its an herculean task that someone introduced it to me in 2015 but everything involved seems like Greek to me....then she broke it down piece by piece to me and t[ introduced me to this wonderful family.....and the rest is history.

I joined this e-family in part 3 or 4....and I posted my first question in March....the first person that took his time to respond to me step by step was @Mcstan....I can never forget...then everybody became helpful and the whole process became my Quran that I read everytime,everyday and everywhere until I became fully abreast with the whole process that I am graudually turning into an agent.

### ECA

I did my ECA with IQAS, and my wife's own with WES....it was pretty straightforward and it both came out as fast as possible.....i had a link at OAU transcript office so he helped facilitate it on time. This was before the WAEC buhahaa.

### IELTS

This was a struggle on its own...me and wify was thinking it would be walk in the park, but we thought wrong her ielts was L.6.0,R.9.0,W.6.5,S7.0...she only did once and as the PA I only needed 8777 for us to beat the CRS Score at the time but.....i even thought I will never pass IELTS. I travelled to another states to sit for all the four exams...the last one was done in Lagos....i was going nut a night to the exam...I was so angry that I didn't pick my wife's call...I really don't know what came over me that day...even my confidant that night said there was a tone she doesn't understand....and @bronze25 really helped me in my writing...she just wanted me to succed...and my prayers for you is that your PPR will come before April...nobody has never had faith in me like you did, she just kept pushing me....she is a friend everyone should pray for....and funny thing about it is that we saw for the very first time on Jan 22 when I came to Lag for my biometrics.

### POF

I only submitted my payslips(I am always paid in cheque) so I submitted one year cheque DEC 2017 to Dec 2018 and my sister gave me 3M....this has been in my account since June last year untouched (but I still did gift deed because they can ask for 1year salary statement) I didn't do any money market fund....i just left all the money in my account.

### MEDICALS

I was contemplating on IOM when my friend of 10 years @beeodun came through for a swap in Qlife.....i didn't know it was my friend that was helping me out until we exchanged names to forward a message to Qlife then what followed was a story for another day....thanks dear for that kind gesture your PPR is soon.

I want to thank everybody @joo2018 @mcstan @ifeoma77 and everyone who has

been of great help to this forum...I pray we all receive the goodnews soon....May God continue to bless each and everyone!

And in the voice of my brother @TEECANN "I HAS ENDED IN PRAISE AND IT WILL ALL END IN PRAISE FOR EVERYBODY READING THIS TESTIMONY" AAMEEN IN SHA ALLAH.

Number of likes: [160](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6Boom12


Posted (on page [387](#)) by:

**Boom12**

6:31pm On Jan 22

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### Message:

My people, this PPR is a sweet feeling ooo, I've been smiling all day  `src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">`

### Timeline

Decision to travel was in April 2018.

Family of 4

IELTS July 2018 LSRW 8877

WES September 2018

CRS 454

ITA 3 October

AOR 6 November

MEP/BIL 11 December

Visa Office No idea

PPR 22 January 2019 (dated 21 January 2019), letter didnt specify VFS location for submission

My husband and I registered for IELTS in April 2018; when the results were released,

I had LSWR 7.5,8,7,9. I hurriedly calculated our scores and after several permutations, realised that its only having an 8 in listening that will give us a chance - I had not come across this thread then. I was pregnant and wasn't motivated to rewrite the exam. Then I came across this thread shortly afterwards and discovered i could even claim two or more certificates with my BSc and AAT from ICAN...imagine my joy.

I was instantly motivated and registered for another IELTS in July, I was heavily pregnant then. That day of the exam ehn...I sobbed quietly on my seat because the map section was just crazy. When the results were released, I had an 8 in listening...mhen i was overjoyed.

WES completed my evaluation in September; however, Lautech till now has not sent my husband's transcript so no evaluation for him. Thankfully he has a brother in Canada so we were able to get 15 points from him.

I had my baby shortly before ITA so we were able to include her in the application. We applied for her passport after ITA. See drama that day...she refused to open her eyes for a long time that day...eventually she did and we got the passport a couple of days later.

I booked an appointment with Qlife the day we got our ITA and was able to get an appointment for November 5. This was what delayed our AOR, really....all other documents were ready, thanks to this thread. Inspector Fatai came to the hospital to get our details for the PCC and delivered them to our house that same evening.

POF was Axa Mansard mutual funds and an education savings plan with Mutual Benefits

Reference letter was from my former place of work, where I spent over 5 years.

Travel history, I'm not sure if it's extensive...been to South Africa, London, Ghana, US and Dubai. I didn't need PCC for any.

As led by the Holy Spirit, my husband had a conviction that our PPR will come this week and it came. No ADR, no ghost update, just an email from CIC...so my people, if prayer works for you, please pray. My lips were filled with songs of thanksgiving this morning, I danced and danced because God's Word is true.

Thanks everyone for your contributions on this thread. I wish everyone still awaiting good news in this process all the best, God will meet you at the point of need in Jesus



name. Amen.

Number of likes: 155



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6BoboXIV

Posted (on page 444) by:

**BoboXIV**

4:54am On Feb 03

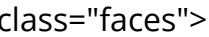
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### Message:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Doxology & All Protocols observed.

Without further ado, Its P-P-R!!!

Actually its been PPR since the 31st of January,2019. All kinds of poetic irony/justice around that as my very first post here on NL was on the 1st of Feb. 

Aaaanyways, let me attempt to share our timeline and some highlights of our journey.

### PROLOGUE

It was a hot, humid night in Lagos, Nigeria, sometime in 2015.

Everyone was winding the evening down and prepping to go to bed in the BoboXIV home

Then,it happened. The estate transformer "blew". So, we went to "on the Gen" and

happily went to bed. Later that night about 1am, generator goes off and then we realise that there was no fuel left for the other backup Gen. And then discover that new nanny hadn't charged the inverter properly(cos no one had showed her what to do) so it only lasted, 20 mins.

A proper case of "Murphy's Law"

Oh and remember the part about hot & humid....Yeah, well, so we all ended up on the living room floor, all windows and doors open, restless and lamenting the constant power issues.

So the Missus and I casually decided to give this "Canada thing" a go

THE TIMELINE:

So first step.. IELTS...back in the day when the tests were done at National Theatre

DECEMBER 2015: 1ST IELTS - ME: 9,9,8.5,8.5 (LRWS), MRS: 8,7.5,6.5,8 (LRWS)

The missus (who's got a Master's degree, so ideal Primary Applicant) was 0.5 short in Writing, but at this stage, we didn't know about things like remarking. Remember we were very casual about it, so we didn't really explore all possible options.

APRIL 2016: Entry into the Pool after finalising ECA from our universities. - Cant recall exact CRS scores, but I was in the low 400s, possibly 413 and the MRS was sub 400.( As she hadn't maxed out on her IELTS)

AUG/SEPT 2017: Our older kid had a bad cough but the HMO kept prescribing basic meds, but we then sought a second opinion and it turned out she had a bad case of pneumonia. Cost us a fair bit of Money to treat that, but the real scare of what could have gone wrong, lit a fire under the missus' bum-bum.

People, nothing gets in the way of a Mother whose child has been threatened by a failing healthcare system.

Nothing. Not even IELTS.

She got the next available date took a day off before and aced it.

OCT 2017: 2ND IELTS - MRS ONLY :8.5,7.5,7.5,7.5 (LRWS). New CRS for the MRS as


Primary Applicant (with my own IELTS Score) - 449

NOV 2017: Received 1st ITA with a 439 Draw

DEC 2017: My first IELTS results expired (remember we'd originally done the tests in Dec 2015), dropping our score to 429 which was way below our ITA Draw cut-off

With the 90 day deadline to submit due to expire on Feb 13th, we were in a dilemma as to how to play it, especially we couldn't get a date for IELTS earlier than Feb 1st. Also, I needed to get Police Clearance for Kenya and ultimately South Africa which was taking a bit of time. Actually had to fly to Nairobi to sort the Kenyan PCC.

FEB 1ST 2018: Finally, went to redo the IELTS exam and immediately after put up my first ever post on NL (way back in Part 3 of this thread) to seek help/advice on the ITA decline/no decline dilemma. Pretty good advice and some prophetic words too. Finally ended up declining the ITA .

Let me pause to say thank you to @happytbaby @ysteph @bbaby84 @GlitteringStar for the advice at the time and @sleekchic for the prophecy    
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(Don't even know if all these ppl are still on Nairaland. Hehehe)

FEB 14TH 2018: On the auspicious day of the celebration of love, my IELTS results came out - 8,9,8,8 (LRWS) taking our(MRS) CRS Score back up to 449

FEB 21ST 2018: We received our 2nd ITA with a draw of 441. Submitted all documents (AOR) the very next day, seeing as our documents had been ready by January anyways.

MARCH 1ST 2018: Medicals Passed

And then...the WAIT began.

APR/MAY 2018: Ordered and Received 1st GCMS NOTES. All looked good, as far as we knew. "Shalla" to @NewMum0615 on learning this from her in particular but also just being a good sport on the forum generally.

And then the WAIT continued...

and continued...

and continued...

AUG 2018: Application was now 6 months in so we ordered and received 2nd GCMS NOTES, where we discovered that some "overzealous" officer had raised issues about the Mrs' job title not being "Manager" while her NOC, had the term "Manager" in it. Note though that 2 other officers who'd reviewed had no issues with this particular matter. Anyways, this officer recommended an Interview, and re-assigned the application to the "dreaded" AVO.


And this re-assignment had actually been made as far back as then of June 2018. Sigh!!


And then the WAIT resumed...

Mailed and chased AVO for an interview date. Mailed Ralph Goodale MP towards the end of 2018...got some "Meeeh" generic response. Thanks @Skywalk12 for advice at this point as well re managing Accra and interview dates.

We kept up hope, especially when we heard the whole, AVO will start replying Applicants "early next year" (2019) and kept fingers crossed. Wasn't easy, and small small tensions popped up with the missus, but we kept our heads.

JAN 15 2019: Finally received an invite for the Interview at AVO. With this good news came a proper case of the nerves for the MRS (as she was the one being invited) but we kept prepping for it, getting the required documents and updating some of the older documents where possible (e.g. POF)

Thank you again @zutlin for adding us to the AVO WhatsApp group. You people are doing the Lord's work in that group    
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JAN 2019: Interview went relatively okay, but the Interviewer was quite particular about the matter of the Job Title as raised by the referring officer    
src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/shocked.gif" alt="shocked" border="0" class="faces"> Tried contacting her employer but couldn't reach them. The feedback was "We have to review and get back to you" As we were dissecting and reviewing the interview back at the hotel..the email for REMEDS came in. Cue Joy and excitement!

And then even more excitement the very next morning, as we got the all mighty PPR

Email.


It had taken 11 months...but it was finally here.

## PROLOGUE

We are now going through the documentation/remed process and looking forward to COPR.

Throughout this journey, one must always be grateful and appreciate the support of this and other similar communities. With the anonymity of NL, we all should try to have empathy and mutual respect as you don't know who is behind what profile and more importantly, what they may be going through. This group is basically therapy for many of us ( Silent and Not-so-Silent Readers).

I don't know who, but someone on this group(think it was @NewMum0615) once said, we all should be grateful for our various journeys. Some people had challenges with IELTS,ECA, POF etc and had their application sorted in like a month .In our case, every part of our journey was pretty smooth, and it almost brought a sense of entitlement to "Canada Permanent Residency" and the entire process.

Until we jammed this AVO Interview something. The bringer of "Humbility"  `img src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">`

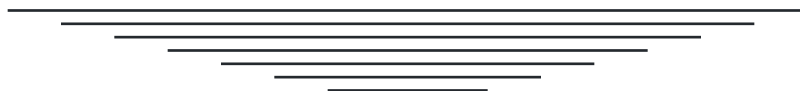
So let's all remember to check our entitlement at the door and just focus on, work at and pray for a successful application. Na everybody know wetin dem dey find for this Canada, so let's respect our individual journeys.

Thanks again everyone who contributed to our story! Mentioned and unmentioned. God bless you and I pray for progress for you, no matter what stage you are in this process.

Finally, as the saying goes, albeit modified, It is ending in Praise!!!

BoboXIV[i]/[i].

Number of likes: 144



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6

## Bettybeauty

Posted (on page [230](#)) by:

**Bettybeauty**

6:34am On Dec 20, 2018

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
### Message:

Now to our ppr gist...


My sister in-law has been in Canada since about 11 years ago. All this while, she's been disturbing my hubby and I to apply for the Canada express entry but we weren't just ready and interested. She kept on calling morning and night, and sending us link to read but for where, no interest at all. My hubby and I were of the opinion to always go abroad for holidays and not relocating patapata, cos our eyes were not open, Lol. God bless my sil, she kept on talking to us. It got to a time, she was tired and wrote down in her diary never to disturb us again about it. That was exactly when our inner and outer eyes opened, den we started calling her for info. God is indeed part of this journey.

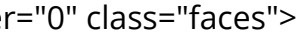
We started the process in April, all thanks to nairaland, and specifically this wonderful thread that made the journey so easy for us from day one. God bless you all for sharing life changing tips and experiences that keep one going. God alone will reward you all.

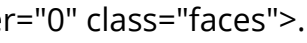
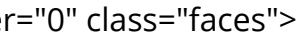
We calculated our crs and discovered hubby is the best person to be the PA cos of his masters degree and years of work experience, even though his age affected a little. He started preparing for ielts and also transcript evaluation process for both of us started. I didn't need to write the ielts exams cos our crs score was ok without it.

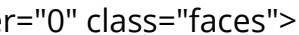
My hubby wrote the exams twice, first one in June, of which only writing spoilt d result with 6.5. we went for EOR but came unchanged...so heartbreaking. By then hubby was already tired and saying "mi o feko exam yi mo oooo (I don't want to write this exam again). In my mind I was like 'ooni ko kini' (u won't write wetin), I left him and went to him later to encourage him, then bro's spirit was awakened'...lol, power of a woman  class="faces">.

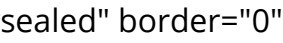
I put to bed in July, den hubby was on leave and decided to write the exam again before he resumed work. Then he rewrote second ietls in August and oga aced it. My hubby na bookworm o, though I mentored him both on the reading table and in za oza

room  class="faces">. We were so excited about the result. By then ECA was ready so we dived into the pool.

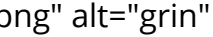
Let me even gist you guys about my three week old baby that I went to do international passport capturing for. On a normal day, this Lil princess will wake at any slight sound. Most times I even tip toe whenever she's sleeping. On the day of capturing, she slept like never before. I threw her up, swung her, tap the cheeks, turned the head, did all manner of things, for where. Even the immigration officers helped me to wake her, she refused o. They were like why are u people disturbing this baby, she said she doesn't want to travel to Canada  class="faces"> She slept for about 45 min. At last, she woke for a short period and we did the capturing. Was very happy eh like we won jackpot....lol

By 22nd Aug, 2018, we received ITA. Then we gathered all the documents we needed. Lo and behold, we submitted on Oct 10th. I know I tried at this stage cos my hubby doesn't know shishi about d process lol. His own is to bring money  class="faces">. Na me dey fill, scan, submit and check. Weldone boo  class="faces">


Hmmmmn, Almighty POF...God proved himself at the die minute that He is Jehovah Overdo. Where we do not even think help will come from, God showed up. We had more than the POF sef. We used 25% Pension Funds, my savings backed up with consent letter from me and Gift Deed (about 70% of the entire POF). Baba e se  class="faces">

Nov 7th, we passed Medicals/Bil. We reside in Port Harcourt, and we travelled down to Lagos for Biometrics just as we did for Medicals. Very stressful something  class="faces">. Biometrics done and completed on the 14th Nov. Then the waiting began.

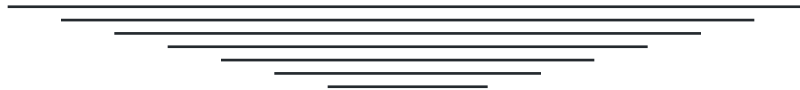
I never knew I married a prophet, my hubby always say Dec will never end without our ppr. I will just say Amen, but in my mind eh, not feasible.. madam doubting Thomas. We actually planned travelling to Lag for Xmas and hubby told me to go along with our intl, passports and passport photos so I can submit and receive copr before coming back to ph.

My people, we travelled on Tue, the 18th of Dec, and God just decided to embarrass us with this great news in the early hours of 19th Dec. I checked our cic account before I slept at about 12am. Then around 4am, hubby woke me up with the good news. Only me I screamed, rolled on the floor, smiled, laughed, sang, couldn't sit or sleep again. Na like dis e dey be? . Submitted our passports that same yesterday....no dulling💎.I have come to return all d glory to the God of Shiloh who has made this possible. Baba we not taking You for granted, May Your name alone be exalted. You have given me and my family our Shiloh Dominion encounter/ best Xmas gift ever.

For all of us still waiting at one stage or the other, God is still in the business of doing wonderous things. He will embarrass us with good news before the end of the year.

Thank you all for reading the boring gist. Over to you prof. I no want yeye mark o, Ehn ehn .

Number of likes: 144



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6flyboi1

Posted (on page 400) by:

**flyboi1**

11:53am On Jan 25

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### Message:

Long Post Alert!!!

TIMELINE

FSW outland

ECA - IQAS July 2016 (They were the fastest as at this time period – 3weeks)

IELTS;

20-08-2016 BC LRWS 8,6.5,7.5,6.5

25-05-2017 BC LRWS 8.5,6.5,7.0,8.0



29-07-2017 BC LRWS 8.5,6.5,7.0,8.0

28-10-2017 BC LRWS 8.5,7.0,7.0,7.0

30-06-2018 MOD LRWS 9,8,7,7.5

SPOUSE

28-07-2018 BC LRWS 9,8.5,7,8

ITA 22ND August 2018

AOR 27th september 2018

MEP & BIL 25TH october 2018

Ghost Update1 21st November 2018

Ghost Update2 22nd January 2019

Ghost Update3 23rd January 2019

PPR 25th January (Dated 24th )

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It has been a really long road. And I just want to give thanks to God, because I know He makes ALL things beautiful in His time.

This journey started from the study route. Got admission to Fanshawe and Vancouver island Uni. Couldn't raise funds at the time so I took a breather and tried out EE.

I'm going to give back to the thread the way I benefitted from it in days past.

IELTS

IELTS really humbled me mehn. I just couldn't figure out what I was doing wrong. Reading was a pain. I wrote this dreaded exam 5times. I remember my first exam, didnt even bother reading for it. The mindset was "is it not ordinary english exam". 5 exams later and look at God. All four remaining exams, I only practiced for reading as that was the part giving me nightmares. I knew the section giving me issues was the last section. It was too long and boring and there was barely any time to finish. For the 5th and final test, I started my reading exam with the last section which was the hardest and solved backwards. Voilaa!

ECA

This was the smoothest part of the journey self. 3 weeks between paying, applying for transcript and IQAS sending me my ECA. I wonder what happened to them post 2016.

WEDDING REGISTRY

The plan was to get married and add my wife post AOR or when I get COPR, but the delay in passing ielts scuffed all that. Score was 439 after the 5th ielts and the average to get ITA was 441. So one morning, I left work and took a stroll down to the registry just to confirm their process. One thing lead to the other and I called my wife (then girlfriend not even fiancé) and gave her our wedding date. She was thunderstruck. I kept saying "hello hello! Can you hear me? Lol

Yes we had plans to marry and we already knew we were going to spend the rest of our lives together, this just brought it closer.

Luckily I had begged her to do ECA and IELTS because after my fourth IELTS, I was tired and I told her to be principal applicant. She reluctantly agreed, because she didn't think her work experience would qualify. I also registered to do the IELTS exam with her for moral support and reduce the pressure I was placing on her. Lo and behold we both passed. Recalculated our scores...and here we are!

#### POF

I started this process not knowing where the POF was going to come from but I had faith in God. Few weeks after AOR, God came through for us. We got 100% POF gift from two sources (85/80). This was really bugging me because all through the thread most gift was from just one source. After digesting the gift deed section, I decided to go through with it and be clean with IRCC as expected. Two deed of gift was drafted and signed by all parties. One of the gift deed was to me and the other deed was to my wife. We deposited both in our joint account. My wife also wrote a letter authorising me to use the deed to her as part of our settlement funds. We didn't notarise the deed as the gift were from family members. We wanted to make it look as natural and logical as possible.

#### Post AOR

I had promised myself before I submitted our application that I would not be checking the portal every minute. Who was I kidding? It became a routine, every morning before I even assign task to my team members, I would always check to see if there was anything new. I followed ImmiTracker to know when my AOR mates were getting MEP/BIL. After MEP/BIL, the wait became worse because there was nothing to look forward too. Total silence. Not even an ADR. I even emailed Ralph so I could know my situation. Ms Robyn replied a few hours later that criminality was passed, but eligibility and security checks have not being initiated. Then PPR started raining for AOR mates and even people who submitted much later. I knew it was close. Then I logged in one morning and saw the first ghost update. I couldn't hold my smile. Every morning after that ghost update, I would wake up with excitement only for it to diminish after I refresh my mail. This went on for a while. Then I requested for GCMS notes first week in January (yet to arrive as at the time of writing this report)

“Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity”

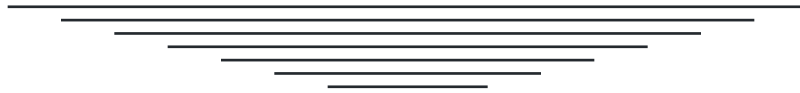
Page 1 of this thread cannot be over emphasized. From this thread, I've enlightened some people and they keep saying why don't I become an agent? In this Journey you have to read, research and know what works for you. No two applications are the same. Review your application logically and act as your own Visa officer before submitting. If

Finance is your stumbling block, start from somewhere help can arrive at any time but it must meet you prepared. You don't have to have all the money to start the process.

I wish everyone on the Journey Success and may we all achieve our dreams in Canada.

it has ended in Praise!.

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6Engr2000

Posted (on page [292](#)) by:

**Engr2000**

8:05pm On Jan 04

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### Message:

Hi Guys,

\*PPPPPPP\* \*PPPPPPP\* \*RRRRRRR\* / COPR

blockquote>

TIMELINE:

AOR: 13TH September 2018

MEP: 10TH October

BIL: 10TH October

BIL Completed: 11th October

RPRF Request : 28th November

RPRF Paid: 29TH November

Profile Updated: 6th December {ADR Change to Not Applicable}

PPR: December 7th 2018 4.34am {Dated December 6th}

Passport Submitted @ VFS Lekki: December 7th

Profile updated from Submitted to Approved: December 19th

SMS Received from VFS for Passport Collection: January 3rd 2019

COPR Received: January 4th 2019

## DECISION TO TRAVEL:

I have always believe in Nigeria and with the mind-set of building a great career/business here, however I made up my mind to travel during December 2017 fuel scarcity after queuing at the Filling station for two days without getting fuel and frustration set in, my initial thought was Australia and after following the thread I realized the process is a bit complicated. I decided to opt for Canada and the process is pretty straightforward as compared to Aussie/US PR, while googling migrating to Canada From Nigeria I came across this thread {God bless everyone that have contributed to the robustness of the info on this thread} and the journey started.

### ECA:

PA: B.Sc. & ACIIN {Two or More Degrees}

Spouse: B.Sc. & PGDE {NTI} - {Two or More Degrees}

It was the era of WES and we follow to join the bandwagon later we realize we could have opt for ICES which do not require verification from school. My transcript was sent from my school twice because the first one was rejected by WES as incomplete, I need to get back to the Registrar office to resend at another cost.

I had fears on my ACIIN when ACA is not receiving favourable response from WES, however my ACIIN came out as 3 Years Canadian equivalent degree in Insurance.

The journey started with 100k in my account with first financial commitment on January 2nd by paying WES evaluation fee which was completed by June 2018 (Courtesy of NASU Strike--- More reason to leave Naija)

### IELTS:

Preparation for IELTS Commenced January, my fear have always been writing, lo & behold, BC fall my hand with 6.5 in writing

1st Attempt: BC (03/03/2018) LRWS - 8.5, 7.5, 6.5, 8

At this point I was very broke, my friend have to raise me 80k to register for MOD and also pay for the remark at BC.

2nd Attempt: MOD (07/04/2018) LRWS - 7.5, 7.5, 6, 6.5 {This result even worse pass the first attempt}

Remark for 1st attempt was received from BC after 14 weeks with writing unchanged (Apparently if I had known I would have also tick speaking at least I would get my 15k )

3rd & Final Attempt: MOD (07/07/2018) LRWS - 8,9,7,7

For the IELTS hopefuls, just keep trying and don't give up... Our eyes should be on the GOAL.

Spouse did twice and got average of 7.0

## CRS & ITA

Profile created July 23, 2018 with CRS 441, ITA received August 8--- This was actually timely because my birthday is in September which means my point would have drop to 436 and there would be no other option than PNP or learn French.

## POST ITA:[i]/[i]

## MEDICALS:

Medicals was pretty straightforward at Children practice, similar to what I have been witnessing in Pre-Employment medicals. Spouse got a mail two days after for another Urine test which was carried out after one week with a fee of about 3k.

## DIGITAL PHOTO:

Just go to Studio 24 at Allen, They already know what you need for PR. N1,500 (4 Copies) paid each for Hard Copy & Soft Copy.

## EMPLOYMENT RECORD/PROOF OF WORK EXPERIENCE:

I submitted only two pages Reference Letter from HR {No Pay slip, No Offer Letter, No ID Card}

## PROOF OF EDUCATION/STUDIES:

Page 1 & 2- WES Report

Page 3- IELTS Result

Page 4 – University Degree Certificate

Page 5- Professional Qualification Certificate

## MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE:

I submitted the one I receive from Church {I have not been to Registry before}

## POLICE CERIFICATE:

I got across to Inspector Moshood {I hear say na ASP now } at Alagbon via the contact provided on this wonderful thread and we paid 7k for two.

## PROOF OF FUND- POF:

I submitted two Generic Bank Reference letters {No Statement of Account}. One from a Tier 1 bank and the other is a Microfinance Bank.

## LEGAL NAME CHANGE FOR SPOUSE:

Page 1: Change of name Affidavit

Page 2: Newspaper Publication for change of name

POST – AOR:

AOR- September 13th

Medicals & Biometrics flow in as usual as others with similar timeline.

November 9 was the first PPR Rain for September AOR by then I realize I am due for PPR.

So out of Curiosity, I mailed Ralph on the 15th November and I got the response below:

Dear Engr2000,

I spoke to IRCC regarding your application received Sept 13, 2018. It is at the Case Processing Center in Ottawa.

Standard processing time is 6 months. This means 80% of routine applications are completed within that time frame, while 20% take longer.

Criminality passed Oct 11, 2018.

\*Eligibility and security have not been initiated\*. They cannot be expedited and timelines are not available.

Medicals are valid until Aug 14, 2019.

Sincerely,

Ms. Robyn Sullivan

Office of the Hon. Ralph Goodale, MP

Regina-Wascana"

Did I get discouraged? Yes! (I am Human)

Did I give up? No (My eyes was still on getting PPR before Christmas)

Two weeks down the line, I got RPRF request on November 28th and a week later I got PPR {December 7th, 2018}... I cried, apparently I have never applied for Visa before whether Visiting Visa, Tourist Visa or Student Visa and here I am with PR just like that.

Moral of the Story: whatsoever \*is not initiated\* can be completed in a space of 1 week.

So guys hang in there, I look forward to seeing more PPR rain on this thread before the end of January 2019.

COPR Landed today and it has ended in Praise.

This have been my Song Inspiration all though the application:

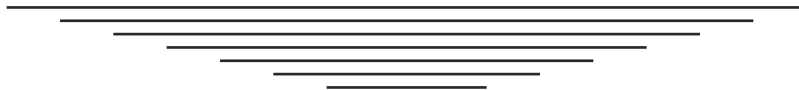
NARA by ---Tim Godfrey Ft. Travis Greene –  
You've done so much for me  
I can not tell it all  
Narekele mo  
If I had ten thousand tongues  
It still won't be enough  
Narekele mo

Chukwu na gwom'oria le  
When You heal, You heal completely  
Narekele mo  
Chukwu mar'obimo  
Isi ikendu le  
Narekele mo

What shall I render to Jehovah?  
For He has done so very much for me  
What shall I render to Jehovah?  
For He has done so very much for me/blockquote>

I wish you all the very best!.

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 6smslive2


Posted (on page [282](#)) by:

**smslive2**

11:45am On Jan 03

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### Message:

>The Abridged story is Here!/>   
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span style="color:#990000;">In The Beginning...

This journey started sometimes in 2013 when a senior colleague tried to convince me to apply for the old FSW program, i had mixed feelings because of the amount of time it takes to process the applications. He mounted serious pressure on me (Cos we are so close even though he was a senior colleague) and i started my first ECA in March 2014... While that was ongoing, i applied for Study permit to Canada earlier in 2014 and was denied. I then changed focus to the UK, got Tier 2 Work visa along the line... We got the visa and we were welcome to the UK by Mama Charlie. While still processing Canada, we had hoped to join the express entry in 2015 since we heard it will be faster to process... However, as God will have it, Pounds gained against Naira and the rest is history...

Broken English...

As at the time of writing my first IELTS in 2015, i didnt really know i was suppose to get 8777, all i knew then was that i just need to write IELTS but our points were way lower than 400. When the IELTS expired, my profile became ineligible but as at then, i had put a hold on Canada because 1 Pound was over N500, my brother and sister in the lord, if na you nko? One faithful afternoon, i was on the train back home when a thought came to my head that why not try and register for this express entry again? as at then, most of the people looking up to me for advise had already gotten PPR or in Canada already, I registered while still on the train, the exam day was less than 1 week and i managed to get LRWS 9, 7.5, 7, 8.5... Got back into the pool but still low. Wifey had completed her MSc then, so we tried to make her PA but after 5 IELTS attempts (Ko easy ooo), i had to restrategize... I know our best chance would be for me to get additional certificates... That is another battle

Search for Golden Treasure...

The search for additional certificate was a serious battle. As at that time, i had already started my MSc program in a UK university, Completion is still a long way to go because its Part Time... Too many things in between to mention but to cut the long story short... I finally enrolled for ACCA Diploma and as God will have it, it was evaluated as 3 years while others were getting 1 semester. Please dont ask me how it happened



cos If you ask me, Na who i go ask? God did it! I added the certificate and boom, we moved to 440. Did i mention that if wifey had passed her IELTS, we would have scored 460+? Well... now you know!

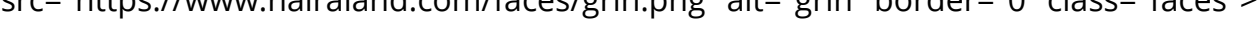
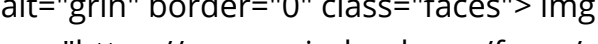




ITA Feeling...

Being a semi assistant deputy elder in this group, i had thought ITA will come as normal and nothing will happen, my brethren, na lie ooo... The day the ITA dropped, i had an episode of tears rolling down my cheek in JOY. Its like i never expected it! God did it. Draw was 440, CRS was 440, but profile was recreated in Jan 25th, Tie breaking was Jan 31st.

Rich Dad, Poor Dad...

I submitted 2 proofs of POF, 1 gift deed to cover the entire amount from my mum because i had too many transactions in my GTB account, i no get strength to be explaining anything, i just used the deed and the other was a letter from AXA Masard for my money market investment. I submitted both in Naira even though i am UK resident.

Penny Wise, Pounds Foolish...

Remember i said i didn't want to write any explanation regarding POF, well it came back staring at my face when London VO requested for ADR for me to explain why i relied on my mum for POF and why my POF was only in Naira.... Brethren in the Lord, Na so i started writing letter ooo... Also they requested for a UK bank statement showing 6 months salary... I wish i had not added my UK employment cos i already have more than enough work experience from Nigeria and i got the letter in CIC format. Even the UK reference letter was not in CIC but na too many skills dey kill monkey

Tick... Tick... Tick...

Everyday, We are reviewing the additional documents you provided! Haaa kilode, what are you reviewing na? release this PPR and let me go. Prayer mode activated! Fast forward to December, I got one news that a colleague we are in the same unit together has resigned. Oh God, Ni bo ni oju re wa? I just told myself, whatever happens, i will

leave in March. Sebi February is 6months, we dey wait.

Did i say i ordered GCMS in October? the thing never get visa to arrive in my mailbox till today. I ordered another one in December, it should come with approval on it.  
(smiles)

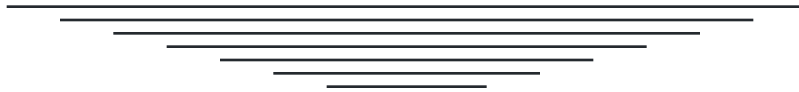
Iroyin Ayo...

Today 3rd January 2019... Oluwa so ro mi dayo! Na so the email drop around 10:06am that i have something in my cic account. I almost had heart attack o cos this was this same way i got the ADR. I logged into the account, only for me to see another request letter... Open the mail na, my hands dey shake! Gbam Issa PPR ooo... Omije Ayo jabo loju mi!

God has done it brethren... Omo Igbala e ke Hallelujah!/>

</blockquote>.

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6maworld

Posted (on page [19](#)) by:

**maworld**

4:07am On Nov 15, 2018

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### Message:

Moyin o logo..az it's PPR people....You amaze me Lord..

Timeline

IELTS Nov 2nd 2017 8.5,8.5,7,7

Spouse IELTS Feb 2018

WES July 17 2018 (no thanks to OOU, couldnt find my result....but Oluwaseunara)

ITA July 25th

AOR Aug 25th

Family of 5. POF was 70% proceeds from land sales and 30% savings.

Medical Passed Sep 19

I had 3 surgeries before and they wanted doctors report for a particular one. The back and forth wasnt funny.

BIL Sept 21

Ghost update Nov 10th 2018

PPR...Nov 14

Nairaland has been my Canny bible. Thank you to all members who pain stakingly post and supply answers...Men and angels will rush to favour you.

I am not a catholic but this 3 prayers were useful to me and my family .

Wrote IELTS with just about few days preparation, nursing 11 month old twins and working in a busy dept yet i cleared it once. I recited the Saint Joseph of Cupertino prayer and my level of confidence was so high that I got home telling hussy " I think i will miss only one question in Reading"....result was 8.5.

POF ..... Saint Jude prayer for financial assistance...two days after that prayer His miracle came forth seamlessly.

Then at the point of submission...we held hands....5 of us... sang and prayed.

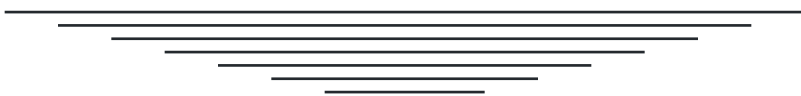
The 3days Holy spirit prayer comforted us that it will end in praise.

Kai....Jesus you love me too much o....cant just stop speaking in tongues...cos i cant find the words.

Waiting to rejoice with you too.

Oluwaseunara.

Number of likes: 136



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6drcynthia

Posted (on page 64) by:

drcynthia

2:09pm On Nov 21, 2018

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### Message:

Got the golden mail today o...

My timeline:

IELTS 28th July 2018.

ECA 8th August.

CRS 461.

ITA 22nd August.

AOR 26th September.

MEP 25th October.

BIOMETRICS 29th October.

IP2: 29th Oct.

ADR (New Passports request) 15th Nov. (For myself and my spouse) Old passports had 6months validity.

Submitted ADR 15th Nov.

PPR: 20th Nov date on it.

Family of 5.

For everyone who is still waiting at diff stages....of this Canada movement ....I wish u all God's Grace and favor

I thank God again for His Grace..

Number of likes: 134



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6ebony9ja

Posted (on page [390](#)) by:

**ebony9ja**

9:39am On Jan 23

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## Message:

Ladies & Gentlemen, This is our PPR story !!

Profile Created on November 13, 2018.

BC: IELTS : PA ( June 2, 2018 ) : LRWS : 8,8,7,7

BC: Spouse( Oct 27: 2018 ) : 8,8.5,6.5,7.5 .

ITA – NOVEMBER 15. CRS: 461- CUT OFF: 449.

NOV 21, 2018 – eAOR

DEC 28, 2018 – MEP/BIL

DEC 29,2018- GHOST UPDATE

DEC 31,2018 – BIOMETRICS COMPLETED @ VFS, LAGOS.

JAN 11,2019 – RAISED A WEB FORM FOR VO STATUS

JAN 15,2019- RESPONSE TO WEBFORM QUERY

JAN 21,2019- 'HOW TO GET A JOB IN CANADA ' MAIL

JAN 23, 2019 (Dated Jan 22, 2019) COPR/PPR -

Madam is the PA. I am the coordinator/chief finance officer (self assigned role).

ITA – NOVEMBER 15. CRS: 461- CUT OFF: 449.

Medical at IOM – Nov 16. (Family of 5).

Notes: Network issues at IOM on NOV 16. Wasted time but we insisted we could not come back as we are not based in Lagos .E- medical forms were not provided due to aforementioned network issues but were later sent to my email on Nov 19 (Monday).

Medical & Police report was concluded same day. We returned to base on Saturday.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION/PAYMENT – NOVEMBER 21.

AOR – NOVEMBER 21.

We didn't enter the pool until November due to delay in Madam's pharmacy verification by PEBC. I have earlier updated her PEBC profile with a new Canadian

address to fast-track receipt of the ECA from PEBC.

We used the ECA delay to plan adequately and get all documents in place. Our medical timing is fallout of these plans.

POF: (bank account + no objection letter). I used funds from one of my bank accounts for entire POF. As the accompany spouse, I wrote letter of no objection. No transfer was done to the PA's account and no statement of account was uploaded. However, I got the Proof of funds letter in CIC format from my bank.

WORK EXPERIENCE: My wife got the work experience letter in CIC format. As an accompany spouse, I couldn't get my company to approve work experience letter in CIC's format. I uploaded the following instead: The request letter I wrote to HR; the response letter from HR (request was denied anyway). I also included promotion letters, pay stubs. Please note I have only worked for one company since I graduated from University. My documentation was pretty concise for this reason.

LETTER OF EXPLANATION: None. I tried to keep the application as simple as possible. So I didn't see a need to write a letter of explanation.

Travel Histories: We have multiple travel histories to all major countries including Canada. One of my children is also a US citizen.

In particular reference to Canada, I have just renewed one of my daughters Canada visit visa in June 2018. It will expire in 2023. So I included the UCIs in our applications. I guess they will probably cancel the visit visa though.

Siblings: My brother is a Canadian citizen. We claimed the statutory 15 points.

I also have a sister who is a PR holder. I once posted a story of my sister whose application was cancelled due to non-acceptance of ICAN certificate presented by her husband. You all knew how the 'protest' letter sent by her husband got the decision upturned culminating in the successful approval of their application.

\$2700 - N765541= 283.533/1 CAD. – GT\_RATE @ NOV 21.

MEP/BCL: DEC 28, 2018. We got the email notification at 9.51pm. It came with the statutory biometric letter for madam and I.

1ST ghost update: DEC 29, 9.51pm. We got email for an update in our account profile. I checked. Nothing. I told madam she has just experienced her first 'ghost' update.

Biometrics was done at VFS Lekki on December 31, 2018.

I am a member of the NOV AOR whatsapp group created by 'RAMJ'. The group is quite active with constant engagement and banter on a wide range of immigration related topics. I raised our first webform on January 11, 2019 to enquire about the VO treating my case, as this was a hot topic on the platform. CIC responded to my query on JAN 15 that our file is being treated at CIO (central intake office in Sydney, Nova Scotia; "the responsible office is currently verifying if our application meets the eligibility requirement".

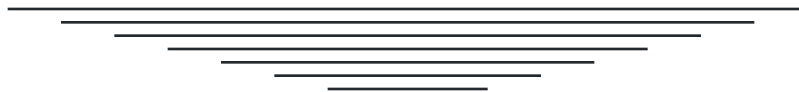
Jan 21, 2019, I received the famous 'How to get a job in Canada form'. Again, in reference to our NOV 2018 whatsapp group, we have had discussion on the significance or otherwise of this particular letter to the whole Canadian immigration journey. Some reported, and rightly so, that their files were transferred to another visa office, mostly the infamous ACCRA visa office a day after receiving the letter according to their GCMC feedback.

I started writing this story on receipt of eAOR, Nov 21, 2018. It is humbling to conclude the final chapter in Jan 23, 2019 – 63 days post AOR. We thank God.

Jan 23 at 1:00AM Nigeria time: (dated Jan 22, 2019). COPR, PPR mail

That we shall succeed is as sure as God reigns!.

Number of likes: [133](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6Zeiya

Posted (on page [159](#)) by:

**Zeiya**

7:25am On Dec 08, 2018

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### Message:

Men this PPR rain reach my side oooooooooo.

Long post alert!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I will give the type of testimony that I benefited from in the past.

After being visited by two "ghost updates", I said that if I miss out on the next PPR rain, then there may be trouble cooking in my application .

My two greatest days on this journey were the day I passed my IELTS and PPR. The feeling was like being a born again for Christians. Let me quickly give my timeline before my long story starts.

Decision to travel was at the peak when I read on the news late last year that Canada will take over a million immigrants between 2018/2020. Then I said to myself, it is time to try through FSW, as I have been looking for admission with scholarship all these while.

IELTS (1): 24th March

IELTS (2): 24th May passed on 6th June( My happiest day on this journey).

ECA: 20th June

EE profile: 22 June

Hubby IELTS : updated 13th July

CRS:448

ITA: 25th July

AOR: 5th Sept

MED: 27th Sept

BIL: 28th Sept

ADR: 17th November

Ghost Update 1: 27th November

Ghost Update 2: 4th December

PPR : 7th December dated 6th December

Family size : 4

VO: Ottawa

Travel experience: Nil

Province picked: Sask and Alberta

AOR-PPR: 93 days

I got the Indian visa location stuff too, but I have submitted at VFS LEKKI. They didn't say anything, I will give you guys feedback on the outcome. Paid #71710 for family of 4



This journey taught me to be positive, patient and the power of research. I turned Nairaland into a pocket Bible. I got 100% information that I used in packaging my application on this forum. I screen shot any important information I read anywhere whether I have reached the stage or not. I read all my saved items at my spare time because i don't know what will be my own case

IELTS: passing ielts was a major breakthrough for me. I knew my journey has begun with or without POF complete.

ECA: University of IBADAN PG school I hail ohhh!!!!!!


they were so fast and efficient in sending and verifying my MSc. transcript( Nairaland saved me from doing my Bsc. too and MOUAU would have showed me pepper as they toasting my younger brother now)

POF: this looked like it was going to be a huge challenge but my siblings kept encouraging me to get to the stage first then we will know if it will stop the process. When the time came O my God !!!!!!!!!, my siblings, hubby siblings and even parents SUPRISED us, everybody wanted to give us money, at a point I was confused on how to merge everything. Our POF was in excess by 30%. 100% dash ooooo. I never knew they had that kind of money, when abroad matter came up, everyone wanted to sow a seed in our life. Nothing FASTING AND PRAYING cannot do. Don't be discouraged about money, keep praying and allow God to do the rest.

POST AOR: After submitting BIL, the waiting torture continues, I attended planning for Canada and researched other pre arrival programs. When the craze of e-mailing Ralph came, I did on 6th November and got the information that my file was at Ottawa, Eligibility in progress, Criminalty started 15th Oct, security not started.

ADR: I got an ADR for Hubby's Schedule A . At the point of submission I noticed that the file name to be submitted in the profile has my name and in my section, I said it won't hurt to fill the form too and let them pick the one the wanted. Next day my profile changed to reviewing document till date.

NOTE: I copied out all the information I filled before and after ITA for myself and my dependents on a book. It became handy when filling the Schedule A.

GHOST UPDATE: After being visited by 'two ghost updates'  I was scared, until I researched and saw people that got even three without PPR on canadavisa forum. I believe "ghost update" means that your file was reviewed but the outcome is what we should pray for. From people that ordered for their notes on the forum, I understand that they noted 'next review date Dec' on their files ( August/September thread). I gained a lot from people's GCMS notes, it kept me going

and reduced the urge to order mine till I mark 100days.

God bless Seun for this Forum, No matter the stage you are don't give up or you will miss u PPR date. GOOGLE is there for everything. Newcomers please go back to part 3, 4, 5 and read, it will take your time and MB, but you will get genuine information from people's personal experience.

From here I got the importance of online presence, I created a LinkedIn profile this year, updated it and filled it with people. I cleared all my side business from my Facebook account and did the same for my hubby. I was lucky my company has a very strong online presence.

POF: I used two gift deeds, from my elder brother and sister. I submitted notarized gift deed for my brother, my sister is in UK so she wrote her own letter in her own style ( refused to use my naija sample), she gave me the evidence of her transfer, marriage certificate and payslip. I didn't use her payslip because I didn't put mine. My money was in 5 Treasury bills from Firstbank (joint account) and Gtbank ( Personal) . I used 6months bank statement from Firstbank ( i had 100% POF there), generic reference letters from both banks and Tbills certificates. I explained in details how all the money came in and stressed that they can be liquidated at any time.

WORK EXPERIENCE: I submitted a very detailed reference letter ( I was lucky I worked with my boss on this), appointment, confirmation, promotion, and salary raise letters only.

CANADA EXPRESS ENTRY is real and you must be interested and determined to get there. I have told some of my friends and

some gave up after few attempts of IELTS while some are waiting to see the result if my own. READ and READ, there are a lot of pre-arrival programs people miss out because of lack of information.

I appreciate hundreds of people here but I will mention few to save space.

@Newmum you are good.

@Mcstan I pray for you always, you inspire me, we will celebrate you here on your appointed day

@dumprep, I met you at the PFC session, you have a nice soul, waiting for your Landing gist soon.

Finally all Glory be to GOD ALMIGHTY and Honour to our Blessed Mother Mary. That

WOMAN is loaded. If you are a Catholic, near her and you will never regret it. SHE can't stand our tears and worries.

It has ended in praise for me. Yours is loading.

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6Sexyuhlala

Posted (on page [90](#)) by:

**Sexyuhlala**

10:50pm On Nov 23, 2018

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### Message:

I started my IELTS journey in August 2017, I actually thought it was just English and that I could just read and pass. I was wrong. Didn't know there were tips and tricks to the exam until I met a friend who sent me time table and more materials to use. At a point, I had so many materials I became confused on what to use. Well, these are my results below.

1st Attempt BC- LRSW – 6, 5,7,6.5

2nd Attempt BC- LRSW – 7.5,5.5,7,6.5

3rd Attempt BC- LRSW – 7.5,8,7,7 – went into the pool with this. CRS 381

4th Attempt BC- LRSW - 8.5, 6.5,7,6. When I saw this result, I wept like a baby. I was angry in my spirit and at the same time angry with God. I asked for a remark and it came out thus – LRSW 8.5, 6.5, 8,6.5. I hissed and moved on.

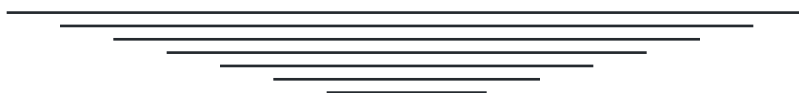
5th Attempt BC- LRSW – 7,6.5,7,6.5

6th Attempt MOD- LRSW 8.5,7,7.5,6.5. Oct 27th

When I saw this result, I was weak. I didn't cry, but I wasn't happy. I was weak, exhausted and all. I just said to myself, I am not writing this exam again, I am tired and I

have tried. Whatever happens happens abeg. I showed people and almost everyone told me to remark, a friend who has been following up on me steady told me instead of remarking I should use the money to pay for another ielts that his wife's friend remarked and it didn't come out positive. I said no oh, I will remark. I am tired of writing. He said okay, lets satisfy your conscience then. That's how I carried my last 46k and I mean last. I didn't even know how I and my baby will survive till month end. I just told God, I am taking a leap of faith, please don't let me down. From the day I submitted the EOR and copied Australia, anxiety wanna finish me. I took solace in praying and reading people's testimonies on Nairaland. I also told my very good friend in the office to pray for me. She could see I wasn't happy and she said don't worry, your result will change. She took it up with her prayer warriors o. There were some nights I'd be tossing and turning on my bed all because of remark, there were also times that the devil filled my heart with doubts but I kept on saying to myself, I will dance like David danced Chai. Then 12 days later I decided to send a mail to remind Australia if they had received my scripts from Nigeria (even though I was so afraid not to upset them...lol), they replied me this morning by 5.54am, I was shaking like a jelly fish. They said I should contact my test centre that the result had been sent. Hmmm, I said I won't o, will wait for their mail, that's how I got the mail from Naija that they had received my EOR from Australia. Omo cold enter my body, I started shaking again. I summoned courage to check online and boom..... my writing got upgraded to 7 and took my crs from 381 to 442. Why this epistle? It's to encourage people going through this hurdle that it will pass, it wasn't easy for me, I exhausted my annual leave for this exam, I didn't rest at all. I thought of giving up so many times but I kept pushing and saying to myself, common girl, you can do this, keep pushing. There were times I wrote and didn't even tell anyone oh make I no look like olodo. So to you out there, yes you. Please don't give up. You'd get there in no time. Cheers..

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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6smlive2

Posted (on page 287) by:

smlive2

10:04am On Jan 04

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## Message:

span style="color:#990000;">Brethren, gather together.... The Lord of host has done it!. He did it at His appointed time.

IT ISSA PPR... Please click here for the abridged version of the journey so far /span>  
blockquote>

span style="color:#990000;">CRS □ -440

ITA □ - August 8th

eAOR □ August 17th

RFRP □ - August 17th

NA1 □ August 17th

IP2 □ August 17th

BIL □ September 14th

IP1 □ September 27th

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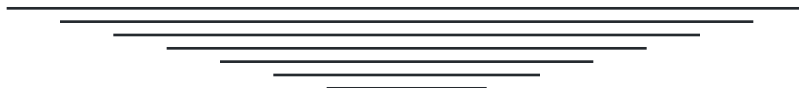
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PPR □ Jan 3rd

Visa Office - Montreal and London VO/span>

/blockquote>.

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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6dumsydsassy1

Posted (on page [307](#)) by:

**dumsydsassy1**

8:05pm On Jan 07

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## Message:

What God has done for others, He now does for me and more.. Florence Scovel Shin

blockquote>These were the words i said to myself, once every hour for the past 7 months. (I set a reminder on my phone)

Its PPR People!!! I cannot even type..still overwhelmed and I feel numb. I don't think i have ever desired anything this much in my life like this.. chai! now i'm crying again... lzz this same cry since morning that did not allow me type this testimony since.. But i will push through the tears and type as e dey do me, as @dumprep has hyped it.

## TIMELINE

AOR: June 2nd, 2018

MEP: June 26th, 2018

IP1: June 14th, 2018

IP2: October 15th, 2018

Ghost update: October 17th, 2018

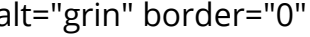
Application approved: October 17th, 2018 ( confirmed through Ralph Goodale, Call center agents and eventually GCMS notes)

PPR: January 7th, 2019

## DECISION TO TRAVEL

So the decision to leave Naija has always been something we had on our minds, hubby and I but we didn't know how to go about it. we officially made up our minds in 2014 just before Express Entry started. A family friend of ours who left that year introduced us to his lawyer, a Nigerian lady and we took it up from there..We however abandoned ship after paying this lawyer twice and we didn't see what she had done for us. Come 2015, we decided to try EE ourselves but neither of us were ready to do the work work of digging and getting info, I tried oh but it all seemed complicated.. so yet again, we abandoned ship.

April 2016, My husband had the opportunity to travel to the US, this was his first

time ever outside Naija..two days into the trip he called me and said "Baby, if not for you and the kids, i'll never set foot on Naija soil again". My heart was super happy because i knew this was it...no more abandoning ship. When he came back he was like we need to do something fast! that his auntie had hooked him up with someone to do arrangee marriage but his mind cannot carry it.. So Canada came up again.. I ran to google and came across this thread - Part 1 page 550 to be exact.. i started reading..I opened another page and started from Page 0 while i kept up with the conversation on another page. Before the week ran out I knew what to do, where to start.. i knew everythingimg src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">

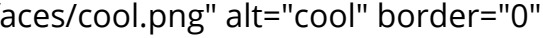
### ECA

I am the Principal applicant : I evaluated my MBA from Lautech..( I waited for 4 months ) because that whole year they were on strike, then one extra month because EMS airplane packed up in Amsterdam ( I blame myself as i was doing cheaposki).

Hubby: Evaluated his MBA too from LAUTECH but opted to use DHL.

We both used IQAS and that took another 12 weeks.. In the end, ECA was ready December 2016 and we entered into the pool.

### IELTS

This one was a breeze for me, my first degree was English Language- LRWS (9,9,8.5,img src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/cool.png" alt="cool" border="0" class="faces"> --> kindly click my moniker to read my posts for my own ielts tips(sorry i don't know how to do that thing smslive and them GS them do ) kudos guys.

My Hubby wrote ielts once and his scores put us at 446..December 2016-- ITA eluded us twice this month due to tie breaker.

By January 2, I had my birthday and we lost 5 points putting us at 441. That's how CRS refused to go down again..we waited till March and decided he should write again and he did better this time bumping us up to 443, we finally got ITA April 25th, 2018--> I also told the story on my journey to ITA in one of my posts.

### POST-ITA

MEDICALS: This one wasn't a walk in the park as my Husband was diagnosed with hereditary HBP, CIC requested for further medicals and God came through for us, everything was fine. I also have the story on that one in my Posts, kindly click on my moniker if interested.

### DIGITAL PHOTO:

We went to studio 24 in Wuse 2, paid for the hard copy and then resized with a

scanner before i submitted( Thank you @Glitteringstar2).

#### EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

I submitted my reference letter(in CIC format) on a plain sheet of paper and got my supervisor to sign. I work with a government parastatal and didn't just want any wahala in case CIC had to verify. I also submitted a copy of my supervisor's ID card, his official complimentary card and his passport photograph in case CIC wants to compare faces on the ID. I notarized the Reference letter too since it was on plain sheet.

- I added my payslips for the last 6 months
- My salary Bank statement, highlighting my salary for 6 months
- I added my employment letter
- I added a copy of my Work ID card..

Overkill right...lol - I didn't want any VO doubting my employment biko.

#### PROOF OF EDUCATION:

IQAS ECA Certificates of my spouse and I.

IELTS results of my spouse and I.

MBA certificate of my spouse.

Statement of result( because I haven't still collected my Certificate).

#### MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE:

I submitted the one I received when I wedded in court, so on my application I filled in January 10, 2009 but my white wedding was in April of the same year.

#### POLICE CERTIFICATE:

We did this at Force CID in Area 11 Abuja at 10k each...we did it in Feb of 2018, in anticipation of ITA.

#### PROOF OF FUNDS:

40% of our POF was my spouse's Pension funds.

60% was in FD.

We also had like \$2000 in my USD account

We submitted bank reference letter in CIC format from Standard Chartered Bank..

This POF almost gave me heart attack, when i ordered for gcms the first time, the program analyst flagged it, izz like he didn't understand the pension something.. I reached out to newmum who assured me that all was good and all i needed to do was wait, because i was ready to make up the funds the pension covered and raise a CSE.

Note: my husband transferred all the monies to me and wrote a letter stating i had



access to it and that it was all for our immigration movement.

## POST - AOR

So after we submitted we started praying and fasting and believing for a fast processing..little did we know..lol

## GCMS Notes

After 60days i ordered the first GCMS notes, everything seemed ok except that the program assistant flagged my settlement funds, A11.2 was however met..

After another 30 days i ordered the second one, came back exactly same as the first, meaning no one had touched it since June 26th..so i decided to just chill and ignore CIC small..

I ordered the last notes in November and saw that my file was approved just like Uncle Ralph said.

In between the second and third order for the gcms notes i was calling the call center and all they kept saying was wait..like say e de easy..

## OCTOBER 15TH, 2018

My fellow NLanders turned friend turned sister @dumprep, kept pressuring me too check my account because she had recently just moved to IP2, lo and behold there was some movement- after four and half months of stagnation.. i just started crying..lol( i'm super sensitive)

Two days later, ghost update..couldn't believe how fast it was happening.. I was so sure PPR will come before the week ran out.. I had even planned to surprise my husband with stamped passports and copr, because i had kept him in the dark all the while about the progress of our application; but after we crossed six months i gave up and abandoned that ship... because I was beginning to get worried even after I knew our application was approved.

## FAST FORWARD DEC 21, 2018





On June AOR CanadaVisa forum, a couple of our Indian brethren who were also in the same situation as us(approved but no PPR) were getting ppr simply by sending an email to NDVO.. I asked my darling dumprep if i should do same and she said

never..since I wasn't Indian, I also asked my hubby and he concurred with her.. But shebi I am the PA, and izz my email that CIC know.. I didn't answer them and went ahead to send the email.. after a few days nothing happened.. then i saw PPR announcements of @fatiah and @codebrews on Canadavisa forum and we all sent that email on the same 21st.. am like wharrt?? abi village people nor want make i progress ni..

I decided to do a reminder on the same day 31st December..

FAST FORWARD Jan 2. 2018 another Birthday..I didn't ask God for PPR, I mean..I'm sure He was even tired, all i did was simply reflect on the journey so far..I mean so many things could have gone wrong but as it is, my journey was a smooth one, and i thanked God immensely, I danced like never before, I was excited like i had the PPR already..I praised God because I have 3 friends, we all submitted on June 2 but their applications landed in ACCRA, till today they have only MEP.. I had every reason to be thankful.. After that prophetic dance i called hubby that I believe the time had come to start selling off our things..I mean what better way to express our Faith..

So we wrote everything we had on paper, costed it and shared to my brothers, who displayed on their whatsapp status..Brethren, presently all, I mean every single thing in our house is sold..as we were selling we told them pickup is Feb ending..So in less than one week we sold everything we had, even the car..lol

FAST FORWARD Jan 7, 2018-5:23am.. I woke up, prayed, picked up my phone to read my bible and i saw it ...sitting pretty in my inbox...PPR from NDVO    

Brethren, join me and my family in thanking God, my Joy knows no bounds..I'm especially happy for my kids because this whole journey is 90% for them, i'm happy they will have a shot at living a normal straightforward life, one that you don't need to know anyone to succeed, one that you are sure that when you work hard, you'll reap the fruits of your labor.

Note: The journey to this PPR required a lot of sacrifice especially from me.. In order to encourage my Husband to see this journey to the end, I split the cost of the whole journey into two..IELTS, ECA, \$2380cad (family of 4); I took up the cost of my own application and one of my kids while he took up his own cost and the other kid.. I did this so that Baba doesn't get overwhelmed and attempt to abandon ship..I sold my car,

wiped up my business account( i also bake lovely cakes on the side), wiped out my savings account.. I have no regrets whatsoever, I did what I had to do to see this through.

I'm mentioning this because some of us might be waiting for one person to do everything..Please don't wait, For those who don't have all the monies available, just start..this month you pay for your transcript, next month you pay for ECA, next month IELTS etc. Before you know it we'll be celebrating your PPR

Special shout out to: @dumprep- words fail me on your matter, you are one of a kind..a special breed, wife material 100 yards..lol- I

love you babe.

@newmum0615- The blessings coming your way is still doing press ups..God bless you and prosper you beyond your imaginations.

@Glitteringstar2- absolutely no words.. Thank you for everything, God bless you sis!

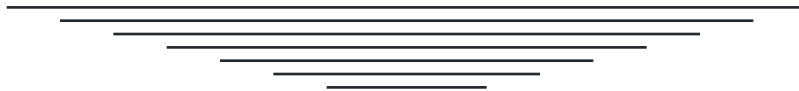
@Tojued- God bless you plenty. You are in my prayers.

@Talkingboy- I pray for you everyday bro, we will rejoice with you soon.

@everyone, it'll surely end in praise for us all..God Bless us all/blockquote>

Oga Ebu sorry @ralphruz..over to you..

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6dane15

Posted (on page [453](#)) by:

**dane15**

10:11am On Feb 05

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### Message:

Guys, you won't believe what God did for me today.

PRE-EXPRESS ENTRY

The year is really starting on a good note and God is never late. My journey started around August 2014 at about 5 am when one of my Aunts like that, who has spent many decades in CA called and started raking o. "Iwo o fe serious abi? Mo ti n ran omo mi si e lori oro Canada yi o kan se bo se wu e! You are not serious at all. (She had been telling her daughter, my cousin to convince me to come to CA but I was not interested).

Na so I start to dey beg my Aunt o. They assisted me with all the info I needed and paid for my WES and IELTS. I carry overconfidence enter night bus go Calabar go write IELTS na so I get 7.0 band sha. I nor even know say I fail by EE standards.

I packaged my application with my completed WES-UI B.Sc only. Na so my Work Supervisor turn Devil. She refused to sign my experience letter. By the time I would get an alternative, it was late December 2014. I tried my best to send in my application before the December 31st, 2014 deadline but it got in after the quota for my profession had been filled up.

## EXPRESS ENTRY ERA

Enter Express Entry-2015. I saw the cut-off scores were in the 500-700 range if I remember well.

Na so I bone the project. I cannot come and die. IELTS expired (it wouldn't have been useful anyways) but thank God WES lasts for 5 years.

From 2016 to 2017 the scores started dropping till it entered sub-450. I read about the process and started guiding my interested Pals as I didn't have my POF ready. One by one dem start to get PPR. I now told myself, e be like say I wan turn Bus conductor o? You are consulting for people, they are travelling but you are still in Nigeria. Wehdon Sir!

## TIME TO LEAP

By late December 2017, I had to start preparing for IELTS again. I upgraded my WES with my second certificate obtained in 2016. Sat IELTS in January 2018.

Before I wrote the exam, I studied the old result and identified areas where I needed to improve- S (6.5), W ( 7.0) and listening (7.5). For speaking I used Jay, for Listening and Writing, I started practising with Cambridge materials. I did that for about a month until I was doing 8.0-9.0 on Reading/Listening while building my self with Jay bobo on speaking. For writing, I tried to understand the mind of the marker.

The toughest of the tests for me was speaking as my head just blank when dem ask me to talk on client satisfaction and customer service- I sha said one thing about Police and suspects that their suspects should be treated as customers till they are proven to

be criminals. Na so the examiner begin dey smile. I think say I don Jonez! Of all examples I could have given why Police? Result sha comot for Feb 2018-L-8.5, R-8.5, S-8.0, W-7.0.

People it could only have been God. WES came out with 2 certificates. We got ITA in February 2018. My family of 3 did medicals and we included my Pension which amounted to about 20% of the POF and the remaining 80% were made up of my savings and financial assistance from my cousin and Brother in law in CA. My BIL gave me 15 marks that I didn't need. I wish I could transfer to someone who needed it but sometimes life can be funny. You have excess CRS points meanwhile you are unable to help people who need just 1 extra point to get ITA.

When I calculated my POF in April 2018, Stanbic used to confirm balances at about NGN250/1CAD (CBN). I did a worst case scenario of NGN270/CAD and my POF was still enough for my mind o, for my mind.

#### THE LEAP

I submitted my application on the 5th of April 2018 and the journey started.

ITA-February 12th

eAPR-April 5th

IELTS Results Uploaded-April 7th/11th. I realized that I only entered my scores and TRF details. I didn't upload my IELTS results.

PR Fees/Dubai Training-May 9th/ May 23rd. I uploaded evidence of my post eAPR PR fees payment and passport pages of my travel to UAE for a training alongside the training certificate before they will come and erroneously say I went to train with ISIS and elongate my Security screening. God forbid!

GCMS 1-Jun 29th/August 2nd- This application should not exceed 3 months now? Let me see my GCMS notes- Insufficient Funds, Review Required. Case analyst used almost NGN280 to 1 CAD leading to about CAD500 shortfall. Which kain Village people (VPs) be this one? I asked for advice on this thread and was told to quickly raise a CSE which I did. Thank God the POF has been increasing since eAPR date and as at August 2018, it exceeded the required POF even if the Case Analyst wants to use NGN300/CAD.

Used CSE to upload revised LOE for Settlement Funds/IRCC Generic Response- August 7th/August 28th

GCMS 2 Request/IRCC Response -July 3rd/Aug 28th Insufficient Funds, Review Required. File was not touched at all!

GCMS 3 Request/IRCC Response-August 13th/Sept 15th 2018- Insufficient Funds, Review Required. Confirmed, Village Peeps don show! God touch their hearts at IRCC to look at the revised POF I sent now?

I managed to wait for 6 months from application date on 5th of October. Then I added 3 weeks and some days of patience.

GCMS 4 Request-October 10th

RALPH TO THE RESCUE

I then heard of the Gentleman MP Ralph.

Contacted Ralph/Ralph response-Oct 28th/29th. Eligibility ongoing, Security not started. Olorun! Iru awon eeyan wo l'eleyii gan na? I intensified Prayers.

I contacted Ahmed Hussein-Oct 29th

I contacted IRCC/IRCC Response-Oct 29th/Nov 1. They only acknowledged Ralph's contact. Nothing more. What kind of shoddy service are these people rendering to us eh?

I contacted IRCC- Nov 1st. I diplomatically explained to them that I could not make any sense out of their Nov 1st response.

A PUNCH BELOW THE BELT

Nov 3rd- They nacked me Procedural Fairness Letter (PFL) over POF. My world spun. Every internet search I did, pointed to a refusal. Why me Lord? People said it was the end of the road. I looked up to God. They set aside my Pension because of the 4 months caveat, reconverted the balance already confirmed by Stanbic in CAD at about NGN250/CAD and used NGN276/CAD but they included a GTBank balance (CAD1,500) per the statement I sent which I did not even use in calculating my POF since I could not get the letter in the required format from GTbank. This is a totally different angle from the Case analyst's review o!

GCMS 3 Response-November 7th. This GCMS report was cancelled 1 minute after it was sent. I however used it as evidence in my response to the PFL because it still showed that the Case Analyst's position which accepted the Pension has part of my POF

has not changed even after they sent me PFL.

IRCC Response to Nov 1st enquiry- Nov 6th. Your application is still in progress.

Response from Hussein- Nov 6th. Hussein's office contacted IRCC and additional information is being requested from me (PFL) which is required to conclude application.

I sent an email appreciating Ralph/Hussein-November 7th.

#### GOD GUIDED RESPONSE

I went online and studied PFLs at length and how to respond to them, what the reviewer wants to see.

November 9th- I prayerfully responded to the PFL trying to address all the issues raised. I detailed my POF at application date including all evidence and pleading that they should not disregard my pension as it is technically my savings and not a Government benefit. I also detailed my latest POF at response date. Both were far above the required minimum.

#### WAITING, WAITING, WAITING

Contacted IRCC/Response from IRCC-Nov 9th/16th. We have forwarded to the responsible office.

Contacted IRCC/Response from IRCC-Dec 3rd/Dec 4th. Currently verifying eligibility requirements.

Contacted IRCC/Response from IRCC-Dec 6th/Dec 7th. Still in process.

Contacted IRCC/Response from IRCC-Dec 13th/Dec 14th. Still in process.

Ghost Update-Dec 17th

#### ANGEL RALPH AGAIN

Contacted Ralph again/Response-Dec 18th/Dec 18th. I told him I was totally frustrated by IRCC. Despite the fact that he only responds once, God favoured me with him and he brought good news the same day. Application has been approved. Awaiting PPR.

I sent another email of appreciation to MP Ralph-Dec 19th

#### WHICH WAY IRCC?

Contacted IRCC/Response from IRCC-Dec 19th/Dec 20th. Still in process. This people no gree update my CIC account with PPR o. Wetin be this one na?

Contacted IRCC/Response from IRCC-Dec 20th/Dec 21st. Information differs.

Called CIC twice in the week. They said my file is still in Nova Scotia and will need to be moved to Lagos office bla bla bla.

I requested GCMS 5- Dec 26th

Contacted IRCC-Dec 26th/Dec 27th- We will inform you when a decision has been made.

## NDVO BONANZA

I heard of the NDVO bonanza, but at the time, I had already paid another house rent and I had already scored a goal with madam and she might not be able to fly. There was no need to fast track anything again. I just chilled. I only sent emails to Lagos office and Accra Office.

## ANGEL RALPH STRIKES THRICE

Out of curiosity, I sent an email to my padi Angel Ralph on the 17th of January, 2019. He responded CIO would hopefully send the passport request shortly. I sent him an email to appreciate him again.

## LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS PPR!

Feb 4th. PPR strolled into my email at 8:34pm yesterday from CIO.

Finally Baba did it o in exactly 10 months from April 5th. He (the King VIP) has disgraced the village people (VPs) finally. God of my fathers- Kenneth E. Hagin, Pastor Adeboye and Bishop Oyedepo has done it for me.

## NEXT STEPS

I will appreciate guidance from anyone who has added a newborn after PPR.

This thread has been very awesome and I want to appreciate everyone for your help. May Canada favour us all. Prof Ralph, please ignore my typos and blunders and score me well otherwise, I go do you wetin Justice Umar wan do Onnoghen. Afterall, you won't mark your own PPR script.

I pray that no matter the stage where you find yourself, God will come through for you in the mighty name of Jesus.

## ADVICE

1. Please don't only read page 0, study it and meditate on it till you are very confident about the whole process.

2. No two applications are the same. Peace People..

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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6olajide21

Posted (on page [241](#)) by:

**olajide21**

8:12am On Dec 23, 2018

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## Message:

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER..... (MY EXPERIENCE)

Alhamdulillah; its PPRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!!! To Allah belongs all praise!

Say He is Allah; The One,

Allah; The Eternal,

Allah begets none and was never begotten,

We; the entire universe and what is within it need Him, while He in His majesty needs no one!

He is The First without a beginning and He shall be The Last without an End; The Inheritor of all.

The Creator of All and The One who appoints everything in its appropriate time, I am full of gratitude for your Rahma.

I testify that there is indeed NO deity worthy of being worshiped except Allah and that Mohammad is His last and Final Messenger to all Mankind. May Peace Be Upon the Prophet of Allah; Mohammad, his household, his companions and all those follow his teachings and ways till the end of time.

AS TO WHAT FOLLOWS..... IT'S MY TIME!!! VETERAN'S TIME TO PICK UP THE MIC!!!

HELLO, PEEPS GATHER AROUND, PAY UNDIVIDED ATTENTION!... The Time has come!

Alhamdulillah for the time has come and PPR is here! It took a while, probably one of the longest ever posted on this thread but not the longest application, even in the slightest of thoughts. Most delayed applicants would rather receive their belated PPR and move on. No excitement, but I decided to do otherwise as in time, we are all same. Hopefully, my post would give strength to the weak and hope to the one who is almost losing it. We are quick to express frustration and disappointments if our timelines aren't aligning with our plans/dreams, we need to learn to keep calm as The One who is greater than everything else is in charge. We should learn to be thankful and appreciate

every opportunity God gives us. We should realize that for some reasons some can't even apply for the Canadian FSW EE program. That being said, let me take through my Journey to PPR. It took 12 months, 0 Week, 6days, to get to this stage. I am still filled with gratitude that it came. So whatever stage/level you are in the process, be calm and let God lead.

## HOW IT ALL STARTED

Leaving abroad was never part of my plans. I remember being confident of my life in Lagos and telling myself I would never trade life in Lag to a life anywhere else in the country. I love the hustle and bustle, the noise of Eko Idumota, Eko Idumota, Apongbon! from my bedroom in Surulere. I moved to Abuja and everything changed. Less noise, ease of hustling, neat street (way back late 90s and early 2000s) and above all peaceful leaving. Since then, I can count how many days I have stayed in Lag. I was comfortable leaving in Abj, no real interest in leaving anywhere else in the world.

In 2012, had the opportunity to travel to Germany, Luxembourg, France and Austria (Project trip) all in 7days. This trip changed everything else. The serenity of life I felt in my short stay in these countries changed a whole lot. I returned to Nigeria with thoughts of going back to Europe (relocate) with my family. Wifey did not show particular interest until she travelled to Egypt same year thereafter, both of us wanted to leave. HOW and WHERE became our major hurdle. We kept the plan on the shelf never to be forgotten though.

## AND DAVID COHEN CAME ALONG!

In 2013, I stumbled on David through my seldom search online on how to leave the country. He got my details and we spoke on telephone few times (I still have his telephone number sha). Unfortunately, he informed me that he would not be able to help at that time unless I am willing to go through school route, he also promised to get back when things change. We moved on.

Fast track 2015, I had the chance by the mercies of God to visit Dubai, UAE to attend the BIG 5 Exhibition. My dream of relocating outside Nigeria was immediately rekindled. In fact, I began applying for Architectural jobs in Dubai before I left. I spent a total of 6-7days in Dubai and returned to the country after completing my assignment without landing a Job. I got back home and narrated to Wifey how beautify Dubai is and together we dusted our relocation plan and started researching on WHERE and HOW again. At this time Canadian Express Entry has started but I did not give it any reasonable thought as I thought the process would be too difficult to overcome. At this time Zandora, Dupyshoo were the go-to person on the part one of the EE thread. Wifey's friend who leaves in Canada out of no where just contacted her to ask if she was

interested to migrate to Canada to which she answered in affirmative, this was in December, 2015 (Coincidence?). Mid 2016 i had another opportunity to travel to Turkey (Istanbul and Kayseri) for about 10days on project trip. I returned to Nigeria and again my interest to relocate outside the country became fresh, at this time I was more determined than ever. We began to look at the Australian thread and the Canadian thread closely. Late 2016, my younger brother told me he has already started the process and probably in the Canadian EE pool. He got ITA sometime in February 2017. We started our process in March 2017 with our ECA from FUT Minna and LAUTECH.

ECA: WES/LAUTECH/FUTMX

Our Qualifications:

Wifey (B.Tech and MBA), Schools (FUT MX + LAUTECH)

Mine (B.Tech and M.Tech). Schools (FUT MX + FUT MX)

Our plan was to make Wifey the PA for obvious reasons but LAUTECH refused to cooperate. The school collected my money for transcript but never sent anything to WES, consequently we settled for myself as the PA. Alhamdullilah, as the PA, we landed a CRS of 433!

We started ECA in March 2017 and Finalized in June 2017. Alhamdullilah!

IELTS

Dear Wifey and myself sat for the exams on August 19th 2017 and we passed it once, Alhamdullilah. The cost of the exams was around 62k per person. I hustle for the money and God blessed my hustle and 124k for the exams came through a commission I was about to get. In my account was about 50k or so then. I was aware I needed over 7m for family of 5 as PoF as at 2017, but kept faith with The One who never disappoints. Exam came and we passed!. Alhamdulillah.

My result LSRW: 8.0,7.5,7,7.5

Wifey's LSRW: 9.0,7.5,8.5,7.5

THE POOL AND ITA

We entered the EE pool on the 5th of September, 2017 and got ITA on the 20th of September, 2017 with a CRS of 433. When God be for you, wetin fit be against you..... nada!!!! The Cumulative Ranking Score has not gone that low since our round till date! We got ITA and the real hustle began! To even think I toyed with the idea of rejecting the ITA at some point.

PoF hustle and its struggle

As at ITA, my account balance was about 50K (home and abroad). But as Allah would have it, I got 3 interesting projects whose payment begin to come in shortly after ITA. If ITA has come earlier, there wouldn't have been PoF. so these three projects came, sold one of ours cars, borrowed small here and there and we got over the required PoF. The next question was how do lodge this money in my zenith bank account without issues of six months average balance and lump sum deposit. Well, we did what we can and God came to our rescue. Something miraculous happened, our bank letter came out "over perfect".

AoR

We submitted our application on the 13th of December, 2017 a week before expiration of our 90days. We submitted with high hopes that our application would be processed in Ottawa so that PPR would come in record time. Well, our prayers were accepted and Ottawa did what they had to do.

The wait BEGINS.....

The first contact post AoR came through Med Passed on the 21st of December, 2017 (IP 1). Morale became very high and we were hopeful of an early completion of our application. We got NA2 on the 3rd of January, 2017 and I remember telling DW that come April 2018, I am out of Nigeria (No time to wait). IP2 came on the 23rd of January, 2018 with ADR for 6months pay slips. IP2 means PPR is knocking at the door, right? Well, that wasn't the case here.

Security Screening (What did I do? Wetin be my offence?)

As PPR no show, we began to have an impression that something might be wrong somewhere. My first thought was my Bank letter. We joined numerous whatsapp groups, Telegram, canadavisa.com, etc. We began to hear about the possibility of us being under Extended Security Screening. We watched closely and got idea of how long it could take but then we thought our case would be different.

GCMS, CBSA, CSIS, RALPGH GOODALE, CSE, E-MAIL etc

In February 2018, we decided to order our first GCMS to see whats up. It came a month later and a whole full page was redacted!!!!!!..... That was a key pointer for SS applicants. We begin to accept our faith and keep everything in the hands of God. We ordered CBSA and CSIS, while CSIS came a month later, CBSA came 90days later!. They confirmed our fears. Anyway, we still kept faith.

February – no contact from IRCC

March – No contact

April – No contact

May – No contact

June – No contact

July – No Contact (At this stage, I exited all groups except 1)

August – No Contact

September – No Contact

October – No Contact

November..... It brought hopes and we got the first ADR on the 16th of November, 2018 for additional family information. We knew at this stage that the extended SS was over and done with. We submitted the ADR on the 20th of November and received ADR for Re-Meds on the 21st of Nov. The Re-Meds was done on the 27th and transmitted to CIC on the 29th of November. Day 1, Day 2, 3,4,5..... Week 1, Week 2 no med passed. Called CIC and it wasn't successful (progress bar period). I decided to go to the med centre (Name withheld) to ask what the issues were. The assured me that everything was fine and our e-med tracking sheets have been forwarded to IRCC and that is it from their side. Tried CIC the following day and thank God I got through. The lady told me that the Med centre did not upload my DD's tracking sheet and that is why they couldn't act on our submission. I returned same day to the Med centre to inform them of my latest findings. The doctor scan through the system and did few abracadabra and told me again that no issues from them. Oga fun gbo gbo yi ooooo; (na wa for all of una). I called CIC again, and this time the agent told me that my DD's sheet just got updated, seems the abracadabra the doc was doing before talking to me was a quick update of the sheet. Anyway, to God belongs all praises. We passed the med the following day after almost 3weeks.

Now that Med is passed, where is my PPR?

At this point, I began to race against time. If PPR is not issued by the end of last week, they could as well keep it till February 2019 (if you know, you know). On the 18th of December, 5 days after 1 year post AoR, I called CIC and very very courteous agent picked up. I told her that I need PPR without further delay, I explained my situations to her, she went through my application and came back to tell me that there is nothing she can do other than for us to wait it OUT!!! Chai, chai, chai. I resolved to faith and also hope that if Allah wills, PPR fit still come. I went to bed tired, woke up about 3am to pray. Somehow (In the moning), one of my kids said something about Canada and I decided to check my mail at that point..... Behold it was my PPR mail sitting in my box since 3am. My schedule for that day automatically changed. We took our passport at the Lugbe Shop rite and submitted in VFS in silverbird in CBD, Abuja. Praying for speedy CoPR.

The Summary of my Application:

AOR: 13th December, 2017

IP1: 21/12/2017

NA2: 3/01/2018

IP2 + ADR: 23/01/2018 (was a little happy that i was close to PPR here)

SS started: 24/01/2018

January – October (Ordered GCMS, CSIS, mailed Goodale, mailed Ottawa, raised CSE etc till I got tired)

November 16th – ADR for Additional Family Information

November 21st – Re – Meds

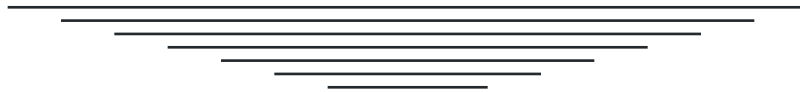
December 14th 2018 – Re Med passed

December 19th - PPR

Alhamdullilah that it ended well.

And to my man @issyman, not everyone can endure what you have on this journey. While most of us would have abandoned the whole process, you still remained strong in the face of the trials. Please be strong brother and keep your eyes on the goal..

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6titiclassy

Posted (on page [240](#)) by:

**titiclassy**

6:00pm On Dec 22, 2018

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### Message:

When you dont rely on your own understanding and allow God, things go better than you had planned.

After getting married to my amazing husband, he will be singing songs of how he will never leave Naija ..it was a bitter medicine to swallow daily. I tried all forms of convincing mechanisms but they never worked. I then resolved to prayer and hope.

In January 2018, I woke up to an impromptu family strategy session. And Strategic action item 1 was to give the Canada express entry a shot...I couldn't believe my ears. I was so glad. I was tired of naija issues, no matter how much you earn ..you go through the same struggles of.no power, no working structures, cheats,

We started WES journey...ASUU strike affected us small. Eventually my husband's assessment got sorted within 2 months (trust Unilag)while mine took almost 4 months (great OAU). Meanwhile I took my ielts...hubby wasn't ready for exam palava..I had a shortfall of 0.5 in.listening. R S and W were perfect. I decided to retake within 2 weeks and.my spirit led me to change from BC to MOD this time. That was how I bagged my 9.9.8.7.5.

By May we were ready to enter pool with score of 457, but I was heavily pregnant. Hubby says we shld wait for baby to avoid raising CSE. I wasnt cool with waiting, we fought over it but he had his way..and we waited 2 months . Now we took baby for capture at just 10 days old (I know, I know...and I am sorry) it was hard getting him to stay awake for capture...but we did it. That was d same day we did our ppc and medical a week after.

We submitted our application the same week we entered pool as were 16points ahead of cut off. Then d waiting started.

AOR July 26th

Mep/IP1 August 17th

IP2 November 15th ( waiting for this looked.like forever) we already attended planning for Canada session.

So we were praying that PPR comes before end of November because our rent was expiring and we had no extra for landlord. But IRCC didnt agree. Eventually we had to hustle out 3 months rent give baba.

Dec 8th I got.mail from donotreply...checked my account and saw 'Request Letter' ..I jumped from d sofa and started dancing shaku, etigi and gbe body e...thinking it was PPR. I opened the letter and saw the popular ADR for form IMM5406... I just weak.

Myself and hubby filled form , scanned and uploaded.

It was after 5 days we now discovered that we only uploaded ...we.didn't submit. How cld I have known that there was a next button at d down down part of d screen.

Any ways I mailed Ottawa that we have submitted oooo and got a reply 2 days later.

PPR mail came on Dec 19th..

We submitted to vfs 20th and hoping we get it mid January

All praise to God.

Me I have already gotten winter wear for all of us and ready to land February by Gods grace.

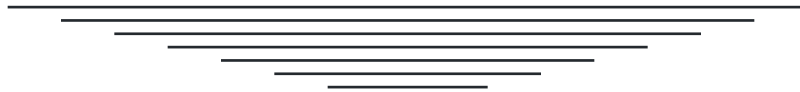
Still thinking if we should book now or wait till mid January for possibility of January sales..

Great Toronto area is our target as hubby is a Technology consultant and me an I.T business analyst..we both in the I.T domain.

We pray the maple land offer us the milk and honey we are searching for . AMEN

Wishing all the hopefuls success stories.

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6Newmum0615

Posted (on page [123](#)) by:

**Newmum0615**

10:27am On Nov 30, 2018

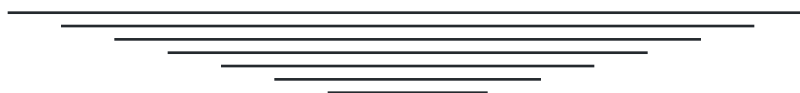
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### Message:

Finally dropped my resignation letter this morning. Whew! Mixed emotions.

Canada is calling my name. Speak Trudeau, your subject is listening..

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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6MacShiff

Posted (on page 308) by:

**MacShiff**

9:34pm On Jan 07

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## Message:

PRAISE BE TO YOU ALMIGHTY GOD.

PPR! PPR!! PPR!!!

Ielts May 20, Wifey LRWS 9,9,7,8 my own "Otondo", 8,6,6,7

CRS 449

ITA June 25 on my Birthday

AOR July 4

IP1 July 18

1st gcms notes ordered Aug 15

Received Sep 14- everything good

IP2 Oct 31

Criminality passed

No ADR

Ghost Update December 6

Called CIC on the 20th of December and was told our application is approved.

Emailed NDVO on December 31st

PPR January 7 from NDVO

VO OTTAWA file was later transferred to SYDNEY NS after approval.

Already emailed NDVO copied OTTAWA for change of VFS passport submission to Accra.

Decision to migrate was in July 2016.

WES:

Paid for it in August 2016 and was ready by first week in December 2016. Spouse WES, paid in September 2016 and was ready first in January 2017. My sister in Canada helped with the payment because CBN reduced international spending on online payments to \$100 then.

Wifey evaluated only her HND which came out as diploma (three years) and postgraduate certificate (one year) which is (2 or more certificates). I also evaluated only my HND and BSC which came out as Diploma (three years), postgraduate certificate (one year) and bachelor's degree (four years).

#### IELTS:

We wrote IELTS about 11 times, I wrote 3 times and stopped writing while wifey continued writing until she made it in her 8 attempts. So guys please never give up and don't look at the money. IELTS made me look like someone who doesn't know anything. I was supposed to be the PA because I have more work experience and qualification. But wifey was later made the PA because her scores were far better than mine in IELTS.

#### MEDICAL:

Children practice. We got there by 6:30am. They didn't allow us in until 8am. We left there almost 3pm and drove to Alagbon straight for the PCC. Some people gate crashed and they were allowed to do the medicals. We booked for it a week before.

#### PCC:

We used ASP Moshood and we got his contact from this trend. We got it in less than 25 minutes.

#### POF:

Most of the funds were in my accounts, since we agreed for her to be the PA, I moved the remaining lump sum into her account instead of submitting both our SOA's. We wrote two LOE for me moving the funds to her freely for the purpose of our migration and I signed. The second LOE was for the huge sum which was moved to her account by me and she signed.

Note, the money can be in either (PA or Spouse) account but we decided to move the money to one single account in order to avoid too many LOE's.

Page 1: LOE for funds transferred to my wife's account

Page 2: LOE for huge inflows into her account

Page 3: XE Currency Converter page (Optional)

Page 4: Table that shows the summary of our POF (Optional)

Page 5: Bank reference letter in CIC format, everything was written in cic format apart from the 6months average balance which the Account Officer told me she can't calculate or generate herself because she wrote at the branch level.

Page 6: 1st T-bills certificate

Page 7: 2nd T-bills certificate

Page 8: 6months SOA which also shows all the huge inflows and T-bills debit (Optional).

#### WORK EXPERIENCE:

We used wifey's one year NYSC teaching experience. We got the letter in CIC format. We wrote LOE for not having paystubs and that the first salary was paid in cash and the rest credited into her account. We printed the 1 years SOA and attached.

Page 1: Work Reference letter

Page 2: LOE (Optional)

Page 3: 1 year NYSC SOA (Optional)

#### SIBLING POINTS:

We claimed 15 points from my elder sister. She has been begging me to write lelts since 2008 but I no gree hear word. Na me like 9ja pass.

I used her PR card and utility bill and I also used our birth certificate for proof of relationship, I didn't use the NPC attestation of birth. Please if you have the generic local government BC your parent did for you, kindly go ahead and use it except you misplaced your BC that is when you can use NPC attestation of birth because they are now making money from us now on it.

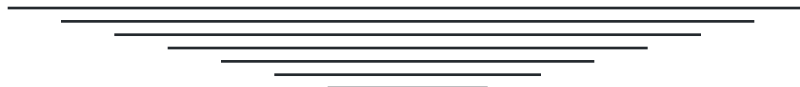
#### APPRECIATION:

I want to thank Almighty God for his love and favour and also want to thank my lovely wife and my lovely sister for her support and encouragement, she never gave up on us even when lelts was dealing with us. I also want to thank mcstan18, Glitteringstar, newmum0610, vcole, 40manlappy, tojued, dupyshoo, happytbaby, esosa4real, ItsYourFriend, cochtrane for their supports.

It has ended in praise. Please don't give up. Do it for yourself and your children.

Please ignore the typo. Na rush I use type am now..

Number of likes: [124](#)



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6AyeMayBe

Posted (on page 69) by:


**AyeMayBe**

9:13pm On Nov 21, 2018

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## Message:


PPR IS HERE OOO

I honestly considered letting sleeping PPR announcements lie    
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it's been too long.

### Timeline

AOR - March 26th

IP1 - April 5th

Ordered GCMS notes and received (Eligibility recommended pass/VO Ottawa    
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IP2 - August 22nd

Sent emails and contacted the Minister before I decided to let Ottawa keep disappointing

Ghost update - November 19th

PPR- November 20th


What a wait! But I knew God's time would be the "equilibrium" time.

I have always been that person who believes that having options and taking advantage of every opportunity won't hurt anyone.

Rewind to early last year when I decided to apply for a study visa to a Canadian university I had worked really hard to get into. My visa application was refused. I was sad but didn't let it get me down. After seeing the rejection letter and getting over the sharp disappointment I felt, I immediately thought of the next step, which was to reapply.

This time, I called the school and they decided to assign an immigration lawyer to

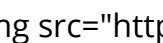
my case. They guided me on what to do and I followed all instructions to the letter.

Again, my application was refused. I couldn't even shed a tear; plus they didn't deserve my tears . I just said "God must have something better planned for me," and of course, He did.

I hung out with a couple of friends few days later and after telling them my situation, they told me to try the Express Entry application (Surround yourselves with people wey sabi).

Mind you, I had heard about it sometime in 2016 but I wasn't interested because writing IELTS was just very annoying. So when my friends mentioned it again, I took it as a sign and decided to go research it for myself. That night I didn't sleep; I stayed up going through almost every piece of information on the IRCC website.

I was convinced about the Express Entry application that night.


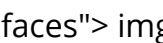
First step was to write the IELTS test which I did. However, I wasn't able to get the exact score I needed in one of the sections. I took the test again and I got a better result... THEIR DADDIES!! 

IELTS 1 - 7.5, 8, 7.5, 7 (LRSW)

IELTS 2 - 8.5, 8, 8, 7 (LRSW)

CRS SCORE - 453

I didn't find this thread up until after I had submitted but I binged from Thread 1. I don't want to elaborate on how much I "stalked" each thread. The wealth of information on here just blows my mind.

I got the email on my way to work. I was in a traffic jam; Lord knows I almost replied the PPR email to say "Thank You Sir  .... Maybe I should have cause it would have been good page 1 material (Replying PPR emails) if they had replied "You're welcome." LOL

Thank you all for your endless contributions. God bless you..

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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6Osaze007

Posted (on page [254](#)) by:

**Osaze007**

8:32pm On Dec 27, 2018

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## Message:

My pple well done

I just got an offer as assistant director with a bank in Toronto (4 levels higher than my previous role in dubai)

I can't even believe my luck

This year I lost my job in dubai and thought my life would come crashing

I had mental illness and my body will move involuntary

I felt like a failure

I gained weight due to depression

I had blanks out and forgot what I was meant to do at work

I originally planned to move to Canada for good late 2019 little did I know God sent the storm my way to place me where I need to be

I want you to know no matter how stormy the situation you will overcome

Pray and always plan ahead

I have never seen anyone suffer due to both

I'm starting 2019 on a super solid note

I'm now ready to settle down with a woman that has sense

A working class woman ready to build our future estate/kingdom

Life is good

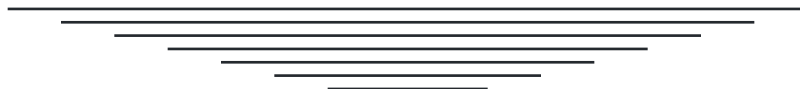
I have lost weight

I don't have blank outs again

Everything is going smoothly

Peace out.

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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6youngRx

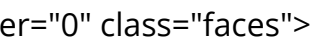
Posted (on page [439](#)) by:

**youngRx**

7:00pm On Feb 01

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## Message:

Oya oooo...you people should gather round. It's my turn to testify. I've been reading people's testimony since part 3, now it's my turn src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">


God has finally freed me from the shackles of IELTS (shudders at the mention of that test) after 3 attempts.

As a pharmacist, I've written extremely difficult exams in pharmacy school and passed them all. Never have i imagined I'll be humbled by an examination in my lifetime.

Actually started preparation very early, around june, cause i wanted to "blast the test in one sitting ". Started with listening and was doing excellently in all my practices. I however concentrated more on writing, since almost all the 6.5 I've been seeing on this thread has always been on writing. Registered for November 10th with MOD after almost 5 months of practice, so you understand how high my confidence was. Well.....

1st attempt: LRSW 7,6.5,7.5,7.5.


The 7 in Listening was understandable cos somehow, mysteriously, i just panicked in the middle of the listening test and couldn't follow the conversation. There was this sudden urge to get all the answers right that made me panicked.


Reading, however, was a shock. src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/shocked.gif" alt="shocked" border="0" class="faces"> i could have sworn I'll get a 9 in it. If not for the listening score, i would have requested for a remark.

Surprisingly, writing turned out better than i had expected.

Well, i shook that one off and registered for the next one, this time with intense focus on listening.

2nd attempt, MOD, LRSW 7.5, 9, 8, 7.

this time i was completely devastated cos i was very sure of, at least, an 8 in the listening. I followed every part of the conversation and was totally calm throughout the test. This one so angered me that i applied for a remark. Still awaiting the outcome though. My 46k must return to me

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I gathered all my life's savings and registered for the 3rd time. It was hell surviving without a single penny. By this time i was so used to the listening tests in the Cambridge series that i could predict the answers. So i delved into youtube and Practised all the tests i could download.


Went for the exam and....

3rd attempt: MOD, 19/1/19 LRSW 9,7.5,7.5,7.

Funny enough, during the test, the same panic that came over me in the first attempt came again, but this time, i heard the answers, just that i wasn't following the conversation the way i should, so i wasn't sure of about 7 answers. After the test i gave up, & started thinking of how I'll raise the money for the next attempt.

Later in the evening, i decided to visit the IELTS chat room on telegram where the answers are usually discussed after a test. Infact i almost had a heart attack when over 6 answers i wrote did not match what majority were sharing. To make matters worse, the majority were unanimous about the answers.

Well, since i got a 9 in my listening, i guess i was the only one that got the correct answers among the bunch then.

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ECA: was completed since December with PEBC. Thanks to baba Salford1 who came to my rescue at the dying minute. God bless you sir.

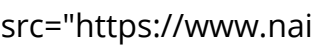
Current CRS score sits at 450.

POF: Absolutely no hope for this one yet. Just going blindly on. But I'll rather get that ITA then decline it for lack of funds than sit idly by while this rare opportunity passes by. At least, in years to come, when my children ask why i didnt migrate when everyone was doing so, I'll show them my ITA as proof that i did tried my best to give




them a better life.

Thanks to @Bellniki and @Reemefolaks for their wonderful support especially at those times when it mattered most.

I think I am now a banafide member of this thread  and will be open to any questions about the process, especially for Pharmacists.

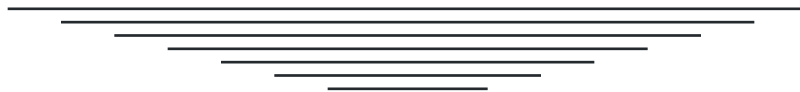
I hope to do a detailed breakdown of the ECA steps with PEBC too so others can learn.

And as for those of you who think this testimony is trivial, i used to think like you: "is it not just IELTS?". well, here we are after 3 humiliating attempts.

may you never experience this nightmare of multiple IELTS attempt. 

I know many are still battling with the test, don't give up please. Keep pushing, and the next one will be definitely yours. Last last, it will end in praise for all of us..

Number of likes: 117



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6kiboe

Posted (on page 36) by:

kiboe

11:19pm On Nov 16, 2018

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### Message:

It's PPR guys!!

1ST IELTS-LRSW-7.5,8.5,7,7

2ND IELTS-LRSW-8.5,8,7,8

ITA- JULY 25TH

AOR-19TH SEP  
MEP/BIL-18TH OCT  
RPRF- NOV 2ND  
ADR(IMM 5406)-NOV 7TH  
PPR-NOV 15TH  
FAMILY OF 3  
EXTENSIVE TRAVEL HISTORY TO US,UK,FRANCE,ITALY,SPAIN

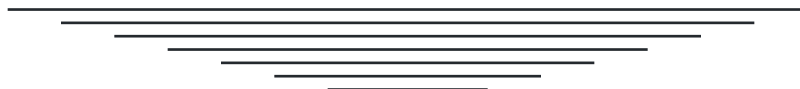
Application remained in IP2 from AOR

POF: Treasury Bill certificate, BOA account statement, and fixed deposit certificate. I also attached a sale of land agreement and my bank statement showing where the proceeds had been deposited, included an LOE stating that this funds had gone on to be fixed with xyz bank.

WORK-Salary account statement, REF LETTER( attached my HR officers complimentary card), 6 months payslips, (I attached my id card and complimentary card)

I remember when I read @mepconsultant's ppr announcement and i kept on speaking to my application that it will be as fast as his, I had a fixed date in mind( NOV 13TH) and focused on it.I just want to thank God for this opportunity, AND TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTES(D) TO MAKE THIS THREAD WHAT IT IS,MAY YOU NEVER KNOW LACK IN JESUS NAME,AMEN..

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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6jholarharde

Posted (on page 389) by:

**jholarharde**

6:04am On Jan 23

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## Message:

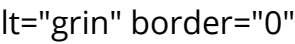
You're amazing, yes you are, you amaze me, all the time, you are great yes you are, doing great things all the time amazing God.

Beautiful people, It's PPR

Decision to travel 31st DEC 2017

created wes account 4th Jan 2018

first ielts LSRW: 8.5, 7.5, 6.5. I was devastated. thanks to a lot of wonderful people who encouraged me. I registered for another on the 30th of June and result was LSRW : 8, 7, 8, 7. a very big thank you to mcstan, tojued and fanyeofori, you guys are a rare gem.

ECA was one tough journey. to get transcript and verification was like asking buhari to step down for atiku and vice versa. It was a real war. I cried, I begged, I greased hands, kai.... it is well. shout out to @mcstan again he was a big encouragement pushing me to go to the school everyday, at a point I had to ask abeg is it your transcript . I used WES and evaluated my ND, HND and PGD. Evaluation was completed on the 27th aug. profile was created in the middle of Oct, got ITA on the 30th of Oct. medicals was at qlife on the 7th nov, it was quite straightforward. POF was 3 different tbills, gift deed, statement of account ( the money came in after ITA, so I highlighted all transfers connected to my POF) and a notarized gift deed. AOR 21st of Nov. MEP/BIL 2nd of January. RPRF was on the 11th of Jan. Had slight issue with it, shoutout to @ramj and my nov WhatsApp AOR paddies. submitted RPRF on the 15th. PPR Jan 22.

here is a summary of my timeline

CRS 459

ITA 30th Oct

AOR. 21st Nov

MEP/BIL. 2nd Jan

PPR. 22nd Jan.

61 days of grace.

a very big hands to all the great people on this thread that gives real time answers , I don't know how you do it but you guys are the real deal @ smslive, ifeoma(you can't imagine how much stress you help me relieve on this journey), @ newmum (your PPR came when I was almost giving up, God bless your beautiful soul). To everyone at one

stage or the other do not be dismay or discouraged, it will happen for you too. @jolao, tojued, ify and all PPR hopefuls I am eagerly awaiting your PPR announcements.

@mcstAn and fanyeofori I am so rooting for you. people ain't made like you again. I eagerly await your testimony.

to all our newbies, pls if you are referred to page one don't feel slighted the information there cannot be over emphasized (see me talking like ancestor, I be junior  
img src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/cheesy.png" alt="cheesy" border="0" class="faces"> o. it was grace that found me).

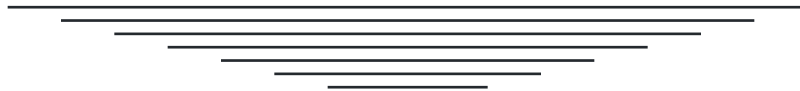
VO - CIO Sydney

family of 4

no travel history and no ADR. It has ended in praise ( I must use this word that as really encouraged me. thanks @teecann for it  
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The story is scattered, but please enjoy and be encouraged. @ Prof dumbledore ralphulz over to you sir..

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6Olha

Posted (on page [192](#)) by:

**Olha**

7:45am On Dec 14, 2018

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### Message:

After 8 attempts, God finally said Amen!

BC 5 times

MOD 3 times

3 Remarks with BC, and i got 1 refund

MOD Test on Dec 1st

L-9.0

R-7.5

S-8.0  
W-7.0

Perseverance, prayer and have unshaken faith about the whole process..

Number of likes: [115](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 6Vivacious2

Posted (on page [487](#)) by:

**Vivacious2**

9:26pm On Feb 12

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### Message:

PPRRRRRRRRRR IS HERE O

It can only be God. After 10 months and 19 days.

This is my story:

IELTS- 3 times . I passed on the 3rd attempt

ITA- Jan 18

AOR- March 25

ADR- 3 times for ECA- IRCC was not able to verify my IQAS on their own system.  
On my ADR third request, I finally had to request for another copy of my  
IQAS to be sent to IRCC again and I also faxed it

MEP May 1

IP2- I went to IP2 same day

No movement, I applied for GCMS note in July and got it early August. That was

when I knew my visa office. Criminality for hubby was in process since Apr 30 and had not started for me.

Eligibility and security checks had not been initiated either. In August I raised CSE to ask about my application. A summary of their response below:

We verified the information you provided and are pleased to inform you that everything appears to be in order with your application. All the required documents and information have been received by the responsible office for the moment.

September 1st week, I raised another CSE, now to London VO to ask about my file and on September 19 I got an email from Kyiv VO saying- Your file has been transferred to our office for further processing. Kindly note that files are processed based on original reception date. I was sad and happy at the same time. At least there was movement. September 25 we passed the 180 days application processing timelines.

October 24, I mailed the office of Goodale, Ralph E. - M.P. I got the mail on their official website. I just googled. I did this because I have read on various platforms that they mail him blah blah. Anyway, I just said to myself it is worth a try. At least he will tell me something and it will let me know whether there was any movement on my file. I didn't say in my mail where my visa office was so that I could confirm that his office actually checked it. That same day, they replied and I got the same information/ status on my GCMS note. My file had not been touched. The only difference was that he mentioned that my file was in Kyiv.

Two days after I got the 2 Do Not Reply email in my account in the morning. I thought it was the same mail so I opened the recent one – It was an ADR for Updated financial documents. The letter says I should disregard the letter for passport request that the correct one was an additional document required. I was still trying to understand whether they sent a PPR mail and I didn't see it. Then after few seconds, I got another mail from my visa office in Kyiv – Please find attached the letter concerning your application for permanent residence in Canada. This is the correct letter which was sent to you via My CIC account as well.

It was the next day I realise that the 1st mail was a letter saying my visa was ready to be issued.

Quickly, we got right into work to get our documents. On October 30, we uploaded.

We waited and waited and waited

January -3rd GCMS note

Eligibility passed.

Criminality still in progress for Spouse

Part of Updated financial document was verified with Pension Company.

February 7

Added to POF (statement from another account) because we thought they might have a problem with the buffer from the pension (N500,000)

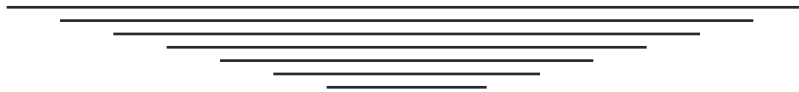
Today at 3.10pm, it was the correct PPR mail. .

Truly the journey was not easy but God made it come true.

Sorry for all the typos. Abeg I am too excited

For everyone waiting at one stage or the other, God will make your dream come true, AMEN!!.

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 6Chibuiked

Posted (on page [463](#)) by:

**Chibuiked**

9:10pm On Feb 06

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### Message:

Ladies and gentlemen please here's our Timeline

Family of two

My wife is the PA

FSW (inland)

CRS: 456 (0 pts from me)

IELTS 1st attempt LRWS: 8, 6.5, 6.5, 8.5 (IDP).  
2nd attempt LRWS: 8, 8.5, 7.5, 7.5 (BC).  
No ECA, we used her Canadian Masters degree.

ITA: 5th September, 2018.  
AOR: 30th September, 2018.  
Medicals: 17th September, 2018  
Medicals passed: 29th October, 2018.  
Biometrics: 29th, October, 2018. (only me, she still have valid biometric).  
ADR: for letter of consent from me regarding parts of the POF in my name; 5th December, 2018.

PPR!!!:  31st January, 2019.  
Ottawa VO

AOR to PPR: 121days (4 months approx.)

Documents submitted

1. Marriage certificate
2. Employer's reference letter (CIC) standard,
3. Her SOA
4. Letter of no indebtedness for her credit card.
5. My 6months SOA from two banks (this is because I transferred bulk amount from my GTB to Stanbic-IBTC to makeup the amount there.
6. TB certificate
7. Letter of no indebtedness from GTB (Stanbic-IBTC no gree give me this one).
8. Gift deed from parents.
9. Letter of no objection from me.
10. Her MSc.
11. Our PCC (note she didn't use Canadian PCC, both are done here in Nigeria).
12. LOE (we used this basically for clarification, like explaining the over lapping dates in my history, etc).

We entered 1P2 from day one of AOR

ADR: 5th December, 2018. and submitted 7th December, 2018. This showed NA just few hours after upload. Later changed to "we're reviewing the additional document you provided" around 25th January, 2019.









NB. We ain't sure why the ADR cos we had submitted same letter that was requested. Although the 1st letter of consent from me wasn't notarized. We had to notarize it and resubmitted same.

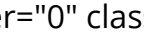
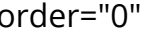

It wasn't easy for us. My wife (Sweetgirl, as I humbly call her) travelled since August 2017 for study. We were dealing with staying alone without each other, which was unexplainable. To make the matter worse, we lost my job on March 2018 and my side hustle wasn't steady. Well you can only imagine the emotional trauma.

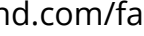

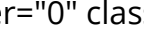
At a point, around early December last year "I" stopped checking our CIC account, nairaland and even Facebook group page. This is because "I" needed to take my mind off this and handed it over to God.

Wait a minute, did we tell you that it affected my health?

Oh yes, it did. No wife, No work and No PPR.    Chaii! It's well.

When she informed me that our application has been approved with the recorded call she made with IRCC agent, I didn't understand it honestly, but after some time while on the video call with her, I found myself dropping tears.   

After about 2hours from the time she called CIC on the said 31th January, 2019, at about 17:32pm GMT, THE GOLDEN EMAIL DROPPED.   

Na so your brother in the Lord lost it in praise, no key, no Davidic note or octave your brother no sing that day ooo!   

We ordered GCMS note which should be due by 15th of this month. Well they can keep it and also the change. Lol!

Anyways, the GCMS note was at 0\$ cos it's free when you apply from Canada.

Well from our experience and other people's experiences, I can say that the preparation, application processing duration and positive outcome is all by God's Grace 100%.

However, please make the work easy for the VO by submitting a simple but detailed documents.

I only wish we all will continue this way in Canada by sharing information without bringing our Nigerianess along.

Na so Chinko people take dominate Canny-land ooo.

To all those still considering starting the process, please take a leap of faith IF IT'S GOD'S WILL FOR YOU. ECA (WES) dey call your name o.

To all those battling IELTS, please don't give up. One more try can change the story.

To all those in the pool, please open your arms to accept ITA

To all those gathering documents + POF issh. Please don't worry trust me, the way God will do it will surprise you.

To the Masters waiting for the GOLDEN EMAIL, please start writing your timeline cos you're the next.

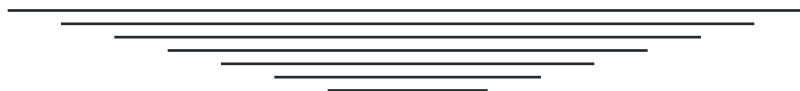
And for those still hanging in Ghana VO, God has started breaking the jinx. Expect PPR rain from GHANA soon.

All these I humbly pray and ask in Jesus Name. Amen!

IT ENDED IN PRAISE.

YOURS SHALL END IN PRAISE TOO. AMEN!.

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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6DBJay

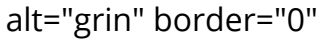
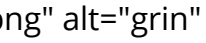

Posted (on page [54](#)) by:

**DBJay**

9:56am On Nov 20, 2018

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## Message:

A not so silent reader here (Had to get a new moniker to avoid the village people in my office)   

### MY PPR STORY

Started the journey in may 2018 when a friend told me to give it a shot.

Registered immediately for IELTS & WES Evaluation, then went straight to page 1 of part 4 to digest all the info relevant to this journey.

June 2 IELTS

July 27 ECA

August 8 ITA

August 23 AOR

September 20 MEP/BIL

November 14th PPR (Didn't see it until yesterday 'cos my phone was bad)

I've been amazed at the ease of my application & I owe a debt of gratitude to everyone who has walked this journey before me and were thoughtful enough to share their experiences on this thread. May God bless & reward you all.

This journey has been a breeze and the only hiccup I almost had was when I woke up late on the day of my tests (story for another day).

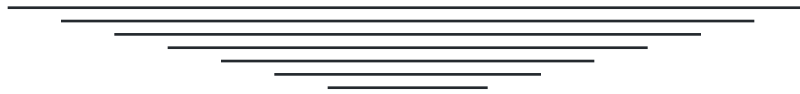
The last two years of my life have been traumatizing on a personal and professional level and I see this as God's way of giving me a new beginning and a fresh start which I'm grabbing with both hands.

For everyone here going through stuff you can't talk about, your testimony is just around the corner. Don't give up! It will end in praise.

And in the words of one of my favorite monikers here (una plenty o)...

Je m'appelle PPR!!!.

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 6nomad26

Posted (on page [296](#)) by:

**nomad26**

3:44pm On Jan 05

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### Message:

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nomad26:

IELTS o, why are you doing me like this? I just checked my result

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L-9

R-9

S-7.5

W-6.5


This exam can frustrate somebody sha, will be going for EOR asap.


Congrats to all who got their desired scores!/blockquote>

My people, I am so happy right now that you would think I won the lottery lol My EOR results (from BC) came back successful! Writing was upgraded from 6.5 to 7 and speaking from 7.5 to 8.5. In fact, I didn't want to remark speaking, it was COPR that suggested that I do it just to increase the chances of getting my money back. Thanks man!


Also, to be honest I wasn't very confident about my writing because I didn't have time to review my essays at the end. All I was sure of was that I wrote over the word limit in both essays and in Task 2 (my task was to argue both sides and give my

opinion), I wrote 4 paragraphs and used made-up examples in explaining both sides. I used IELTSADVANTAGE as a guide to structure my essay.

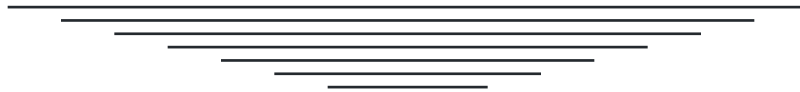
So my people, if you're looking for 0.5 or 1 point upgrade, EOR is worth a shot, go for it! Mine took 2.5 weeks in total. Thanks to COPR, fmsimple and everyone for your encouragement, God bless you guys plenty

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The icing on this new year 'cake' was that my ECA also FINALLY arrived this morning from ICES, after 4 long months of frustration.

CRS now standing at 459, I am off to the pool o, next stop ITA!  src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/cheesy.png" alt="cheesy" border="0" class="faces">.

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6 purplerain

Posted (on page [121](#)) by:

**purplerain**


6:10pm On Nov 29, 2018

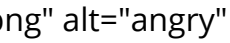

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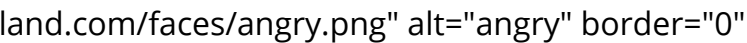

### Message:


Landing gist!

Family of 3 left Nigeria for Toronto on Monday via Ethiopian airlines. We took a total of 6 boxes, 2 hand luggages. Hubs did all the heavy lifting at the airport.

The flight was uneventful (which is what we all hope for anyways  src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/smiley.png" alt="smiley" border="0" class="faces"> ). We arrived Toronto by 7am. However there was a little queue at immigration. The immigration officers were not ready for work that Tuesday morning. They were just gisting and chilling. Seriously, we spent 2.5hrs on that queue (one lady

even missed her connecting flight to Ottawa). One guy kept complaining and eventually asked one officer the cause of the delay. The officer replied "good question", and walked away  .

There was a lady just before me who spent 1hr with 2 officers. Seriously i became scared cause i kept wondering what was going on. Hubs kept reminding me that everyone's case is different. Eventually it got to our turn and it lasted for like 15mins. He didn't ask any serious question, just wanted to know the total value of cash we were carrying. The officer even expressed surprise when he heard we had been waiting for 2.5hrs. I just dey look am with one eye  .

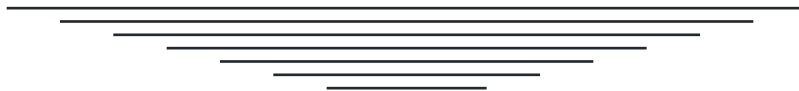
Eventually he said the magic words "you are now a permanent resident of Canada, welcome to Canada" .

We moved onto canada service for our SIN, and after collecting our baggage, hubs opened an account with CIBC at the airport. They gave both of us SIM cards with public mobile and \$60 voucher each.

We are currently at the BnB and its really nice. My daughter cried the first day from the cold, but she is adjusting well. We were able to get more warm clothing from shop.

So far so good. Trying to find an apartment. All in all, enjoying Toronto..

Number of likes: [112](#)



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6wenks

Posted (on page [305](#)) by:

**wenks**

2:54pm On Jan 07

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## Message:

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wenks:

KPOR KPOR KPOR!!!!!! PPR E YAF LAND OOOO...LEMME SETTLE AND ARRANGE THE TORY WELL..HEHEHEHEHEHEHE

AOR: JUL 30TH

PPR: JAN 7TH (from NEWDHELI VO)/blockquote>

The Decision...

This journey started in 2017 when my family talked to me about considering the relocation thingy and that was how we started o. From Uniben transcript wahala to WES ECA to IELTS (kai this one humble me)..God was indeed faithful to us.

IELTS...

Wify and I wrote IELTS in 2017, and i had LRSW - 6.5,9,8,7. I felt so bad because I thought it was going to be a walk in the park. Wify had an average band of 7 which was all she needed. Na so I start to jack like who dey prepare for war o because after the month i selected to write, there was going to be an increase in BC IELTS costs which was not readily available. So the D-day came and when the result came out I can still remember how tears blurred my eyes as I checked my result on my way to the office while inside Danfo. I had made it and LRSW became 8.5,8,8,7.5 which brought our CRS score to 456 thanks to sibling in Cani points.

ITA in the bag...

As expected the wave ITA released on June 25th, 2018 swept me off my fit like kilode!! and so the race to submit in time and avoid mistakes commenced.

NOC Mama @Newmum....

This lady is something else.. she helped me fine tune my JDs well and boy it was impressive. I had an interesting case because my company actually had me loaned to the client for which I had been working and so the ref letter had to come from my

supervisor at the client office. Thanks @Newmum

### POF

In this I saw the hand of baba God as my POF was not complete until the last day I was to submit my application. I wanted to beat the bio-metric requirement but forwhere..CIC catch me for front. I used gift deeds from both my parents, added 6 months bank statement with Payslips and packaged the doc to upload in my CIC account. So my ppl do not be afraid to have huge sums enter your account at once. So long you can satisfactorily explain that it is yours, you got no problem.

### The wait...

See me see CIC o.. 3months after Jul 31st, 2018 AOR and my medical status was yet to be updated. Omo I wan faint. In that same period Oga Ralph Goodale was being kind and I made use of his service and voila, Med got updated on the 14th of October which also saw my AOR date change to Jul 30th, 2018. By 15th October I got Bio-metrics payment letter which I did same day and by 16th October I got the Request letter telling me to go carry out Bio-metrics. I did that on the 17th of October and by 18th of October, Bio metrics was marked complete. Then another wait o.....fast-forward to Dec 7th, I got ADR request for sibling in canada residence information. I submitted on the 8th of Dec but omo these guys no gree o.. Got another ADR on the 14th of Dec for the same ADR..my brethren I added all the addables this time o just to avoid any other ADRs. Lo and Behold my application status for ADR got updated on the 17th of Dec and by Dec 18th I got ghost update.

### The final days..

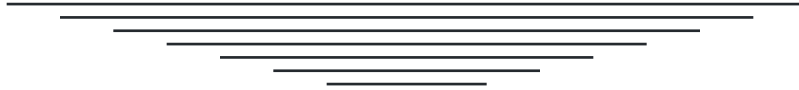
there was this trend of ppl getting their files approved but not getting PPR until they sent a mail to NEWDHELI office especially after finding out their files had been approved. Na so me sef shook head o after confirming on the 27th of Dec from a CIC agent that my file had been completed since on the 18th of Dec. So I sent a mail to NewDheli office on the 31st of Dec 2018 stating what the agent told me.. My people na so I wake up this morning 7th Januray 2019 to Passport Request from NewDheli which entered my mail box around 5:30am Naija time. I SHOUTED!!! This startled Wify and when I told her..Omo madame shout make my own shout sound like learner..lol..I have now sent a mail requesting a re-issue of my PPR letter to Accra.

It has been a heart banging journey but Baba God has been with us all through. I am happy.



My ppl...God don arrange my level..the food done well.... /span>.

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6Sting007

Posted (on page [132](#)) by:

**Sting007**

12:46pm On Dec 02, 2018

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### Message:

blockquote>

Sting007:

ITA - 26 Mar 2018

AOR - 28 Mar 2018

LVO - London

File Transferred to Kyiv VO- 02 Aug 2018

IP2 - 25 OCT, 2018

No ADR

PPR - 30 NOV, 2018

AOR - PPR: 247 Days... 8 Months basically

/blockquote>

EXTREMELY LONG POST AND PROBABLY BORING ALERT!!

This is coming with mixed feelings... Cos, I'm feeling quite overwhelmed at the mad rush to conclude modalities to travel (approximately 1 month).

It took a lot for me to post this as the supposed long delay led to prolonged anxiety, hence dampened the excitement... But again, the good book says, in all things, Give Thanks... As such, I'm very thankful and grateful for this great news!! And also, to give

hope and some pointers to the weary...

So...here goes the very long gist... Please permit me if it isn't too organized... I didn't sit back to plan my writing...I'm just typing as it's coming to me... (this may give me a 6 in IELTS writing.).


The decision to travel - August 2017

Registered for October IELTS with BC, where myself and spouse passed in our 1st attempt.

Started ECA process with WES in August 2017. Was hoping to conclude ECA 2017, and submit our app in 2017 as CRS would be 450s.

Spouse ECA came out in less than a month (Private Uni), while mine took a whooping and very frustrating 6 months (Thanks to NASU + Public Uni inefficiencies).

While waiting for ECA, we buried our heads in full research of the application proper with Nairaland being our main source from part 1...still following it till now part 6 sef. (stalking it almost on a daily basis). I'm a strong advocate for learning from people's experiences...hence this was and still is a strong source of info for me.

We did our medicals 1st week January (Major mistake), as this has now caused the overwhelming feeling to wrap every up within one month. At the time, NASU just called off the strike, and I assumed ECA would be ready before January ended...Coupled with our CRS Score, ITA would have been a given immediately, but the school had other ideas, didn't reply WES until February, hence ECA got ready February 28, 2018.

The medicals decision set the tone for what was coming next...As at end of February, we had "wasted" 2 precious months. Hence, had just 10 more months to PPR (yet we never even get ITA). As such, we intended to submit the same day we receive ITA. The previous draw date was February 21, 2018, so, we believed there'd be a draw on 7th March 2018 (A week after ECA). Cos of our CRS, ITA was gonna be gotten surely based on the trend in score, we quickly went to do our PCC on 7th March, got our POE letter(used Stanbic mutual funds letter alone, no statement of account. Will share my view on this much later. Hope I remember o), got every single document scanned, labeled, and saved in their respective folders... But the unpredictable CIC had other ideas and decided to wait 1 more week (making it 3 weeks before the draws), thus enabling more powerful guys to dive into the pool, hence very painfully missed the


cutoff by few points for the 14th March 2018 draws.

Alas, CIC decided to do 26th March 2018 draws (Monday, as against Wednesday). We quickly completed filling and attaching already prepared docs...then met a 48-hour delay in submitting. Card issues... chai...All these led to a lot of tension in the home front too o (Medicalsssssss oversabi decision). Let's leave it at that... We finally submitted on March 28th... and the wait begun...in the early days, if cic server wasn't having 200TB RAM, i may have contributed in crashing the server cos I(and a lot of you guys too...yes you "fill in your name&quotimg src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/wink.png" alt="wink" border="0" class="faces">checked my app status multiple times every day (as if one can get PPR in just a few days, lol). Anyways, I just wanted to see "activities".

Anyways, 1st activity noticed was medical passed on 12th April 2018.

I strongly believed (and hoped) cic will pity us small considering the 6 months ECA wait and give us PPR after like say 6 weeks, but shortly after medical passed, got how to find a job in Canada or so letter... and based on previous sightings, 7/8 out of 10 of people who see this na London o (na hypothesis sha). I was weak after seeing that... I ordered GCMS notes April ending, got it a month later and it confirmed my fears...London (Just did a mental calculation of 6 Months which would be September 24th or so).

Afterward, cic site rested from me a bit(Timetable changed to twice a week Mondays and Fridays), but still followed nairaland fam in anonymity. Several months later (Sometime in September 2018 I think), I started reading about several members of London Gang dumping London and jumping to the Kyiv train (Since Ukraine weather be like Canada own). So, I directly mailed Kyiv to know my app status (as though I knew my app was there), got a response a few hours later about my app being transferred to them and other generic stuff.

So, ordered for another GCMS notes mid-September (was hoping app was near completion). Was surprised/ shocked as per the activities noticed.... Virtually no change from what was received in April/ May...only change was file transferred to Kyiv. So, the thing just packed dust until the transfer...Thankfully it didn't start packing Snow, as background check started a Month later (October 25). Then i thought just a matter of hours...turned to days...then weeks... Mailed Hon Ralph mid-November to use my lifeline.... got a response that Eligibility passed, Criminality and Security passed October 25. App awaiting final review and decision. Earlier this week, I come comot mind that they have to extend my medicals o or at worst ask for re-medical or

something...That I won't mind doing IOM even if it's pricey, would have lil choice considering QLife won't have a slot until February.

We went to Studio24 earlier in the week and took our PPR Pics (Oversabi as some may call it...That you never learn your lesson from Medicals still?). This now came in handy...thankfully.

Finally, around 10 am Friday morning, got a request mail, I was like "what now?" (as if they had been in constant contact prior to now). Opened the request and voila... stared at it for a few secs/ minutes. Lay down (fortunately I was home on Friday), and tried to let it sink in...but I just wasn't feeling it...I guess the timing and the overwhelmed feeling swallowed up the excitement. After gathering my thoughts and clearing my head, I sprung into action. Panic come start (Medicals caused too. Cos I have to get stamped passport back, book flight, PTA if we get, book Airbnb, resign, pack, prepare, see and spend time with fam, friends, and a lot more in 30days). And most of these can't be set in motion until passport is gotten back.

All the information I had extracted now turned to greek, the saving grace was TEECAN(Thank You), who drafted a summary of what is needed for VFS... So, quickly followed the breakdown and added Newmum's input too. Rushed down to VFS for submission (now 17790 per person).

In conclusion, there's a wealth of valuable information on this thread. Reading cannot be overemphasized. Prepare yourself professionally and mentally too...use the wait time wisely (Not to spend it all on nairaland and cic).

I didn't realize this write up was this lengthy o. And i even had to cut off several points..apologies. Will try to share some pointers in Part 3/4 of this series. lol.

On a side note, I envy those with quickly concluded applications though...You wouldn't understand what AVO, LVO, and some Ottawa pips go through...But as TEECAN would say, it will end in praise (Thankful it has ended in praise)

Thanks to all contributors. Benefitted immensely...Best wishes now and always guys... Just to mention a few...

Kontagious, Happytbaby, cochtrane, joo2018, dumprep n luffyhaki(been quiet these days...effect of seastone?) - Manga pips too, Newmum0615, GlitteringStar 1 n 2, Ifeoma, Mcstan, smslive, canadianfly (you guys succeeded in chasing her), einsteino (left for the sister thread), Elfman/ Elfmanisback/ Ontariossauga, Hephgirl n Owlette, Prof raphrulz, smslive2, Topsmamen (Super bro), Dontee07, Ramj, Tojued, Stonecoldcafe (Shekere mama), Feygbe, 40manlappy, Mummyjaygirls, Zandora, et al

Going back to hibernation, but actively and aggressively trying to get things set while waiting for the passports to set other things in motion. Hoping not to get too overwhelmed as I really am....

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6

Posted (on page [179](#)) by:

11:21am On Dec 12, 2018

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### Message:

\*clears throat\* PRAAAAAIISSSSEEEE THE LORD!!!! \*full on praise and worship session\*

Hello my dear Nairalanders, you will kindly forgive the lack of specific dates in my story as I started this journey October 2017.

IELTS: 28th October 2017: LRWS: 8.5,9,7.5,7.5

ECA (WES): middle of December 2017- Masters.

CRS: 481

NOC: 4151

Experience: over 3 years

Single applicant.

ITA: 9th January 2018

AOR: 26th January 2018

ADR for schedule A and travel history: early February

Meds passed: day after ADR

IP1: same day

\*so much silence\*

Notification that I will be doing an interview: middle of July

Notification of interview date: beginning of August

Interview: September 18. Check page 1 for details

IP2 and 'interview completed': September 18

\*more silence\*

Emailed Ralph, LVO and AVO almost everyday for 2 weeks but I doubt it helped speed up my processing.

Got second GCMS notes that showed everything was awesome end of November.

PPR: December 11! My year is complete and beautiful. I praise God for making everything perfect in His time.

Passport submitted: 12/12/18. (I pray. VFS has network issues. A child of God has been waiting for over 4 hours).

I'm not going to go into application details cos everything you need is on page 1 or on this thread.

I would say though that I almost didn't submit any supporting document, only the mandatory ones (first item on the list) and this may be what led to my interview. At the end of the day, I had to take all those supporting documents to Accra.

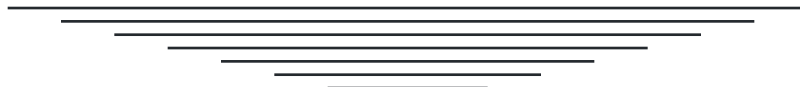
I thought bombarding a visa officer with documents would not be great but I'd advise anyone that's applying now, submit EVERYTHING. Let them be confused with your overflowing evidence haha.

Almost 11 months post AOR, there was nothing easy at all about this process but if I had to, I'd do it over again and I recommend it to every Nigerian I meet. I pray Canada favours us all. Amen.

Thank you for all your help Nairaland! The wealth of information here is ridiculous and I can't stand when people ask some basic questions sometimes. Read. Read. Read!

@raphrulz don't undermark me oh. I'm trying to encourage people to go to page 1 hehe..

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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6Cutebabe0002

Posted (on page 166) by:

**Cutebabe0002**

4:02pm On Dec 09, 2018

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## Message:

Alhamdulillah!!! (3X) - PPR!!! At last  
Apologies for my late post  
Family size : 4

### Summary

IELTS: January 20th passed on 2nd February 2018  
ECA: 23rd March  
EE profile: 26 March  
CRS:453  
ITA: April 13 2018  
AOR: 9th July 2018  
ADR-1: 25th July 2018  
MED: Can't remember but I think it is July 31st 2018  
ADR -2: 7th November 2018  
First PPR : 15th November 2018 dated 14th November 2018  
Second PPR: 7th December 2018 dated 6th December 2018  
Family size : 4  
VO: Ottawa  
Travel experience: Nil

### Long Post

God has been wonderful to me since I began my canny waka in 2017. I'm not the best of writers, so pardon me for my poor grammar (@raphrulz don't come for me with -1/10 please).

My sincere appreciation goes to Nairaland people, at some point I felt you guys live online cuz you reply mails in few minutes and your posts have been very helpful. Kudos!!! . Please keep up the good work.

In July 2017 - I can't recollect the exact date but my friend called me

Licious : Ogbeni wa je ki a gbiyanju Canada IELTS yi ko le(Guy lets try out this canada,IELTS is not hard), people dey pass am, Let's register for it.

Me: I no fit stress myself jare , my work is demanding plus I dey broke (my mini phone biz was not doing well-lost all my savings ).

16th December 2017 - This was the day I made up my mind to start this Canada Journey, at this point I only had only 100k in my account(sold a phone the previous day with 78k profit). I drove down to my friends house - he helped me register for IELTS and I paid for my school's transcript (LAUTECH were school).

IELTS :I did my exam January 20th passed on 2nd February 2018 - This my my first and only attempt. I remembered being overwhelmed after checking the results that I got confused. I just sent out my result to my friend, my sister and her husband to ask if I passed(barely passed 8.5/7/7/7). Lol

ECA - I decided to go with ICES cuz I don't want story that touch with WES verification considering LAUTECH can go on strike for another two(2) years. I made my submission in January 2018 and got my evaluation via UPS on March 23 , 2018.

ITA - I filled my express entry application and submitted March 26th. I got ITA April 11

.

Documentation : Then the hustle for documentation started. I got the sample template for employer reference here on nairaland and sent it to my head of HR directly. Baba being a nice guy prepared it and signed it same day.

Proof of Fund: People don't really talk much about this. If we all had our Proof of Funds most of us won't consider Canada(Don't quote me). .This was the time I knew my real friends and family. I was looking for CAD 23,181(My spouse was pregnant) but if I was able to get CAD 19, 093 that will be fine. Close to the end of 90 days grace period - God came through for me, Yes I got close to CAD 22,000 equivalent in my GTB Savings account.I had enough inflow and outflow that I wasn't worried about redflag of any huge deposit. All the POF money came in in bits (100k to 500k) cuz I didn't want to go through the Gift deed wahala.

My POF was generic GTB Six Months Statement of Account (49 pages). I struggled to compress it to the required 4MB.

Medicals - I booked Medicals for Family of three(3) with Children practice on Tuesday July 3rd - I gave the lady at the reception the passport and biodata pages . Then Gbagaun!!! she told me straight up that I won't be able to do my medicals as my Passport is less than Six(6) months to expiry. I was like Mogbe!!! I called Ikoyi Passport



Office contact. Dude told me no Passport pages available that I should go to Ibadan. I called Ibadan and was told no 32 pages passport that I should proceed to Ekiti. All these was happening when my ITA expires in 8 days. In short- drove down to Ibadan next day - did 64 pages (for 39k) and got it same day. I drove down to Ikoyi Children practice the following day and did medicals.

AOR- Submitted my Application July 9th 2018 and spent the weekend creating vetting and uploading documents. Payment was made using GTB dollar Mastercard.

ADR: 25th July I got ADR for my spouse which had a missing information between 2009/06 to 2009/09/ and 2017/04/01 to 2018/07/09. Lesson: try and ensure we don't overlap or miss out timeline.

Silence - The period of constant checking of my profile without update. I know it is not easy o but please let's just leave the account. When there is an update. You will get an email.

1st Nov 218 - God blessed my family with a baby girl on 1st Nov 218. I was so busy with the baby's stuffs that I forgot to raise a CSC for the newborn.

3rd Nov 2018 - I decided to raise a CSC for the new baby and started gathering documents.

7th Nov 2018 - I got a response to my CSC that I should contact Ottawa via email to inform them of my new family addition.

I immediately sent a mail to Ottawa - informing them of my new family addition. Then things got interesting ... I got an ADR - Travel History Info Form and Passport pages (we don't have any travel history) same day for my spouse and I. I couldn't wait to get to the office the following day to scan the passports which made me result to using my smartphone to snap the and merge the Passport pages -

At the point I felt PPR was close - deep down I was praying that my baby should be added before PPR is issued.

12th Nov 2018- Did my Baby's Passport at Ibadan (Yes I took the risk of Lagos Ibadan for the 1 day passport)

13th Nov 2018 - Brought her back to Lagos for Medicals at IOM Ikeja- the lady at the reception was kind enough to attend to us without appointment cuz my baby was just 13 days old.

15th Nov 2018 - First PPR - the mail (dated 14th November 2018) came like Russian Phishing mail in my inbox. I was so happy but at the same time worried since my mail

to ottawa hasn't been replied.

I decided to send a follow-up mail to Ottawa attaching all the required documents as specified in @niobe77 post.

20th Nov: I logged and saw application/profile update but didn't see any update

21st Nov: I logged and saw application/profile update and yes I saw that they've included my baby's name on the list of dependants)

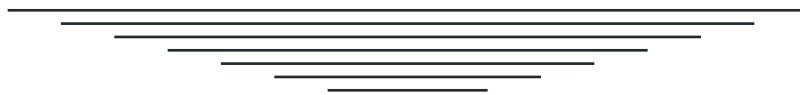
22nd Nov: I received a notification for an update on my profile but still didn't see any additional update.

7th Dec 2018- I check nairaland and saw @hachikaru post that he/she received PPR that we should all check our emails. I checked mine and lo and behold I saw the Golden-Indian mail.

Thanks to @Joo2018 and @Newmum0615 for always responding to my mails.

\*\*I'm using my spouse's moniker cuz I use mine for business here on Nairaland..

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6njbybrthnly

Posted (on page [184](#)) by:


[njbybrthnly](#)

9:36pm On Dec 12, 2018

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### Message:

I've been dreaming of ITA since January of this year and finally it is here!

I can't thank God enough for giving me the grace to study French and pass the TEF exam which elevated my CRS from 415 to 457

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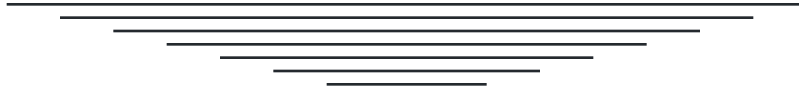
(was initially thinking cut-off scores will drop to last year's levels

src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/undecided.png" alt="undecided" border="0" class="faces">...thank God I received sense fast)

To all those still expecting...keep the faith...it will surely come...and then the real work will start

I wonder how PPR mail will feel•

Number of likes: 106



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6

Posted (on page 176) by:

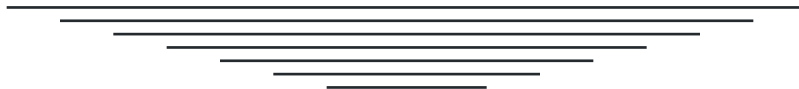
12:27am On Dec 12, 2018

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### Message:

Guess who got her PPR? Izzz meeeeeeeee. God has freed me from Accra visa office!!! Story loading tomorrow after I drop passport..

Number of likes: 106



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6boundlessjoy


Posted (on page [394](#)) by:

**boundlessjoy**

7:23am On Jan 24

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## Message:

It's COPR guys!  border="0" class="faces">

IELTS – June 2, 2018

ECA – August 30, 2018

ITA – Sept. 5, 2018

AOR – Sept 14, 2018

RPRF – November 15, 2018

1st Ghost update – December 24, 2018

2nd Ghost/File Approved – December 31

PPR – January 9, 2019

PP submitted – January 17, 2019

CIC profile updated to approved/Counterfoil generated – Jan. 22nd

PUM – Jan. 24th

## IN THE DAY'S OF IGNORANCE!

I started this process not knowing that there were other ECA bodies aside WES! I had already paid WES before I discovered that all I would get from my LLB was “Bachelors Degree equivalent”. I wasn't sure if that was good enough, then it occurred to me to consult nairaland (God bless the founding fathers of this thread). After weighing my options, I decided to arrange for my law school transcript to be sent to WES as well so I could at least claim 2 or more. My undergrad school kept saying that they did not receive WES verification until they finally did after 7weeks! When it was time for Nigerian law school to verify, they said their internet was broken (whatever that means) I had to pay extra 10k for paper mailing.

## IELTS

I didn't have enough time to study for IELTS because of my job. But I was able to do some listening and reading exercises. I also tried writing on the task 2 paper to see what 250 words should look like. (Tip was from newmum0615)

Did IELTS June 2, 2018 and results were 8.5, 9, 7.5, 7.5

I couldn't enter the pool because ECA. On August 30, 2018, ECA landed. LLB = 4yr Bachelors Degree equivalent, Law School = 1 year Post Graduate Diploma.

Without much ado, I plunged into the pool - head first - with a CRS of 474.

POF

I got 2 bank reference letters, one was in the required format; the other, not quite but I didn't care much. No account statements!

PCC

I paid 17k for my Nigerian PCC!

The police man scanned the documents to me in color, I affixed my fingerprints and scanned back to him with copies of my passport photo and passport document data page. FBI PCC was a breeze.

MEDICALS:

I paid \$375USD for My medicals! Insurance no dey gree cover immigration medicals. I was emailed my medical report in 2days.

TICK...TOCK...

I submitted my application on September 14, 2018 when my passport had about one-month validity. I had already requested a new one though so I raised a CSE when it arrived.

So, I thought I would receive PPR within 3 weeks because people have been preaching that US residents get faster processing times. But I waited, and waited, and waited – for PPR. After a few weeks, I became agitated upon realizing that I did not state my internship experience with a US Federal Government agency. I read of how people were refused because they failed to declare past or current work history. I quickly raised a CSE before my village people will reach my file before me.

When I received my RPRF, I thought that PPR was near, na lie! I waited again, and again, and again! People with later AOR dates were getting PPR left, right and center, yet US residents were not moving (per immitracker).

HUSTLE YOUR OWN PPR!

After I got the two ghost updates, I called IRCC on January 7, and was told my file had been approved but that it might take a little more time for me to receive the PPR email. At that time, I had read how people were hustling their own PPR from NDVO, I quickly joined the hustle and in less than 24hrs, I got my own PPR. (By the way, I think NDVO has stopped that benevolence). I requested a change of VFS to submit my

passport but received no response in that regard.

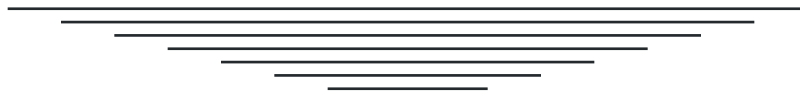
After waiting for some days, I sha submitted my passport with my local VAC and the rest is history!

PS: Application was on IP2 from AOR to PPR and file never left the CIO.

I want to thank this family for the selflessness and love that radiates all corners of this thread. Despite the fights that occur at intervals, we all know that "what binds us together is stronger than what pulls us apart" per Obama POTUS (as he then was).

And those to whom this may matter: Do not start this journey on your own accord, but "...in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall (it's a certainty) direct your path". Wherever you are encountering difficulties, do not hesitate to ask God for the wisdom to surmount the obstacles because He gives (wisdom) to all men generously! (James 1:5). Never forget that to an infinite God, all finites are equal. And when Jesus walked out of that tomb, impossibility became an illusion!.

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6fatiah

Posted (on page 289) by:

fatiah

12:46pm On Jan 04

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### Message:

Greetings Fam, now that I've gotten a more acceptable PPR letter, here is my PPR STORY and Time line as promised. It's a long one, I hope I get a good score @Ralph cos e no easy, Lol! ☐

☐

MY PPR STORY[center][[/center]

Decision to migrate was made exactly a year ago after my brother, a PR holder and I had a discussion on the way forward regarding a better future. Thankfully hubby also

agreed even though he had his reservations about the whole journey

I ultimately had to be the primary applicants because of age and being more invested in the journey than my spouse.

[b]IELTS (1st February 2018) F[/b]irst attempt - 8.5, 8, 7, 7 LWRS

So, I travelled down to Lagos for my ielts in January. Stayed at my folks place. I practiced more of the writing then a bit of the listening. I didn't practice speaking much cos my brother had assured me there's no big deal as long as I speak fluently and don't make grammatical errors. In hindsight, I would have done better in speaking if I had practiced especially knowing that I've never really been the verbally expressive type, particularly in a formal setting. As for writing, let me just say I was lucky cos even with my practice, after I was through with the exam I realised I didn't my opinion with specific examples and I even used the infamous "This essay would discuss.." phrase. Though, I know I may have done better in task achievement and also tried to make as little errors as planned but nevertheless, I was so worried that I would get 6.5. I had even continued practicing before the result was out but thankfully I got just what I required.

ECA

My ECA - March 2018

Spouse's ECA - May 2018

Not much to tell here. It was a smooth process thanks to MCC and my school.

POF

100% Gift deed from my Dad for Family of 3. Just added my last 6 months statement of my savings account highlighting the transfers along with my dad's SOA and a LOE

PCC

This was also straight forward. Didn't use inspector moshood at the time. Though I probably should have cos I was charged 13k for hubby and I

ITA - 23rd May 2018

CRS Score was 443.

Claimed sibling point.

Work Experience : I claimed just 1 year experience cos I had only 2 year post graduation work experience at the time and thankfully 2 years and one year had the same points. Work reference letter was from my employer during internship/ housejob

AOR - 19th June 2018

It is worthy of note that even though I tried my best to be involved in this process since it's obviously my life and that of my family, my brother is the one who practically processed and paid for my application. In fact I had successful applied for TRV courtesy of my brother about 2 years ago in order to birth my baby in Canada. Unfortunately, the application was approved after I had already put to bed. I can actually relate with @dumprep story when it comes to having a brother who is always looking out for you in the best possible way. I truly am blessed to have such a brother .

I remember after submission, I checked my mail several times a day and my profile daily.

MEP / IP1 - 4th July 2018

After IP1 there was a long silence. After, the first few weeks I had to reduce the rate at which I checked my account and concentrate on other things for sanity sake.

IP2 - 24th October

[/b]When I finally got to IP2 I was really hopeful PPR Will come in few weeks time but CIC had other plans. I subsequently got my Ghost update 6th of November but no PPR. I started to get really anxious towards the end of November when there was still no PPR.

[b]Post-approval Pre-PPR phase :□

Now, as you can see my journey had been somewhat smooth so far. This phase was where things started to get a bit more interesting.

I stumbled on Canadavisa forum for June AOR Applicants and saw that it wasn't an isolated case. Hmm, it wasn't easy seeing those whose AOR and IP2 were after mine getting PPR Mail in no time. Raised CSE around 5months post AOR found out file was at CIO, Sydney. Mid December, mailed CIO, CPC ottawa,raised another CSE and found out final decision has been made already still no PPR. Then a trend was noticed , people who had their file approved but awaiting PPR were subsequently being issued PPR within few days after mailing NDVO but these were majorly Indian applicant. So few of us Nigerian applicant tried mailing Accra VO, no response. Then a fellow Nigerian who was inland applicant mailed NDVO and got a favourable response that his application is in queue for landing interview. Hmm, that was how I also mailed NDVO on 24th of December.

First PPR mail - 31st December 2018

Lo and behold, got a PPR mail from NDVO asking me to submit passport in India ! Since I had seen recent similar cases of people who requested for change in VO for Passport submisison and subsequently got a new PPR Letter from Ottawa, I immediately sent a mail requesting for the same. When I told my brother, he was saying there was no need,

Second PPR mail - 4th January 2019

The mail came in at 12:08am from cpc Ottawa but saw it when I checked my mail around 7:30am this morning.

Funny thing, I remember that I'd stayed up till 11pm thinking of how I can send my documents to VFS India / Nepal. I was so relieved and elated to see it. Even hubby's disposition has changed.

Alhamdulillah! I give all praises to God for making this decision to be actualised. I realise it isn't by my power but by His mercy. I can't stop thanking Him for his favours upon me, especially in regards to my family. I'm also glad for the initiative to do my own



research which caused me to stumble in this thread and that if canadavisa forum. I probably would have still been waiting for my PPR Mail.

I seek for His continuous favour and mercy as I embark on this new phase of life.

May our aspirations be met and may we all find favour in Canny Land..

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 6Barryston

Posted (on page [453](#)) by:

**Barryston**

9:46am On Feb 05

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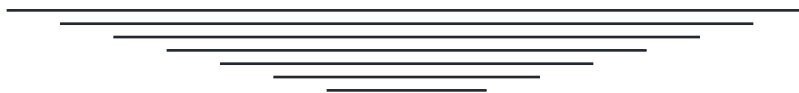
### Message:

GUYSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS ITS PPR

I AM STILL SHAKING

TIMELINE TO FOLLOW SOON!!!!.

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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 6beeday

Posted (on page [380](#)) by:

**beeday**

3:24pm On Jan 20

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## Message:

He has done so much for me  
I cannot tell it all  
Nara ekele Mo...

#PPR

Timeline

ECA – Aug

IELTS – Sept 8

ITA – Oct 3

AOR – Nov 2

MEP/BIL - Dec 4

PPR – Jan 15

Family of 4

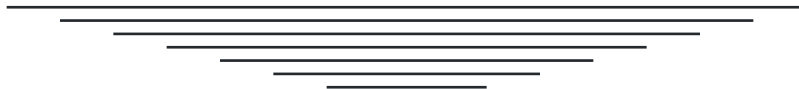
Nara nara eh, Nara ekele

Nara ekele Mo

Nara nara eh, Nara ekele

Nara ekele Mo.

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# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6Lastruct

Posted (on page [359](#)) by:

**Lastruct**


11:15pm On Jan 15

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## Message:

#Clears throat

Good evening my people of God! How una dey? Trust we all day a great day. The day was a very busy one oh, that's why I have delayed my story till now. Make una no vex biko.

My PPR Story is now done, make una grab seats and enjoy with me. Meanwhile, my writing skill no dey okay like that oh, una go just help me accept am like that noni  src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">.

Okay here we go!

IELTS - 1st Feb 2018 (L8.5 R9 W6.5 S7), ordered for a remark and it came out as L8.5 R9 W7 S7.5 - I used the Cambridge books shared on this forum. Wifey did not write

ECA - 25th July 2018 (I missed ITA on this day cos ECA came out around 2:30pm). Wifey's ECA was very fast though.

ITA - 8th August 2018

AOR. - 25th September 2018

Biometric Request - 24th October, Completed 29th October

Medical Passes - 2nd Nov. 2018

PPR - 5:58am 15th January 2019

Story in Full

I was never a fan of leaving Nigeria until October 2014, when I just relocated to Abuja. I was in one of my paddy's house and heard him discussing with his aunt about FSWP. I picked interest suddenly and then joined him nah so we start. We were mis-informed then that we would have to get a Canadian Immigration lawyer to be able to scale through. So we employed Abrams & Krochak and started paying those guys oh. We spent about 1.3m individually and nothing came out of it. Our ECA came out after about 6 months with ICAS Canada. When Abrams started asking for money payment, I just jejelely told my friend that I quit, cos for about a year, we were busy completing one single form oh, we will fill it and he will send it back that we have to re-fill. This went on for like 4 times so I got tired and decided to let it go.

Fast forwarded to 2016, I started thinking about leaving this country again and was introduced to the US study VISA thread. I started following the thread, and by April 2016, I had registered to write GRE for PhD study in the US. The result came out but was not enough to get me an admission with funding, a total of 297 (V:150, Q147 & AW: 4.0). At this time I was advised from the forum to write TOEFL (another test of English I had been running away from) as that would boost my chances of getting funding. I wrote and scored 97, but then, it got me admission in 2 schools but no funding. I quit again as I had no means of raising fund to study for PhD degree.

But in January 2017, My new year resolution was to ensure I do everything humanly possible to relocate from this Naija. then I started following this thread but only during my most free periods, so I was not really concentrating. It then made the whole process look too tough for me to complete, though I was not scared of IELTS any longer since I had written TOEFL already. But I could not start.


Then the next month I stumbled on the Canadian Study VISA thread as I was already stylishly eyeing Canadian Schools. I applied to UAlberta, UofT, and two other schools, In short, I got MBA admission into Rotman's Business School but yet no funding.

Then by October 2017, I told wifey I was not interested anymore and came back to this thread oh, she tried convincing me to stick to one plan as it wasn't good the way I have been jumping from one to another without seeing it through. By that time some of the people I was reading their post had gotten COPR and I was still yet to start. I then started with ECA, and the rest was history

ITA

I missed the draw of July 25th Because my ECA report came in that same morning and I was on my way to Lagos from Abuja by road, Nah so network fail me oh. e pain

me die as I missed ITA just with 12 mins

POF - Family of 4; I used 100% Gift Deed and also supported it with my Pension Certificate. I fixed the fund for two months and had to roll over three times, the last one being just last Friday and the confirmation mail came in just 20mins before the PPR mail  I also submitted my six months salary account statements even though shingbain no dey inside. buhahahahahaha

#### LETTER OF EXPERIENCE

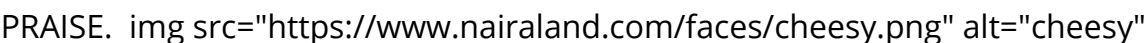
I got letters from my last employer only and didn't bother to include the current employer since I had only spend barely two months at that time. I also did and LOE to explain this part. the LOE also covered name issue on wifey and first son's passport, together with their 'same and one person' affidavit.

Medicals - (My greatest challenge even though I knew many people scaled through this) I had ADR for additional test due to my HBV status and that delayed a bit until 2nd November before I could pass medicals. The request came actually before AOR cos our medicals was upfront at Consultants Practice, but was not ready until after Biometric request as because I was using one very meticulous Gastro from Lagos Island General Hospital.

This is the end of my Story ooooh 

Oya, Prof Ralph, come and give me my 10/10....I cannot coman go an kee myself

But before I leave, I wish to sincerely appreciate everyone on this thread especially @Newmum, Chai... That lady unknowingly did a lot for me on this journey. At a time, I was only interested in whatever she writes cos they were always addressing my issues directly then. May God in his infinite mercies continue to bless her and everyone on this journey, both the landed seniors, newly approved and the Jambites among us.

We will all have a a reason to laugh last by the special grace of God. I am happy today because God has crowned all my long time effort and it has finally ENDED IN PRAISE. 

Once again I thank God and I am thanking everyone here.

PEACE!!!.

Number of likes: 101



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 6lowla1

Posted (on page 429) by:

lowla1

9:19am On Jan 31

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### Message:

Good morning ppl!!!!

LONG POST ALERT!!

PPPPP PPPPPPP AAAAAARRRRRRRRRR!!!!!! 🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉

IELTS LRSW 8, 8, 7.5, 6.5 (1st attempt July 2017)

8.5, 8.5, 7.5, 7 (2nd attempt May 2018)

Spouse ielts 7, 7.5, 8, 7.5

ECA Wes June 2018

Crs 449 without spouse eca

Created profile July 2nd

ITA 11th July 2018

Spouse eca IQAS July 16

MEDS 7th August (q life)

AOR. 5th September

Meds passed 27th September

BIL 27th September

Biometrics done 15th October

Rprf 20th October  
Paid and uploaded 23rd October  
Family of 3

I had started this process in 2013 when it was paper based but somehow didn't follow through

Fast forward to April 2017 when I and my sister decided to convince our husbands to come on this journey..... We researched as best as we could

As for me sha I didn't tell hubby the full financial implication just told him let's write ielts first then our eca....like that like that until I told him about POF and applications fees, you need to see how big his eye got (hehehehe) .....that's how we got here... One hurdle at a time

POF. 3 TB bought at different times invested for 6 months then used both my and hubby's pension to complete the POF and also buffer just in case

IELTS. On my first attempt I didn't know of 8777 and by the time I found out about remarking it was too late

ECA started eca in Nov 2017 until strike happened used Wes for myself and iqas for hubby (lawyer). Once I got my eca I created my profile I added hubby's eca at E-APR then Crs became 459

After adr for rprf I was pretty sure I would see my ppr soon..... Oh boy was I wrong .....SILENCE.....

Ordered gcms notes in November which I'm yet to receive till date

Finally decided to Call IRCC on 28th January (Monday) loaded my phone with credit and kept calling but I couldn't get to speak to an agent until about 10pm our time then I was put on hold for 28 mins and finally could talk to an agent, she said eligibility recommended pass, criminality in progress and security not started

30th before I went to bed I saw an update on my profile " we are reviewing the additional documents you provided " since Oct to "not applicable ".....and I'm like at least someone is finally looking at my file

Only for hubby to wake me up this morning with his phone in my face whispering " it has come, it has come "

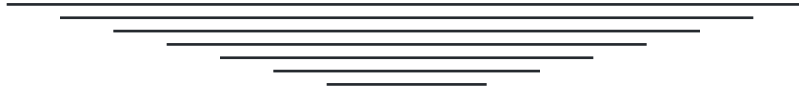
I guess he was whispering because he knew my shout and dance will cover for his lack thereof

31st January ppr (dated 30th)

Thank you nairaland for the wealth of information here

@Newmum!!!!!! You didn't know me but I sent you a mail and you responded and helped me..... God bless you tremendously.

Number of likes: 100



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6MsDee29

Posted (on page 329) by:

**MsDee29**

9:24pm On Jan 10

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### Message:

Guys, It's PPRRRRRRR!!!

\*Timeline\*

AOR: July 3

MEP: July 18

IP1: July 18

IP2: October 29

PPR: January 9/10 2019

VO: Ottawa

Single Applicant

The journey started for me in January 2018 and was really seamless until I got stuck in IP2 at a time when people from my VO were moving from IP2 to PPR at the speed of light.



I kept thinking up all sorts of bad scenarios as the cause for the delay from a VO that was supposed to be really fast.

I tried calling a couple of times but couldn't reach an agent but I struck gold one day in December and I was informed my file had been approved and I will hear from them soon; then there was silence...

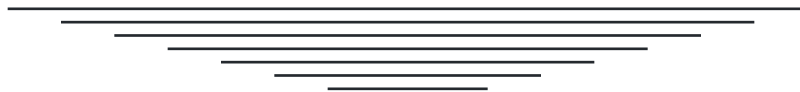
I heard about people sending mail to NDVO and decided to give it a shot and it paid off with PPR on January 9th. I sent a mail to rectify country for submission same day and got a corrected passport request mail today...

Morale of the story... Delay is not denial and seasons differ. I hope this encourages someone.

Congrats to all ITA and PPR grabbers. And thanks to everyone for the wealth of information here

□.

Number of likes: 100



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6Nono16

Posted (on page [422](#)) by:

**Nono16**

10:14pm On Jan 29

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### Message:

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Nono16:

Good Morning Fam,

God has done it.... Its a PPR story img

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Woke up to the mail this morning.

Timeline:

ITA: 13th June 2018

AOR: 29th July 2018

MEP: 22nd Aug 2018

IP1: 24th Aug 2018

IP2: 17th Nov 2018

PPR: 19th Dec 2018 (but dated 18th dec).

VO: Unknown

NO ADRs...

Off to Studio 24 & VFS , will be back with the long gist....

@onyeenyeh (my july aor lady) ngwa check your mail for yours.

/blockquote>

My fam,

COPR received today. All glory to God, who causes us to prosper.

Ok heres a break down as promised.

Started the journey by enrolling for the IELTS exam.

IELTS:

I studied Liz blog for reading and mainly writing. I believe the free version is very useful for writing, she has very good techniques and samples.

For the speaking, I watched sample interview tests on YouTube. Those videos are enough to get you a good score. I practiced with the free Cambridge materials, and I always timed myself. When I did the first practice, I scored a 27/40 in listening and a 30/40 in reading. I was shook!!!!. I couldn't believe my eyes lol, but I kept practicing. Over the next 2 months, I started scoring 39/40 and 40/40. At this point, I knew I was ready to take the test, and I registered. Lo and behold, my result wasn't too different from my practice results.

L= 9, R = 8.5, S = 8.5, W = 7. My 1st attempt.

I believe the secret to acing the test is: i) Practice practice practice, ii) familiarize yourself with the test question formats, iii) have a calm state of mind on the morning of the exam, iv) For writing, use pencil and start from task 2; it carries more marks - 66% of the total score, while task 1 takes 33% or so.....i cannot over emphasize checking out LIZ blog.

ECA:

I used WES and it was pretty straight forward, as I evaluated my foreign degree. It took about 2 or 3weeks.

ITA:

As soon as the ECA was done, I jumped into the pool with 452 or so. I have to state here that if you have 2yrs and 10 months work experience, pls put 2yrs only when creating an IRCC profile.

NEVER ROUND UP pls. Even if it is 3yrs and 11months, pls claim 3yrs guys.

I claimed 2yrs work experience: 1year of NYSC and 1year post NYSC. Be very careful when creating an account pls.

POF:

Before I got ITA, I had already gotten 50% of my POF sitting in the account for over 6months. The remaining money came in as a gift deed from my family. It actually came 2days before I submitted my application. I had to wait to print the Statement of account.

Bank documents- I used a dollar account. I asked for a letter in the CIC format, but the man in the customer rep booth refused. He gave me a generic one. I had to request for a letter of non-indebtedness to buffer.

So from the bank, I had my 6months SOA, letter of non-indebtedness, and the generic bank reference letter.

PCC:

I paid the regular 10k in Abuja and some \$15 or so for US PCC. I paid the forensic

dept. in Louis edet house to help me with holding my hand to thumbprint for the FBI one, and I DHLed the sheets to the US. (The report returned in 24hrs).

#### REF LETTERS:

The Company I served with during nysc, refused to give me a reference letter, so I asked my previous supervisor to write one for me. He wrote it on a plain sheet and got it notarized. He attached a scanned copy of his ID card showing his position, just as a backup. Also, they paid us cash, so I had no paystubs and no bank proof. My supervisor took the initiative to write out this fact and he included the amount paid monthly in his letter.

For my post NYSC job, I had paystubs, letter-headed ref letter from HR, bank print out etc.

#### AOR:

On the day of submission, I forgot to attach my current reference letter from the company I was working with (although I wasn't claiming points for it), and I submitted. I was so worried.

I added LOE to the beginning of certain placeholders, e.g. in the POF part, I explained that the bank offered only the generic letter: I wrote just 1 sentence on a plain sheet, and under it, I gave a tabular breakdown of the money conversion rate using oanda from USD to CAD. Then I put a table of content thing: 1st page – letter of non-indebtedness, 2nd page – bank ref letter.....etc.

I also put a general LOE in the general section placeholder, it had a summary of all my LOEs on one sheet of plain paper, I wrote brief sentences here too...e.g.:

#### EMPLOYMENT RECORDS:

in 2016, I was paid cash for a period of 1yr in XYZ Company, hence my non-inclusion of paystubs - more details in the employment record placeholder.

I did this just in case different VOs were working on different parts of my file at the same time, at least they would see the LOE in the employment part or see the LOE in the general part. For clarity sake.

-I previously had a visitor's visa to Canada, so I was not asked for biometrics.

**\*\*When post AOR:** try to enroll for a planning for Canada session. They give individualized action plans for people based on your NOC code. It helps you to know what you are up against, technologies to learn, and attributes to quickly imbibe before you get there.

#### OTHERS:

The first 2weeks post AOR were challenging. I used to check my profile 3times a day, but after the first 2 weeks, I totally got occupied and hardly checked except on Saturdays.

Also, pls keep your LinkedIn and social media up to date with your current job status. They actually do cross check guys, most esp LVO and AVO.

I had no visa denials and no ADR, I paid all PPR fees upfront, didn't order GCMS notes- so I don't know which VO attended to my application, but I think it should be Ottawa.

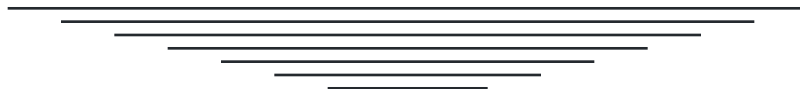
#### SUMMARY:

As a last note, Pls don't put a full stop where God has placed a comma. Don't fret and don't give up. Do what you have to do, be very clear and concise in your application. Avoid discrepancies, and long turanchi.

My love goes to NewMum0625, Tojued, smslive, mcstan18, joo2000, ifeoma77 and a host of others. Newmum actually replied me repeatedly, answering my questions via mail in a very detailed manner, ....Tojued too, but she refused to give me her num lol. Then there was this guy in PH that kept replying me, he even gave me his contact to call him. May God reward you all.

I will be open to help anyone with questions that I can answer, but remember no 2 applications are exactly alike. Use your discretion to act, and always read up page 1..

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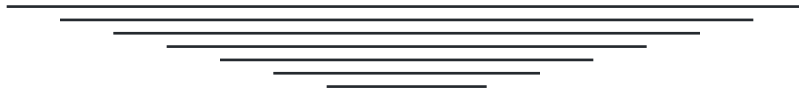
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9:28am On Nov 27, 2018

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## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6Tee248490

Posted (on page [492](#)) by:

**Tee248490**

11:22pm On Feb 13

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### Message:

ECA : May 2017 for me, July 2018 for spouse

IELTS: May 2017 for me, August 2018 for spouse (on the 6th attempt)💎

ITA : Aug 22

AOR: September 27

MEP: Oct 26

Update for baby: Nov 8

PPR: February 12 dated 11

No ADR

VO: Ottawa

I was in the pool for one year with a CRS score of 432..... August 2nd.

Long story short I waited and waited and waited.....till my profile expired August 2 2018....

I didn't have enough to be the PA, my husband did but getting his ECA done and acing IELTS was a mountain....

My husband had done his MBA at Lautech, but getting his transcript to WES was war as a result of the long strike action of the university.

The university was on strike literally all through 2017!

Eventually sometime at the beginning of 2018, they resumed and it took us another 6 months to finish WES evaluation thanks to those who stepped in for us.

Finally ECA was completed in July 2018.

So now, he has his MBA, fantastic! But there is the IELTS hurdle to jump....

Reason is within 2017 to 2018, he had already written IELTS 5 times and has given up on it... he would get an overall score of 8 with writing being 6.5 in all 5 instances.

He told me at that point that he is no longer interested but when the ECA finally came through in July, we both had our hope renewed 💎

So on that fateful day in July 2018, I started begging him to take it one last time

He grudgingly accepted, I prayed so much that it was really the last IELTS....

The earliest date available was in 2 days with MOD.. Again, he refused to study that he had been studying for past ones and failing it .... at the point I could only hope for the best..

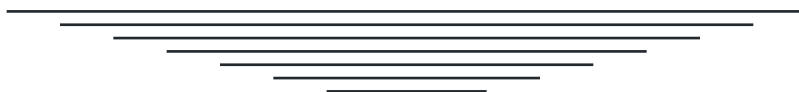
Long story short..... he got max score for LSRW! On the 6th attempt! What! I was screaming and jumping around💎💎💎💎💎

CRS 479!

Fast forward to August 22nd ! ITA

A special thanks to @DonTee07 for answering my questions... may God perfect yours.

Number of likes: 97



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 6bababode825

Posted (on page [154](#)) by:

**[bababode825](#)**

8:48am On Dec 07, 2018

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## Message:

PPR Finally!!!

FSW Outland

Journey Started with ECA Evaluation with WES : November 2017

Wrote IELTS 3 Times Feb, Mar and Finally passed in April after a remark in writing 2018

CRS Score: 447

AOR: July 29

Medicals Passed (MEP): August 22

IP2: November 17

Proof of funds: Fixed Deposit with RenMoney and Personal Savings

NOC 2172 (Database Analyst) and 2282 (User Support Technicians)

PPR: Dated 6th December

Thanks to everyone who contributed on this journey. God bless you all.

All, I will say is this: DONT ALLOW ANYONE STOP YOU ON THIS JOURNEY. I AM NOT SAYING CANADA PROVIDES ALL OUR SOLUTIONS BUT IT IS AN OPTION. HAVING OPTIONS IS PART OF LIFE SO PLEASE GO FOR IT. ANOTHER THING I WOULD SAY IS "DO IT NOW" DONT DELAY. POLICIES CHANGE EVERYDAY AND THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT CAN CANCEL IT(GOD FORBID). US VISA LOTTERY IS GONE, UK TOO GONE, SCOTLAND GONE. NOW IT AUSTRALIA AND CANADA. QUEBEC IS REDUCING INTAKES BY 20% STARTING 2019. CANADA ELECTIONS TAKES PLACE NEXT YEAR.



GINGER GUYS TO AVOID STORIES THAT TOUCH.

IT WILL SURELY END IN PRAISE..

Number of likes: 96



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 6juicebox

Posted (on page 413) by:

juicebox

7:07pm On Jan 28

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### Message:

It's PPR Guys!!!

Summary of Timeline:

26 April 2018- ITA

1 May 2018- AOR

15 May 2018- ADR to rescan PCC

15 May 2018- Med passed

Then the wait started, requested and received 2 GCMS during the wait

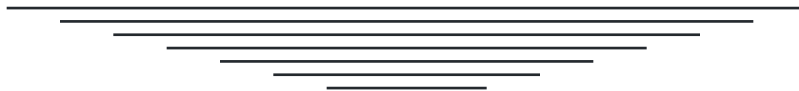
fast forward to today 28 Jan 2019- Ghost Update

28 Jan 2019- PPR

VO- ACCRA

Thanks everyone, the info on this thread was of immense help.

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