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Woke up to THE mail todaylt's PPR!!!!!!!!!!!!!
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Posted (on page 144) by:

#### Topsmamen

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#### Message:

God is too good...Long post alert...Decision to EmigrateThe reasons for the decision to permanently move are as plenty as they are varied, and you all already know every single one of them. I got tired of whining about the failed systems and decided to do something about it. So on New year's Day 2018, I woke up, examined my ceiling for 30 minutes, brainstormed really hard on how to make Nigeria great again and ended up with the resolution to pick race! IELTSMy old passport was due to expire in 2018 so I decided to wait and start the process with a new passport. As soon as it was within the 6 months time-frame, I started the renewal process. In the meantime, I practiced IELTS listening tests like crazy. I collected the new passport on a Tuesday and booked with MOD for the exam holding on the Saturday of that same week (BC had no dates available for the next two months). Thankfully I got good grades at the first try.I practiced Listening and Reading on https://ieltsonlinetests.com/ I've already written about this site before so no need rehashing it.I did very minimal study/practice on the speaking and writing modules. During the exam, I just wrote/spoke as I would in everyday life, there was no special strategy or tip applied to my tests. My speaking main task was to summarize the plot of an interesting book that I had read. Hei God!! Me that ayam the resident film/book narrator in my family!By the time I finished telling my two minutes story (filled with suspense and drama), the examiner was like writing module, for my job heheheAs the requires writing/editing/reporting, so I guess this was a case where work experience doubled as practice for the exam.In all, I'm so thankful God that I didn't have to rewrite IELTS. Its one aspect of this process where I have learnt to be grateful for small mercies. ECAI used WES for my ECA. This was in the good old days before they were possessed by the devil. If I hadn't already made the decision to leave Nigeria, I would have come to that decision after comparing the experiences relating to the transcripts' request from my schools. My original plan was to evaluate only my Masters for the PR process, and then while waiting for PPR, go ahead to evaluate the BSc as a means of keeping my transcripts close, in case of further studies. Now my MSc transcript - from a UK school - was a breeze to

evaluate. Ordered the transcript from the school store, made the payment, emailed the WES transcript request form to the registry and called to confirm that everything was hunky-dory. After a couple of weeks, WES had still not received the transcript so I called registry again. I discovered that they delayed in processing and sending the transcript to WES, the person I was speaking with at the time said they just dispatched it. I was so angry! I told them that that was very irresponsible and emphasized how disappointed I was at their lackadaisical pace. After I finished speaking all my queens english with native British accent, they apologised profusely and I lapped up all the 'we apologize miss Ifeoma' and 'we are very sorry for the inconvenience'. I then resigned myself to fate and mentally increased my expected ECA completion date by at least one month. . Two days later, I received an email from the school. Apparently, they took responsibility for the delay and they decided to send another set of transcripts via courier - at their own expense, I was so impressed even though the gesture turned out to be redundant. The first set of transcripts - sent with regular post - reached WES in exactly seven days. The same day I received the tracking information for the second set of transcript, was the day WES updated my account to 'documents received' (for the first set). On the other hand, my Nigerian school? Chai!!!!!!!Sometime after AOR, I went to my school to kick-start the ECA process and 'acquire' a contact who'll help with verification. Everything was a hassle, everybody dodgy and grasping. There was no time for queen's english and grammar in this one o, na correct pidgin pesin pikin kon dey blow. I was already seriously rethinking the necessity of the ECA when one Aunty called me aside to 'advise' me. There were like 3 women in the office and the ringleader started; "My dear, see ehn, This Canada thing ehn, o dikwa very hard. I know how people used to come here to cry because of this Canada transcript and verification wahala, Even that woman that just left here sef, did you see her? The one that tied red turban? iz all the way from Taraba state that she came for this thing o, and did she finish? Mba! O diro easy at all! But you, I just like you so I will help you..." she paused and looked round, the other women nodded rapidly like agama lizards "...I will help you fast track the transcript and handle the verification. Just drop money and goan sleep. I know how much I used to collect o, but because e bu nwannem, give me only 150,000 for everything"Chineke!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Did I mention that the sum total of what I paid the UK school = £7 (NGN 3480)?One hundred and fifty thaaaasand naira!! Just like that?! For a just-in-case ECA?Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'unI thanked her sha, collected her phone number and bank account details, cut my losses and walked out. She is still waiting for the alert,

ayam coming... The thunder being designed for her is a collaboration from Amadioha, Sango and Thor.Post-ITAI took my sweet time in getting my application ready.-MedicalsI used IOM for medicals and I've already written a very long post on this before.-POFPOF was pretty straightforward, I used 70% gift deed from Dad. I shouldn't really call it a gift-deed, it was more like gift letter. He wrote a letter saying he is gifting the money to me and then attached the transfer receipt from his bank. I didn't notarize the letter, didn't get it stamped at the high court, didn't sign on it that I received the gift and didn't include any witnesses' signature. The cash in the account covered the POF and then some but I still added my RSA because why not? Izz my hard earned money The POF placeholder contained a summary table, letter from bank, account statement, letter from PFA, PFA account statement and Oanda conversion page.I left the POF liquid in the account throughout the processing. I didn't fix it and didn't purchase TBills. The bank letter was not IRCC format. Infact it's the most generic letter I've ever seen in my life. The letter literally has just four lines;1. We're writing this recommendation on the request of our customer Ifeoma blablabla, account number blabla.2. She has successfully run this account since blabla.3. Afford her any assistance and blabla4. For further enquiries, contact us through blabla. I didn't collect non-indebtedness' letter because apparently, according to this bank's policy, I can only get it from the branch where I opened the account. I should also mention that the account statement I attached was for just one day - the day the gift entered. I added the account statement mainly to show the account balance since the knuckleheads at the bank vehemently refused to modify their boring reference letter. It was as if all the bank workers were members of the village people association, but God pass them. To be honest, I kinda expected to get ADR for updated POF, it didn't happen. It's true what they say; no two applications are the same.-Job ReferenceJob reference was in CIC format. Signed by my Boss, not HR. I added my offer letter and payslips. There was a point when I was getting confused over which NOC fits my JD best so I jejely carried myself to the therapy couch of the NOC Queen. Thank you @Newmum0615 you are a rare gem. My JD was firm and locked in, no tweaking allowed. But I drafted the other parts of the letter, the hours and all that. I mailed it to my Boss for vetting and then to be printed on the official letterhead. My draft was two pages long. When I received the reference letter, my mouth dropped open in shock. Oga had increased it to seven pages! He wrote and wrote. my duties, Detailed descriptions of achievements, awards/promotions, character/personality/temperament, work supervisory/mentoring ethic,

capabilities, weaknesses, yada yada yada. If I had submitted that reference to Trudeau, I'd probably not have needed Express Entry It was really sweet...and unnecessary. When I tried to explain, I received a long lecture about how old people can be seated and see what young people cant see even when they are standing <insert eyeroll> I used my reference like that joor, let IRCC agents know that ayam awesome PS. Some weeks later, I was called to his office to give his relatives lecture/guidance on the EE process Laslas we will leave only Buhari in Nigeria.-International Passport(s) UploadThis one gave me small headache. When I saw the 'multiple required' I interpreted it to mean that I'd need to add my expired passports. But then I remembered the case where one lazy VO rejected someone's application because he saw only the expired passport and not the valid one. So instead of using the pdf merge I used for all other placeholders, I scanned my data pages and stamps/visas in JPEG. Then I pasted them on a word document - which was then saved as pdf before uploading. The first page had the current valid passport. As a header, I wrote "VALID/CURRENT PASSPORT", highlighted it, bolded it, underlined it, increased the font size to 80 Since there are no visas or stamps in the new passport, I left a full blank page before moving on the most recently expired passport. On the header of the page, I wrote "EXPIRED PASSPORT 1" coloured it red, bolded it, underlined it and used font size 60. The pages containing stamps and Visas followed and then Expired Passport 2 followed with its own visa and stamps. Let me not hear that one blind VO did not see the valid passport in the document placeholder. ShioorNB. This is unnecessary, just upload current/valid passport and forget the expired ones. Simpler is always better. I did mine out of ignorance.-eApr Photol stood against the white walls in my office, used my phone and took a selfie. Cropped it and uploaded. Thanks to @Happytbaby for this tipNo need wasting money taking professional pictures for this stage, use your phone (or digital camera) and take the picture. My plan is to take COPR pics with studio 24 as late as possible so it will still be within the 6 months mark by the time I land. Now that PPR is here, I'm off to do that. -Education In addition to the ECA, IELTS TRF and MSc certificate, I added my (unaccessed) BSc certificate.AORAfter reading Newmum's account of mixing up documents in placeholders despite checking and rechecking, I decided to use one full week for final checks. So day 1, I'd sign in, check the documents in the first placeholder, cross-check it with my list, read every line, ensure its crystal clear and legible, nod my head with satisfaction and then sign out. Day 2, I'd do the same thing with the second placeholder and so on. Yes I know, I'm craycray I spent a ridiculous amount of time researching and

reading up all the advantages and disadvantages of paying RPRF upfront. How when they eventually ask for it, it helps you know that things are moving along on your application but how it might cause delays. I ultimately decided to pay it together with the application fee since I didn't want any rprf-related delay and I hoped my proactiveness will deliver my PPR out in a maximum of two months <insert massive eye roll> Post-AORI told myself that I won't order GCMS notes, won't worry myself about what was going on with my application. I know I put together a good application, everything was pretty straightforward, they can even send it to LVO, after all, I had no intention of attempting a winter landing. I have time, I'm not under pressure, I won't be one of those freaking out and looking for patience to drink. Story for the gods!!!!!! developed insomnia post AOR. I'd be lying in bed wondering what the VOs would think of this and what they'd think of that. What is happening with my application? Where is it now? Have they started this? Have they finished that? I signed into my account so often that IRCC probably considered blocking my IP address. I wasn't joking when I said people should join a gym post-AOR. Exhaustion is a gift when your brain refuses to shut down at night. The wait does not get easier o, issa lie. It is nerve-wracking from day one to the final day. Weekends will approach and you won't be happy because that's two days the VOs won't work. Canadian public holidays were pure torture. The funny thing is that the agents seem to be witches, just when you're losing interest or you've found your zen and gotten to a place of acceptance, they'll give one update that will motivate you to start logging in again like crazy. From AOR to MEP, I logged into my account every. single. day. After MEP, I saw that updates would definitely be communicated via mail, so I relaxed somewhat. Then I got the job mail and moved to IP1, that triggered another logging in frenzy. Let's not even talk of all the serious frantic research to determine that job mail is not the exclusive property of LVO. Yes o, at this point, I confessed to myself that I mind LVO and I don't want to be sent there. Few days later, I was able to get through the IRCC call center and confirmed that my application was in OVO, I danced around the house and screamed hallelujah if only I knew what plans OVO had for me...Anyway, knowing my VO made me relax somewhat again. And then silently, without mail notification, I moved to IP2. Another logging in madness started. This time, it was several times a day and the insomnia went from mild to severe. As the IP2 dragged on, I second-guessed everything I uploaded in my application, everyday, I made the decision to order GCMS and everyday I cancelled that decision (I read that post about third-party security breaches and identity theft and whatnot so I decided;

better safe than sorry). As the wait got longer and longer, I wondered whether I unknowingly committed any crimes in any of the countries I'd been to, I wondered if there's any Ifeoma somewhere who is a bride of ISIS, maybe the similar name is what is causing my long background check, I googled my name repeatedly to see if my village people have uploaded any damning information about me, I abandoned my MAP and could not focus on the pre-arrival courses. You see that cup of patience? I searched for it like gulder ultimate search. There's a theory on this thread that if you had it easy with IELTS/ECA, the universe gives you a long processing so you don't take the journey for granted. I still can't say I completely agree but I am definitely swayed. The funny part is that I didn't have RR, Eligibility was met and Criminality passed by October 2018, since then...graveyard silence. As at 20 February 2019, Security was still not started. I developed a new and massive respect for anyone who went through - or is going through - AVO/LVO/KVO, hailings guys! Your strength is not of this world. See ehn long story made short, it doesn't matter how simple and linear your application is, you cannot just submit and go to sleep.I'm considering ordering GCMS notes after landing. It would be interesting to see what went on during the processing.PPRAfter IP2, I developed the habit of reaching for my phone first thing in the morning. I'd just look for the Gmail icon. If it's not there, I'll drop the phone and get on with my day. If it's there, I'll close one eye, hold my breath and slowly, carefully swipe down to peep. I can't describe how heartbreaking it is to complete that swipe and see one nonsense mail not in anyway related to CPCO. From the day I entered IP2, I stopped needing alarm to wake me up. Sometimes I wake up a full hour before my alarm goes off.On Friday, 8 March 2019, I got a ghost update. I knew this could mean one of two things; either security had finally started or application has been approved. Either way, PPR was close. This morning, I woke up and saw the tiny Gmail icon at the top of my phone screen, I swiped down like I always do and finally, FINALLY, I saw IT, the golden mail! Sitting pretty and looking like what dreams are made of. I just held my phone with both hands and smiled the biggest smile of my life.I'm still holding the phone... I'm still smiling... Every time I read a PPR story on this thread, I try to imagine how the recipient is feeling. Then I imagine how I'd feel when mine lands. It was always a toss up between screaming jumping excitement and speechless teary goosebumps. My people o, PPR is here o and I can't even describe how I feel right now, it's a cocktail of emotions, all of them intense, but predominantly; I feel blessed...so incredibly blessed... so overwhelmingly incredibly blessed!To You, My e-FamilyThank you for keeping me sane(ish) during the wait.

Thanks for the very many life/money-saving information shared on this thread. Thanks for the encouragement, the prayers, the bants, the fights and the entertainment. The wait was hard but it was made a hundred times easier because of you guys I cannot count the number of times when I'd be so down and then see something on the thread and burst into laughter, or see a very uplifting mention/pm/chat from someone here. Sometimes the encouragement even comes from people who are pre-ITA and then I feel like slapping myself.God bless each and every one of you, my prayer is that everyone will surmount their different obstacles, PPR will come speedily and we'll pop that champagne in Cannyland!

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Zinggi

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#### Message:

Guysssss!!!!THE EAGLE HAS LANDED!!!!!ISSA GOLDEN MAIL THINGS!!!Here is my "brief story"... read at your own risk: I have always believed that someday I would relocate fully out of Nigeria... whether it was for studies or something.. I just knew that my place was not this Naija. This was some years back. Well, in 2011... when I was writing my ICAN, I had made friends with a couple of colleagues (also writing) the exam with me. One of them gave me some hints that he really wanted to leave Naija soon.. but never told me how. I also never bothered to ask. I lost his contact, but got it back in 2014, only for me to see the kind of "abroad" pictures he was posting. I was like, "hope you are enjoying your vacation ooo" and he was like... " Nooo.. this is not a vacation! I live here"O boy!! That was how my ear/antennae just stood up ooo... I started interrogating him like an FBI agent... I asked him about the immigration process and how he went about it. He simply just sent me a link to read up on.... And that was the end. I was demotivated even before reading it properly. That was how I gave up on the idea.In 2016, I stumbled on Australian immigration information and followed it gracefully. I gathered all the necessary information I needed and saved on my system. Good thing is that, I have never been that person to embark on a journey without thoroughly researching and asking myself very tough questions. I was so ready to embark on it... but did not have the funds. Well, the issue was not even the funds per se, but the fact that when I informed my parents about it, they totally kicked against it. Their argument was that, Aussie was too far and it would make me forget Naija. My relatives also added to this perspective, with examples of my distant cousins that had gone to Aussie many years ago but had not returned. I was completely discouraged and let this phase slide again. After the above incidences, I had now decided to face my "Nigerian fate"... and so focused solely on my work and all. In December 2017, while going home with one of the staff of my clients, she kept asking me about my career, what I intended to do in the medium to the long term etc. I kept downloading my plans passionately to her. I kept emphasizing on the professional exams I was set out to do, how I looked forward to growing through the career ladder in Nigeria and so on.... If only I had known that all those plans discouraged

her from telling me about the Canada immigration EE process, I probably would have kept quiet. She told me later after I had commenced the process, that she wanted to tell me about the EE process, but seeing how passionate I was about the "Nigerian Plans" made her hold that key information back. Well, fast forward to April 2018, while working at the office, I overheard one of my close friends/colleague telling another colleague about the EE immigration process and how he had gotten his Visa and bought his ticket ahead of his exit in August 2018. Immediately I heard that, I interjected, then asked him to brief me on the full information. Funny enough, the person he was telling was acting uninterested back then despite informing him about the process since far back 2017. Well, as a sharp guy who had been looking for such an opportunity, I asked him what it would entail... and he gave me a brief highlight based on his knowledge about it. I was not satisfied with what he told me, so went ahead to research on it myself. That was when I stumbled on this thread and decided to feed on it like it was breakfast and Lunch. I dwelt there for days reading from the past information and PPR stories (days of Dupyshoo and Zandora etc). Then I knew I had to commence immediately. However, I remember clearly that when my friend told me about the associated financial commitment for a single applicant, my heart sank... as I wondered how I would have been able to finalize my POF. But God came through for me.I registered immediately for my IELTS in April to be written in May... and immediately sent my B.Sc and ACCA transcript (membership certificate) to Wes for evaluation.IELTSFirst IELTS was written in May: Lost out in Listening as I had 7.5 (BC)Second IETLS was written on 7 July: LSRW - 8.5, 8.5, 7, 7 (BC)Prior to the first IELTS, I had practiced a bit, but was slightly over confident because I felt that it was just a simple test of English which shouldn't have been a problem at all for me. I however practiced the maps for a whole day using YouTube, and became a master in it as I was not failing any questions on maps anymore. Unfortunately, maps did not come out in the first exam. When the result came out that morning, I was not happy with myself, but I told myself that I would channel all that efforts to scheduling for another exam. I was reading negative comments all over the place, on groups and so on... especially people that did not pass the exams like me... but I shut out those thoughts to avoid being discouraged. Immediately the next day came, I quickly scheduled for another, raised the draft of N75,000 and paid to BC. I thought that this would motivate me to read ooo... but boy!! My work wouldn't allow me. There was absolutely no time at all. The night before the exam, I just skimmed through some lines and slept off... went for the exam the next day... and

the rest, they say, is history!Educational Credential Assessmentl used the conventional WES for my ECA... and it was a smooth ride. Luckily for me, they were not requesting for WAEC then. So I reached out to my school to send my transcript (which took just between 14 - 21 working days) and to ACCA which took 14 working days. Also, note that I commenced the ECA transcript transmission alongside my preparation for IELTS. I also sent my B.Sc. and ACCA membership certificates to WES via Hellofax.My WES report came out on 19 June 2018 with a summary of "2 or more degrees". This was a complete breeze. In fact, I didn't have to reach out to them for any information or complaints.ITA As at 20th July, 2018... I had my IELTS result and ECA ready... but did not dive into the pool because of my funds were not completely in the state I wanted it. I had to wait for some more funds before diving. I had a score of 468, so I was certain that I would get ITA once I dived. So I made up my mind to patiently wait till I was ready. I had timed September 5 as my chosen ITA date... so I entered the pool on September 1. I got ITA and was so excited. It felt so surreal. Immediately, I swung to action and started to follow up with all necessary documentation. Post ITAi. PCCThis was a breeze. In fact, I had gotten a contact from my friend that told me about the EE process, I called the person a day before I went there. I took a one-hour break during my lunch time at work, went to their office asking of the Police officer I spoke to a day earlier. That was when I realized the guy had retired. However, the person he told me to ask of, happened to be his successor. The finger prints were taken, all the necessary things were done, price was negotiated to my desired 5k, then I picked up my completed PCC and headed back to work. I was happy!I scanned the pink copy along with the finger printed copy and merged both together using my Adobe Acrobat. I attached the document to the PCC place holderii. Passport photographThis was snapped a day before I did the PCC at LUTH. I also got the contact from my friend. I ensured to take both soft and hard copy of the pictures before leaving the place. I ensured that the pictures were well measured in my presence in line with CIC requirements. The guy was experienced on CIC requirements, so it was hassle free exercise. The price was also very reasonable. I attached the soft copy version to the placeholder in my EE profile.iii. Educational Certificates As usual, I merged my University B.Sc Certificate with my ACCA membership certificate, ECA report and IELTS report using Adobe Acrobat. I attached the merged documents to the relevant placeholder in my App. I used Nigeria as the ACCA location, as this was where I wrote the exam.iv. International Passport and travel documentsThis was also scanned and attached to the relevant

placeholder.V. Medical AssessmentThis was where I faced my second challenge through the EE process. I attempted to go through the normal route like everyone. Called IOM, Children's Practice and Q-life to book... Lo and behold, the prices of IOM and Children's practices were ridiculously high, so I took them completely off my list. Unfortunately, Qlife that was fairly priced, was booked till about October 20 something. I knew that I couldn't wait till then, so I had to device a quick alternative. Then the idea of gate crashing came to my mind. The next day, I left my house very early, arrived there before 7 am and wrote my name down. I thought it was that automatic. Well, after such a long wait till about 8:30, the tests commenced. However, before they commenced, they separated those that had booked from those that had not, just like me... I was disheartened. They told us to go to the reception to book our test dates. Upon arriving there, the receptionist recognized my name and tried to confirm why I had come earlier than the supposedly booked date of 20 something. I immediately pleaded with her, and told her that I had received ITA, and need to do it urgently as it was time bound. She empathized with me and decided to reschedule me for the next day. I was so excited and did not worry about the lost time for the day. I came to the hospital the next day (19 September 2018) for the test. All was completed and results were fine.I just scanned the up-front medical slip and attached to the relevant placeholder in my application.vi. Proof of Funds (POF)This was gathered overtime but ready long before my ITA. My complete POF was ready by August as I had to sell my car to make up the outstanding balance. It was so saddening as I began to trek and my mobility reduced drastically. Infact when I was to sell the car, I had my fair share of challenges. The car dealer I gave to sell the car on my behalf suddenly claimed that one of the most important vehicle documents was missing, the Customs document. I was so shattered. How on earth could this get missing? Did I forget it when I went to make photocopies? Or was the dealer trying to play a smart one on me?? Those were few of the numerous thoughts I had. Unfortunately, I didn't have a single copy of the document and potential buyers were not in any way willing to risk purchasing the car without these document, despite its clean physical outlook. At the end of the day I had to part with some substantial sum of money to get another one from Customs. Well, I sold it, added it to the funds I previously had and placed all in a Fixed Deposit (FD) investment split into 70% (due in 6 months) and 30% due in 1 year. I ensured that the bank clearly stated that "the funds could be retrieved at will"... and the fact that only a percentage of the interest would be affected and not the principal sum that was

booked.I scanned the FD certificate, merged it with a screenshot of foreign exchange for CAD to Naira on October 4, a certificate of non-indebtedness and my 25% pension (for the purpose of fluctuations in exchange). I merged these documents and attached in the relevant placeholder.vii. Reference LetterThis was another slightly shaky area. I actually thought that it would be a walk in the park, but how wrong I was. I obtained a reference letter from one of my past places of employment where I had spent 3 years, but felt the need to go the extra mile to obtain same from my current place of employment. This was because I felt they might have still asked. Getting the 3 year reference letter in CIC format from my past place of employment was not difficult at all. However, getting reference letter from my current place of employment where I had spent almost 2 years was now challenging. Now, considering that I had not really stayed long in this place, I was skeptical about letting them know about my immigration plans, so I sent a mail to our HR to prepare the letter in CIC format. But they refused and insisted I obtained the necessary approval from my unit head, which would mean me letting the cat out of the bag so soon. My unit head was out of the country, so I had to wait till my unit head arrived before obtaining the approval. We had a deep concerted discussion where I explained that I had considered immigrating because of my long term plans. Approval was eventually granted and the required reference letter n CIC format was provided. However, this made me delay my submission to October 4.1 merged my 2 reference letters only and attached to the relevant placeholders. I did not attach pay slips because the reference letters alone were completely aligned to CIC format.AOR & Post AORI eventually submitted my application on October 4 at 11:55 pm. I paid for the application fee but not the RPRF as I did not have the funds as at then. 28 days after, I got the Medicals Passed (MEP) notification and biometrics request. I went immediately the next day to do my biometrics. The wait then started. On December 3, I then decided to pay my RPRF unsolicited. No RPRF mail was sent to me, I just went to CIC website, paid and attached the downloaded receipt to a CSE (alongside my now rolled over FD certificate) and sent to them. I was determined to wait it out, all the way, at least till 4 months before knowing my visa office, but the pressure around me wouldn't let me be. So, I sent a follow-up CSE reminder to confirm if the RPRF receipts and FD roll over certificates had been transmitted to my visa office. I also included my request to know my Visa office in the same mail. The response came a day after, where I was informed that it was Ottawa. I was so excited. The wait continued.... On 6th January I ordered my GCMS notes as I had not seen a single ghost update

(Casper) unlike others. It arrived on 1st week of February, and I realized when I read through it, that only criminality was passed. Eligibility and Security had not started. I was so downcast by this recent development, but friends around cheered me up. I kept the hopes alive but kept getting even more emotionally drained as the days faded by and as my CIC time bar crawled closer to the deadline day. What even added to this mental stress was seeing new applications in November and December getting PPRs before me. Wow! Lots of thoughts started to flood through my head. Did I do something wrong?? Did I offend anybody?? What was the problem actually?? Every time I opened my CIC account, there was no single update in my account whatsoever. Casper (the ghost) was indeed not friendly to me. I became a ghost hunter and praying every day for ghosts in my account. All to no avail. I was distraught and discouraged from even opening my account as I just felt it would be the same thing, however, I would say a silent prayer, for God to bring my turn closer. Days went by, and it became less than 30 days to go. I felt it was due time for me to order my second GCMS notes. I mentioned it in the WhatsApp group I was on, and people encouraged me to go ahead. Some people also encouraged me to follow it through with a call, which I sluggishly accepted. I ordered the notes on 6th March... then attempted calling CIC on 7th March, but it did not go through. I temporarily gave up. On 8th March, I just felt the motivation to call again, with very little expectation. My waiting time was about 5 mins. When the voice at the other end rang, it made me shudder slightly. Well I downloaded all my details to her in response to her questions and followed it through with a question about the status of my profile.Lo and behold!, She told me that my file was just approved on the 7th (the day before). I thought I didn't hear her clearly... Lol. I had to ask her if she was sure about what she said and she reiterated her statement, with more audacity. My hand immediately started shaking, then I thanked her and went off the line. I still took the information I got from the call with a pinch of salt, because I was yet to see any ghost update like other people would usually get before PPR.Well, I just decided to check my profile after the call... Lo and behold! My first ghost update since I submitted my application. I was so excited. And today, PPR! Glory be to God!!!! In a nutshell, my timelines are below:7 July, 2018 - IELTS - LSRW (8.5, 8.5, 7,7)19 June, 2018 - ECA report arrived (2 or more degrees)5 September, 2018 - ITA4 October 2018 - AOR8 March 2019 - Ghost Update (Casper, the friendly ghost)12 March 2019 - PPRSingle Applicant... and it has finally ended in praise!!! It will end in praise for you too in Jesus Name!My little advice: Remain patient, and positive. Ensure to have positive minded people

around you, as they will be the ones to encourage you when it's looking like you are losing faith in the whole process. Above all, acknowledge God as the divine helper... "Nothing good comes except it's from above" God bless you and thank you for reading my long post! PS: Please, rate your Prof well oooooooo!!!.

Posted (on page 290) by:

#### Maritee

10:17am On Apr 09

#### Message:

Finally, It's PPR my people!!!!! ���� Family size: 4ECA: May 2018IELTS: Oct. 27th 2018ITA: Dec.19th '18AOR: Dec.27th '18MEP/BIL: Feb.7th '19ADR: Feb.26th '19PPR: April9th '19Full gist coming soon. Madam is in charge of that one .

Posted (on page 53) by:

Josefuadjr

10:53am On Feb 27

#### Message:

Extremely long post alert. Please skip to the last line for a summary. Fortunately, I typed this announcement on 30/10/2018, I'm sure the heavens were just looking at me and laughing. If na to type am now ginger no dey I for just drop timeline. But as e be I'll simply edit what I have already. All glory to God, all thanks to my real life family and friends, all appreciation to the elders, class prefects, onlookers, provokers, etc. on this thread. Gratitude is my second name. Timeline Family of 3, Ottawa VOIELTS - 24/04/2018ECA - 24/04/2018ITA (CRS 454) - 24/04/2018AOR -30/06/2018IP1 & ADR - 17/07/2018Response to ADR - 23/07/2018MEP -27/07/2018IP2 - 29/10/2018PPR - 26/02/2019Learning PointsI know there's a lot of folks on this thread for whom money is no object, but we were among those who had good scores, but limited cash. Every single penny spent was counted mehn. I was the research master, looking round every nook and cranny for how to save. In fact, the first step I took to determine if this Canny thing was feasible was to create an excel sheet, draw up a full budget, create saving goals and determine if and how income would meet up with expenditure, etc. Then my goal throughout was to spend less than I budgeted (and I was mostly successful in this). This is my story of how I did things the alaroro way.1. ECA. Evaluated for only myself, only my (foreign) masters. Tomorrow will take care of itself for hubby's ECA □. Used WES, regular postage to a friend in Canada, and made sure I claimed my HST refund (no longer possible/necessary). 2. ELTS. Prayed like never before, prepared like I never have, took this exam so serious. Why? Could not really afford to write twice lol. Note that I practically read and write for a living so could have been smug, but desperation is real and works. To God be the glory I maxed out in one attempt and shared a testimonious testimony here \$\pi 3.BOF\$. This was a very big challenge, we had absolutely no hope as at when we got ITA, but family pulled through in a way I never expected. 100% gift deed from a close family member, bank transfer in USD. Bank statement showing transfers (had to be broken in two cos of money laundering rules), gift deed signed by donor and I and notarised by a supreme court-listed notary public, Bank of Canada exchange rates USD/CAD for the date, bank reference letter in IRCC format and letter on non-indebtedness (account still

in my maiden name).4. Reference letters in IRCC format from the two places of employment I claimed points for. Every other thing was in personal history. Payslips for all the months in question except the last three months rpior to submission, and I included LOE on the omission and bank statement showing inflow for those three months.5. Proof of family member. My relative was happy (in fact, excited) to give me copies of her ID and proof of residence. Sent me 2 different IDs and different utility bills, insisted I do overkill and use all lol. Used her birth certificate, my dad's and mine to prove relationship. Did LOE that X(Y)Z is my father's sister and therefore my paternal aunt (bracket because her name has funkified from what was on birth certificate)'6. Thange of name. affidavit, newspaper and marriage certificate.7.00E that open university is part time/distance learning and I've been working fulltime while looking for their MBA.8.BCC. Abuja HQ. Very painfully parted with 20k for spouse and I. It was indeed very painful. Foreign PCC was a breeze and was mailed to a friend in Canada. I requested it same period I registered for IELTS and ECA.9.ADR. One of my certificates was undated. Apparently it has been undated since eternity and nobody every noticed. I got an ADR for this and you can imagine my fright. I had to send the certificate back to source for them to date and stamp it, write me a letter of explanation. So I sent the dated cert, guilt letter from institution to IRCC. Naim I receive another ADR instantly for dated cert.. just jejely sent only the dated cert. No accompanying explanations.10. GCMS. Used GCMS buddy, got my notes in 35 days. Was very relieved to see that the dated certificate had been accepted, and my PVO was Ottawa. Saw that my CRS was reduced by 5 points post AOR even though my birthday was post ITA.My storyAny Catholics here? You must love this song: When I remember, what you've done for me, my heart fills with joy for there's none like you.. there was a time in life when I thought all was lost Lord I am a living testimony of your love... I will tell this story to my neighbours I will tell this story to all my friends... and so, I will give you all I have... for always Lord, you know, that I have given all I have. (insert edit: so along the way my testimony song changed to this one: ... I am never in a hurry, I will wait upon the Lord, he will answer my prayer, when the time comes... Omnipotent reigneth, my redeemer liveth, he will answer my prayer, when the time comes)It all began in October 2017. My best friend relocated to the Canada. Now I have three best friends, so it was alright. Fast-forward to January 2018. Another best friend called me and started preaching the Canada gospel. I said mba, for this Nigeria, I was made. For this Nigeria, I go succeed. Where will I even get money for such from? Na so my bestie

start her own. She sha sent me nairaland link and told me that I can use pension.I cameth here and readeth stories and testimonies. It is this easy? Did my overnight stint. Calculated my score. Read IRCCs version of the story. Discovered that I can't use pension, but there is something called gift deed. Made a deal with canada bestie, migrating bestie, and God: if my contract is renewed permanently, naija I stay. If contract renewed for one year, abroad I go (I really love my job and may never get anything similar to do in the abroad). Contract was renewed for only one year. Jokingly mentioned Canada to the husband. Husband reminded me that he was born to live in the Canada, and that I was the 'we will make it in Nigeria' proponent. I thought long and hard. If we cannot relocate at our young ages, when we go fit? Opportunity no dey knock plenty times o! Informed my family that we are moving to the Canada and started preaching the gospel to my siblings. I shall never stay in the cold alone. Was planning to take everything slowly, e.g ielts with January salary, WES with February salary, etc. No hurry in life. Then life happened. We had a mini family disaster and my entire outlook on life changed. I can say that my spouse and I became adults. We spent a couple of weeks at home recovering, and in the anger stage of my grief, I lashed out by aggressively tackling this whole EE matter. Borrowed funds from somewhere, paid for ielts, wes, started checking out jobs in the Canada, etc. Also started my jelts preparation with a vengeance. At that point I needed to be sure that Nigeria wouldn't be one of my future problems.(Lest I forget, at this stage 3rd bestie called me. She's getting married and relocating to the Canada as future spouse is a PR. Kilode? I will wake up one day and it's only me that will be in the Nigeria? No, never. I toldeth her that I'm also on my way to the Canny)ITA came finally. We sha chilled, because no iota of POF. Took our time with medicals and documentation. Took advantage of a time when most of my bosses were out to get reference letter from the most discrete of them all. Paid a courtesy visit to my previous employer, and one week after requested a reference from them. Spoke with my aunt in Canada, her enthusiasm gingered mine and she sent her docs. Small small sha. One day I got the call that POF was ready and I swung into action to get the bank docs, especially letter in IRCC format. It was pure hell (dealing with the banks). But we finally overcame □Oya now... AOR. We scan every, fill every. By the way, I had like 14 addresses in my address history (I'm a nomad). My travel history was also more than 10. But I filled in my personal history very religiously, left nothing whatsoever out (I can't shout). I used Facebook, my emails, everything to crosscheck that information was accurate. Only uploaded current passport data page and stamped pages even though most of the history was in old passport. And then the long wait. Fear that I'll go to London because of ADR. Joy that I was in Ottawa. Apprehension that I can be moved to London or Accra at any time. Dread that I'll get stuck in security due to the nature of my job. Always on this thread so productivity at work dropped. And so on, and so forth (actually at this point I'm just simply tired of typing). Continues today 27/02/2019Na so the wait continue after I don type PPR story complete, it was raining on June applicants when I typed my story. Those days ehn, you'll get IP2 today, ghost tomorrow, PPR next tomorrow. But was that your sister's case? For where! Silence laik this. I believe I called IRCC sometime in November. Confirmed that file was still in Ottawa so relieved, but didn't know the right questions to ask e.g what is status of eligibility, criminality and security. December there was another rain. Did it touch your sister? Nooooooo.Dec 30 = 6 months. No show. I raised CSE in January, called IRCC, mailed Ottawa. Generic responses from mails but got to learn that Eligibility, Criminality are passed. Security not started. File still in Ottawa. People who contacted Ralph in their second months, the ones who made him unavailable to the agbayas like us started dropping PPR stories. That thing can vex me ehn. Another thing that vex me is one day that someone sent me a PM and was complaining that she's tired of waiting, since September fah. To me that was plain insensitive. Madam did not even bother to ask me that how's my own wait going. Anyway that's by the way. Apart from those my mood was generally okay but I was royally pis.sed at the inability to plan. Ordered GCMS notes, still on their way. Will be very interesting to see what delayed my application. Fast-forward to Monday. I saw a ghost. Normally ghost in Ottawa morning means PPR in Ottawa night so I got excited and braced for the night. Basically did not sleep, but was up checking for mail. Did the mail come? For where... So I came up with a theory: my ghost means file has gone to Accra or for security lol. Time to start living my life. Relegate Canada to plan B. Paid my NOUN fees, make I complete this semester at least. Basically rerouted my annual plan in my head since I assumed the Canada is not God's will for me this year. We shall go to the Cannyland next year. In short, what's so special about the Cannyland? This morning I woke up very early and sober, remembered that second bestie is leaving this week and I won't see her for at least a year since I'm not moving again this year. Then became even more sober and emotional. Was a terrible morning but at least the bad mood ensured I was early to work. On my way to work, daily devotion was 'do not be anxious about anything... and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding... It was so fantastic and perfect. I totally calmed down and was at peace with my decision (or

compulsion?) to remain in Nigeria. All this while my data had been turned off, I hadn't checked my mail since around 4am.I got to the office and wifi connected while I was in the lobby. I had three mails. Every morning I get two mails for sure: skyscanner alert, and birthday alarm. So when I saw 3 in the notification bar it piqued my interest. I opened my mail app. And saw the beautiful, darling, Ready for Visa/Pret pour visa sitting there. O glory! (seriously guys just give a wiper anywhere )Sincerely, I'm not excited. But I am sooooo grateful, and I feel so humbled, and at the same time scared that something can still go wrong. Las las God is God, and there is none else.8 months wait is not beans and I doff my hat to all still waiting at different stages of this process. May your own story be one of speed. If it has been slow so far, may it change to a speedy tale. One advice to pre-AORers, please when filling your application just be honest. The best thing about my wait was that I knew I had been as transparent as possible. There was nothing new for them to unearth, no hidden skeletons. That awareness set me free of anxiety. Again, thank you to every member of this e-family. This place is the greatest. You guys are all so responsive! Whenever someone I know encounters a hitch, I be like wait 2 moments, my nairaland fam will fix this. God bless you all. I appreciate again and again those who take out their time to research, collate and put out information. My special shout out goes to Jholarharde and Bammy2017. As private and impersonal as TJ can be you guys didn't give up on me lol. Thanks a lot for checking up on me this last week, you guys did not know about my ghost disappointment but just happened to encourage me at the best time ever. And my bestie reading this, thanks a lot. I wonder how much more difficult the process would have been without you as my sounding board especially all the times I was trying not to infect hubby with my mood swings.TLDR: It was a long wait but PPR is here and I glorify God, thank you for your service to this thread, and pray MAY YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE..

Posted (on page 70) by:

#### toyinana

12:56am On Mar 01

#### Message:

Ramj:Gather round Gather roundSomething has landedAnd to the Glory of God may I declare that it is PPR.My people the Golden mail has landed Thanks soo much for all the love and support. Full story coming soon. Get readyJe m'appelle PPRTales by Moonlight - Episode PPR - Written by RamjIn a land of myth, and a time of magic... the destiny of a great kingdom rests on the shoulders of a young boy. His name... Merlin.So the story began in 2013 as Masters was rounding off and RamjMrs' aunty started pressing us, what are you guys going to go and do in Naija. You better ja yourself. Australia and Canada were ready options, then the Aussies were giving this open year permit to graduates from select countries to come and boost their economy. Moreover 2013, the advent of Boko Haram what?? bombing and killings like no man business in Nigeria - home was not calling at all.But as the Word of God says there is a time for everything and a season for every purpose under the sun. Did Ramj want to come back def not, but deep within I knew home was calling - I can't begin to discuss this. This however I am sure home was the place to be and in the words of the US VOs - Build your home ties - God brought me home to build home ties. GBAM I bless God home ties have been built. Life went on job to job and marriage and life was looking God. (Books can not contain this part of the story)Fast-forward to 2017 and my colleague at work who had started the process started troubling me - You are just wasting here all manner but me I no even hear wetin im dey talk. However the seed was been planted and late 2017 I visited Nairaland and met part 3 (went back to part 1 and 2 then joined the team in good time) Nonetheless no step was taken - the prospect of been back abroad is always a tempter if you have lived abroad but I had to be sure it was the right move (I appeal to all this is a good opportunity but is it the right thing for you - you decide)When the green light was seen immediately I created WES account for RamjMrs and Ramj- January 22nd 2018 and the rest to the Glory of God is now entering the history booksDecision to travel was January 2018 and immediately I got the go ahead WES registration straight.IELTSFirst IELTS Ramj MRs - May 12, 2018 .... Didn't go to script8 6.5 6 8.5 (those that wrote MOD May 12 2018 can tell the story better the venue was M3

event centre Ojodu berger) Ojo buruku esu kai - help me translateNonetheless RamiMrs got seriously sick 2 weeks to exams was hospitalised but Glory to GodRamjMrs ECA was ready by 6th June 2018 for wife MSc Only by WES. We entered the ocean straight away irrespective of first IELTS result and sat humbly at 389 there about Second IELTS August 18God came throough for us August 31 (RamjMrs) 8, 9, 7, 8.5 - LRWS. CRS would then be porudly sitting at 448 didn't update, my monkey no fit chop banana because POF never dey kampeMy ECA was still in the pipeline but not needed (ECA released October 12, 2018)The GatheringDocument gathering started and it was going rather seamlessly, medicals PCC later done after ITA November 9 at Q-Life. POF was the real deal matured investment the coy no gree pay and that just changed the entire picture. Had to start super hussling but God came through yet againPOF - Got gift deed from RamjMum, invested in Tbills prepared Gift Deed in affidavit format (however I did not submit the gift deed - had it just if they asked later) PlusStanbic Reference letter - Money Market had some funds there got the reference seamlessly and added wifey's PFA from ARM as well. Surprise DrawAfter October 3rd draw was 445 fear catch me na so I quickly update RamjMrs' super-duper IELTS result ... . Then unexpectedly on that Glorious Monday of 15th October there was a surprise draw and ITA landed like shines teeth. Wanted to decline ITA as POF never gallant RamiMrs say make we keep on, we braced on the say the rest is .......TimelineITA October 15, 2018AOR November 20, 2018MEP/BIL December 27, 2018Biometrics Done December 28, 2018Raised CSE January and VO – OttawaRPRF ADR – February 7, 2019 paid and updated same day and then the review and finally the status was changed to Not Applicable Feb 22nd and then the excitement increased but no shows still. However yesterday the penultimate day of the RCCG 49 days Prayer and Fasting Programme the word I got was within the next 24hours I am going to have my testimony and ohhh dear how I keyed into it and .....5:01am February 28th 2019 PPR Email came less than 24hours after the word was spoken. Glory to God. This Morning I saw the email as I woke up around 5:30 went to Ramj Mrs who was preparing for work around and then I held her face like a man beholding her bride after removing the veil and the words - We are gonna be Permananet Residents came out. You know when all the while during the wait you feel when the Pret Pour Visa email comes you will shout and tear the roof of. Hmm well I couldn't, the email was there staring at me in the face saying I don come oya tear the roof let me see. I look at it and i just feel calm and gentle - Yes no doubt the joy is there but the feeling is just that of mixed emotions of joy, awe and the future

stares at you. You just feel grateful but gentle. Submission sharp sharp – I had readied Passports and Passport Photograph just on Sunday like I knew it was nearHad some appointments for the day but mhen Naija would not sleep it didn't enter VFS today. After all was done I got to VFS around past 1 pm. Small "Sufferment" Chaiii I suffer oo those guys told me to seat in the wrong queue despite telling them 2ce what I came in for. More than one hour sitting tensely excited to get this over with and go home yet I dey wrong queue. I just wanted to go home and take the whole thing in. After I was moved it was all done within 45 minutes. (Guys make sure you tell them you are here for PPT) Glory to Goddddd all submitted and now before moving to the next – I wanna celebrate this. Thank you Jesus Je m'appelle FillInTheBlankSpace.

Posted (on page 76) by:

#### Frankys

12:15pm On Mar 02

#### Message:

Long Post Alert!!!I want to give God all the glory for his goodness and mercies. Decision to migrate: 29th July, 2018. I have always known about express entry but I was never keen on it until 29th July, 2018. I got into an argument with a friend turned brother (Rijo) about it. He feels I'm not taking this opportunity now that I have the chance. As Luck will have it, I visited my big bro on the day and he inquired on why we were shouting over the phone. My brother encouraged me to give it a shot. And that was all the push I needed. ECA Registered with WES on the same 29th July, applied for Unilag transcript on the same 29th July, 2018. ECA came back on October, 21st.IELTS Registered with BC on 30th July, 2018. Sat for the exam on 8th September, 2018. Scores came back as LRWS: 8.5, 8.5, 7, 7.5. I couldn't sleep that night. Medicals Had my medicals on 24th September, 2018 at IOM Lagos.PCC Inspector Moshood to the rescue. He sent it through courier.ITA ITA finally came on the 29th of October, 2018. I was ready. Had all my documentations ready. I claimed points with my 1 year NYSC. POF was gift deed from my brother. AOR Submitted my application on the 31st of October. But the AOR letter was dated 1st of November. Then the wait started. MEP came on the 29th November, gave my biometrics on the 30th.Got married and informed CIC on the 3rd of January. I got ADR on the 7th. I submitted the ADR on 10th January. I need to point out here that my ADR was labelled Application Transferred. I paid little attention to that label until I raised CSE to submit updated POF. The reply to the CSE confirmed that my application is in ACCRA!!!! I was shocked, Mad, Crazy, angry, surprised, devastated. Accra had a reputation. But my wife kept reassuring me that our case will be different. And that became our prayer point. On the 6th of February, I got a. Notification that there's a message in my CIC account. I logged in to see an interview invite. I was invited to Accra for interview with my wife on the 19th February. We started preparing with the help of the amazing people in my Accra WhatsApp group and November AOR group. The interview went well, we spent less than 20 minutes in the interview. The interviewer ended the interview saying she'll send a request for wifey to do Biometrics. The request came on the 20th. Wifey did the biometrics on the 20th. Then silence. I got worried. What if the

interview didn't go well. What if there's something wrong?On the 28th of February, 2019. The last day of the gracious month of February. I got a notification of a message in my account.. I got scared again.. PPR comes through email. What notification are they sending me in my CIC Account. Only to log in and see the PPR letter as a message in my CIC account. My life just paused. I started feeling warm and cold at the same time. It was pure joy. Undisputed happiness.I want to thank everyone especially @newmum, Dumprep, every member of the November AOR group, AVO group and the Interview Group. You guys are the Bomb.To the people at different stages of the process, Keep faith, Trust the process and more importantly, Trust God..

Posted (on page 170) by:

pejuhazel

2:32pm On Mar 19

#### Message:

VERY LONG POST ALERTIT'S COPRSing along with me:Unto the Lord be the Glory great things He hath done /2ceGreat things He hath done, greater things He will doUnto the Lord be the Glory great things He hath done"The stone which the builders have rejected has become the headstone of the corner, this is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes" - (Matthew21:42)TIMELINE:IELTS: November 1st 2018(MOD IDP LAGOS) PA -5th Attempt LRWS-8.57.577.5ITA: November 15th 2018 (CRS 455)AOR: December 3rd 2018 MEDICAL PASSED/BIL: January 14th 2019GHOST UPDATE: [/b]January 15th2019BIOMETRICS DONE/COMPLETED: January 16th2019[b]RAISED CSE: On February 20th To Know My Visa OfficeGOT A REPLY: On February 21st 2019- Ottawa VOPPR: 4:32AM February 26TH 2019, Dated February 25th (I couldn't post the news here on that day as I was pretty busy and I didn't have time to type the story- accept my apologies please.) PASSPORT TRANSMISSION TO ACCRA: February 27th, 2019.COPR/VISA: March 19th, 2019. (Few days to my birthday )Family of 4No ADRNOC: 1228TRAVEL HISTORY: Never travelled out of NigeriaDECISION TO TRAVEL: In August 2017, while at work I was working on my unit's system when a colleague pleaded to quickly use the computer. I shifted my chair and by the time I would look on the screen, I saw that it was the Nairaland Express Entry Thread. Immediately, I teased her and asked if she was processing the Canada immigration, she replied in the affirmative. Without asking further, she voluntarily enlightened me on the benefits of the scheme. She gave me a summary of all I needed to proceed and also promised to send me IELTS materials which she did. Few days later, she showed me her Passport Request Letter. When I saw that, I made up my mind to begin the process. I visited the thread (then Part 2) and I asked 1 or 2 questions, I was referred to the almighty page 1.I was able to gather adequate information to get started. I told my hubby about the process but he showed no interest. He said the scheme was rigorous considering that he had attempted it before. I assured him that all would be well; at least there was no harm in trying. Thankfully, it has turned to us for a testimony (Luke 21:13)ECA (WES)My credential evaluation took 6 months (September 2017-March 2018), all thanks to NASU strike. I evaluated my highest qualification (Master's Degree) only.IELTS1st: February 1st 2018 (BC) LRWS -77772nd : April 21st 2018 (BC) LRWS 86.56.57.5(Remark came unchanged)3rd: May 12th 2018 (MOD) LRWS 7.57.577(Only those who wrote IELTS exam on that day can relate)4th: September 29th 2018(MOD) LRWS 7.58775th: November 1st 2018 (MOD) LRWS: 8.57.577.5Hmmm! IELTS humbled me in mighty way (sighs) as seen from the above results. Considering that I studied English, I underrated the examination. I was running a professional programme concurrently hence; I devoted my attention to the programme. After the 3rd Attempt, I felt embarrassed with my recurrent 'failures', therefore; I decided to learn the exam tricks. For me, using the materials by the Test Provider (MOD) was the simple trick I needed to ace the examination. I subscribed to the 30-day Master's IELTS course and I followed the principles taught to the letter. During my 4th attempt, I concentrated so much on Reading and I had 8 but had 7.5 in Listening. My hubby encouraged me to register immediately for another one which luckily became my final attempt. By that time, I focused only on Listening which became pretty easy for me few days before the examination. The knowledge of Reading was still fresh in my memory.Listening: In all my attempts I didn't underestimate the power of Cambridge IELTS Book 1-13;I did some online tests via ieltsonlinetests.com; I studied the MOD IELTS Masters course and I did the 3 tough practice tests at the end.Reading: I solved few Academic Reading Tests; did several General Training Tests from Cambridge Books; and also on ieltsonlinetests.com; the MOD 30 Day Master's course was highly helpful- the tricks I learnt enabled me finish my test within 35 minutes during my 4th attempt. Although my last Reading attempt was tougher. Speaking: In all my attempts I watched YouTube videos (IELTS JAY,Oxford English and others) and also wrote down ideas based on the cue cards posted on IELTS Liz' website and shared on different IELTS groups. In all my tries, my task 2 topics were extracted from the cue cards. Writing: Naturally, I write well; however, the quest to score above 7 in my 4th attempt made me conduct an in depth research which got me totally confused. I wrote few letters and essays and forwarded to @glitteringstar2 for review. She proofread them and advised that I focused on other grey areas (Listening especially) as my writing was suitable to earn me the desired score. I also scanned through MOD materials on Writing. One major trick I learnt was to edit my write-up simultaneously while writing. This really helped me as I had no time to read through my Task 2 during my 5th attempt yet I was confident that the errors would be minimal. Lest I forget, while writing, I utilised very uncommon linkers and binders. In lieu of 'firstly', I used 'first and foremost', 'to begin with'; instead of 'finally' I adopted 'to conclude' and so on. I used lots of parallel structures and I avoided clichés as much as possible, and I was very careful with my punctuations (all these I learnt in school) () Advice: IELTS is not difficult but it is a trick test. It requires due diligence and care to study all that the test entails. For the first timers, do not rush to register, learn the examination strategies and tricks before enrolling- 75k (BC) or 68k (MOD) is no small money.MEDICALS: I could not secure a closer date at Qlife; hence; we resorted to using IOM on November 30th. I got their email address from the thread; mailed them and got the date we preferred. We got to IOM around 6am and we were the first family to be attended to. The Physician that attended to us was very courteous. He chatted with my hubby for about 30 minutes before we left the hospital. PCC: After medicals, we headed straight to Alagbon for PCC. We intended using ASP Moshood but luckily we met someone whom we knew. He referred us to one Mr Ibrahim (who collected 7k (3.5k each for hubby and I).POF: My hubby transferred the POF in bits into our joint savings account which we opened in 2015. We invested the funds in 4 Treasury Bills and we ensured that none would mature after our medical expiry date. One of our treasury bills mature in January and we rolled over immediately. I asked on the thread if there was need to inform CIC; @joo2018 responded promptly that there was no need to raise a CSE. PLACE HOLDERS (PRINCIPAL APPLICANT)Marriage Certificate: I uploaded my Marriage Certificate onlyPassports/Travel Documents : My Nigerian PassportUpfront Medicals(2 pages): I uploaded the print out given to me at IOMPolice Character Certificate (PCC): I merged the PCC and the long forms(3 altogether)Education (4 pages): The documents were merged as follow:ECA, Master's Degree Certificate, IELTS Test Report Form, 1st Degree Certificate(I didn't evaluate it but was advised to include it)Legal Name Change Doc(2 pages): I merged my newspaper change of name publication and my marriage certificate. I didn't swear any affidavit. Proof of Means of Financial Support (6 pages): My POF was arranged as follow:1. Detter of Consent from my hubby2. Bank Letter in CIC Format3. The Four Treasury Bills Certificates according to the uploaded of investmentsDigital Photo: I the required specificationEmployment Records (11 Pages): The documents were merged in the order:1. Detter of Introduction 2. Confirmation of Appointment 3. Promotion Letter4. Revised Emolument Page 5. Staff Identity Card 6. Six Months Payslips(June-November 2018)Client Information Placeholder(12 pages): I merged the following documents :1. General Letter of Explanation (LOE) 2: It contained

every detail I needed to clarify in my application2. My Schedule A(5 Pages- I had an extra sheet( )3. Hubby's Schedule A(4 pages)4. DSA Visa Refusal Letter (White Paper)Concerns: There was a funny gender error on my reference letter, I complained to my HR but was told it was insignificant and would not render the letter invalid. Also, my daughter's birth certificate had more names than necessary as against her International Passport hence I went back to NPC to get a new one. If I had researched properly, a simple LOE would have saved me that extra 3.5k the officials collected. I specially want to appreciate all those who have directly or indirectly helped me in the course of the (COPR) journey. @Glitteringstar (You're wonderful and I owe you a treat ); @Bimsebony ( ) and @Hykin - You are both amazing souls, this story is incomplete without mentioning you. These beautiful people are now my 'family'. I owe them so much gratitude. @Hykin, I will celebrate your PPR soon. To @Joo2018, @Elfmannisback now @Ontarioissauga, @McStan18 ,@Newmum0615,@Cochtrane, @MummyJaygirls (the first person I Pmed) , @Kontagious, @iamdatguy, @Happytbaby, @Hephgirl @Datechman, @ebonyNaija, @DadR, @ifeoma77, @Tojued .... I appreciate you all. To everyone I couldn't mention their monikers, I apologise. I appreciate everyone on the thread. God bless you all. Above all, the entire journey is expensive, yet achievable. Do not give up , you can achieve it.NB: ALL ERRORS ARE MINE-THANK YOUTO GOD BE THE GLORY, NOW AND FOREVER MORE AMEN.

Posted (on page 2) by:

#### hlemon

10:19pm On Feb 18

#### Message:

Chai! I missed page 1? My PPR will be in this part 7. Meanwhile, posting this for my friend...I want to share my story to encourage someone The taught about relocation to Canada was initiated in early 2015 by my Hubby's friend who had just relocated to Canada. At first I refuted the idea cos I just started a new business and my master's degree program. I imaged dropping them just like that. However, after must pressure and explanation from hubby I gave in, then the journey started. I decided to follow it through two strategies: firstly to write my licencing exams from naija and get a job n migrate, secondly, to go through express entry.In December 2015, I wrote my first ielts. It was a terrible experience. I came to the exam hall by 8.45am only to meet a closed exam hall. We were abt 25 candidates who came late. The examiner asked us to go, after much pleading we were allowed to enter the hall, but our listening was conducted separate. I didn't do well at all cos of I was tensed. Then in 2016 I started again with 2nd ielts (LRWS 7.5,6.5,7.5,, document evaluation, online classes for licensing exams and exam registration. I then applied for Canada visa to go n write the exam but was rejected twice n I missed the exam. I was depressed. At that point we decided to guit the process n focus in naija. However, in 2017 we decided to just enter the pool. Our crs score was 395, I decided to leave it like that and continue my life hoping that one day the score will drop.In Jan 2018, my Hubby's colleague told him that his is relocating to Canada with his family next month. That news made my hubby to start having a rethink abt continuing but I convinced him otherwise n told him that we should remain focused on our new year resolution, so he agreed. Then 2 weeks later a customer told me she was relocating to Canada too in May. This news woke me up from my slumber. Then we decided to start all over. At this point I surfed the net to find out ways to improve my scores. My hubby did ielts n document evaluation. My ielts journey began again in 20183rd ielts attempt march 24 LRWS 6.5,7,6.5,74th attempt May 24 LRWS 7,7,7,7Then I took I month leave to study, I read every every, full of confidence. I booked two exams one week apart. Hoping that one must be good as I was determined to enter Canada by all means5th attempt June 30th LRWS 8,7,6,76th attempt July 7th LRWS 8.5,7,6.5,7I wept bitterly

at this point, hw with encouragement from family n friends I was more determined. Then my brother in-law paid for my 7th attempt to encourage me. I read my ass out, hired a tutor to Mark my essay wrote over 50 essays as I figured out that writing was my problem. I even did group reading with an old friend who was also writing ielts to make sure I pass( u know that feeling when someone is paying you don't want to fail). I also tripled my prayers. 7th attempt August 18th LRWS 9,8,6.5,7.5 At this point I didn't cry neither was I depressed I decided to quit, perhaps Canada is not for me. My friend talked said one word that struck me " I don't know abt you but am not quitting " . then I decided to do it one last time. She also told me abt mod ielts I decided to give it a trial as its been BC all along. My brother in-law paid for my ielts again, then I booked the exam. I had only a week to prepare. At that point I decided to stick to only one technique. I also applied for EOR .8th attempt 8th September mod LRWS 8.5,7.5,7,7.5This was the turning pointl updated my profile on 2nd Oct my score rose to 470ITA 3rd OctAOR 28th NovemberPassed medicals 7th jan 19Biometrics 10th Jan 19PPR on 24th Jan 19Submitted passport on 28th Jan 19Passport ready on 16th Feb 19Collected passport on 18th Febl thank God for every thing, n all my family n friends especially nairalanders your stories n suggestions were really helpful. Don't give up your miracle is on the way...

Posted (on page 266) by:

#### Mudicua

12:28am On Apr 05

#### Message:

LONG POST ALERT You are God from beginning to the end, there is no place for argument, You are God all by yourself. Timeline: IELTS: 12 May 2018 LRWS -8.5/9/7/8.5ECA: 11 June 2018 – WES / Spouse ECA – 21 June 2018EE Profile Created: 22 June 2018 CRS 451[b]ITA:[/b] 25 June 2018[b]AOR:[/b] 27 July 2018MEP/IP1: 18 Aug 20181st ADR: 19 Aug 2018 – clear copies of children's passports data pageGot 1st Gcms note - applied 4 Oct 2018 after been notified through CSE enquiry on 3 Oct 2018 that my file was at AVO, received note 9 Nov 2018From the Notes, file transferred to AVO - 30 Aug 2018 - workload distribution2nd ADR: 21 Feb 2019 payslips, bank statement highlighting salary deposits, family information form and schedule A for hubby and I.PPR: 4 April 2019[/b]VO: AccraFamily of 5[b]DECISION TO TRAVEL:Surprisingly, as informative as I thought I was, I never heard about the express entry until March 2018. I just returned from the US after having my last baby and I was reluctant to return to work after maternity leave. Spoke to hubby about our future plans, particularly about our 1st daughter who was born in Nig, unlike the other 2. I then stumbled on this thread. NL had always been my go-to for info on travelling, my birthing trips to the US were successful partly thru 1st hand info on NL, I never used an agent for my trips. So when I saw that we can enter Canada legally without going to overstay in US on our B1/B2 visa as suggested to us by some folks, I started digging in. Coincidentally a friend turned Sis who I met on my 1st birthing trip to US, was about leaving for Canada and needed help with booking their AirBnB apartment with my dollar card. As if I needed a sign from God, that is how we started the journey o.In short, I heard about Express entry for the 1st time in March 2018 and I saw that we were eligible.IELTS:With the CRS tool, we realized that hubby did not need to take the test. So I registered in April for the May 12th exam MOD IDP. I was still on maternity leave, so I had time to prepare, about 6 weeks for the exam. As I had earlier posted, I used Baron for reading and writing. Also watched ieltsliz online for reading tips and writing. E2 Language with jay for speaking and writing. Listening was more on ieltsessential website and Baron. So IELTS result - LRWS - 8.5/9/7/8.5. First and only attempt and I am soo grateful for the tips I got on this forum.

@smslive2, sent me the link to the 1st set of IELTS materials I got, thank you sir. Some will recall the 12th May 2018 test conducted by MOD at Ogudu, it was a "bad day devil drink water". My experience on the test day with MOD at its Lagos mainland centre was terrible but it ended in praise.ECA:Hubby and I are both lawyers and both have Masters from the same schools, so we resorted to WES. Applied with WES early April 2018 and got my ECA report - 11 June 2018, Hubby -21 June 2018.Little snag with hubby, WES in the process of evaluation requested for IJMB transcripts. We had to remove hubby's LLB from evaluation due to the incomplete transcript issue from Unilorin because he got admission with IJMB into 200 level and I didn't see any headway with getting IJMB transcripts. Thanks @fyorgn, for your response then.POOL/ITA:We created a profile on 22 June 2018 and got ITA 25 June 2018 with CRS at 451. POF:Gift Deed for 100% of POF deposited to my account 2 days before submission (AOR) by hubby. I also submitted letter from pension PFA and Pension statement. The pension was additional, as the gift deed alone covered the POF for family of 5. In submitting POF, I did a LOE with a table analyzing the attached documents and the page numbers. Attached documents were gift deed, transfer slip, bank statement, reference letter from PFA, Pension statement, reference letter and nonindebtedness letter from bank and screenshot of exchange rate from xe.com.3 months post-AOR, I moved funds to T.bills and raised a CSE, uploading the evidence of POF and a LOE stating that I had moved my POF to t.bills but that it was still accessible. The initial 3months, was rolled over for another 3 months, thanks to the silence from AVO.JOB REFERENCE:I have worked with the same organization from 2013 to date, so I got just 1 letter and it was pretty easy. My office has a standard letter for Canada (it appears they have written for quite a few of us, lol). I attached 6 months payslip. Hubby also submitted 2 reference letters, 1 from his previous employer and 1 from his current employer. He runs his own firm but got a Partner in his firm to write the reference letter.MEDICALS:Medicals done at Children's practice. Nothing eventful, but I had to book ahead – about 3 weeks away.PCC:Obtained at Alagbon, 8k for both of us, cant recall the Inspector but not popular Moshood. we were done within 30 minutes.POST AOR: The real gist I joined like 3 groups for July AOR, one had a lot of Indians. When Pple started getting PPR all around and nothing was happening, I raised a CSE on the status of my application in Oct and I got to know that my file was at Accra, that day I cried. I was sad and depressed. I left all Canada-related whatsapp groups except the one for lawyers. For a long time I didn't want to join the AVO group, when I eventually

joined in Nov 2018, the stories were gloomy, no one had heard from AVO in months. I just knew it that village people were at work, lol. Surprisingly, the AVO whatsapp group that I didn't want to join became a beam of light to me. Talk of men and women of faith, I met them all, sharing hope. We were all told that Accra works only between Jan – March, so we were all hopeful for 2019 1st guarter. Jan 2019 came and we were all hopeful, emails started trickling in, some interview, some ADR, then PPR small small, lol, like 2 or 3 per week or so. Jan ended and just less than 10% of the group had gotten PPR or interview dates. Feb came and we got some again then ADR rained in late Feb for quite a lot of us, you will hear 'famous 5' ADR.I also got ADR on 25 Feb 2019 and I jumped for joy, one will think that we had gotten PPR. But in AVO, any news is good news for us and one person's PPR or ADR is for us all to rejoice about. The following weekend, we went to retake our passport at Studio 24, thinking that PPR will come shortly after.Lo and behold, March ended and it was complete silence from AVO.I mailed Ralph in early Feb 2019 and he said Eligibility, criminality and security checks have not been initiated and that they cannot be expedited and timelines are not available. I just resorted to God. I read this thread daily and when I see PPR posts and I look at their timelines, I say a silent prayer to God to remember me and not put me to shame, Jehovah answered my prayers. Back to the AVO whatsapp group, we had prayer and praise sessions via conference call, and I must confess, I felt lighter after those sessions with assurances that God had not forgotten or forsaken us at AVO.On 29 March 2019, I requested for another GCMS notes, when Ralph refused to reply me again. Meanwhile folks on the group were getting updates from Ralph such as Eligibility passed, criminality and security not yet started etc. I raised another CSE on 30 March 2019 and got a response on 2 April 2019 that my eligibility was under review. Ralph later replied on 3 April 2019 that I should contact him in May 2019, meaning that He wont provide any update on my file until 3 months after the last update he sent to me. I just resorted to my faith - He will never leave me nor forsake me.Did i mention that my 1st GCMS note was all good, no cause for alarm, and yet I was sent to AVO, not because my application had K leg but because AVO is also a VO......PPR:I do check my profile anytime there is an update on the group. No profile update, no ghost update nothing. Then folks started posting PPR on the group at about 10 am or so today again, same as yesterday, we got about 4 PPR. I was not at work, been travelling lately and wanted to stay indoors today. Later decided to go to the Cinema with my 1st daughter, since she was also at home. When the 4th person announced PPR on the group

Posted (on page 60) by:

Newmum0615

10:55pm On Feb 27

## Message:

Silent follower's post Its PPR My post is a little long and emotional for me but thank God it has ended in praiseSummary1ST IELTS AUG 2017 LRWS 6.5,8,7,7.52ND IELTS SEPTEMBER 2018 LWRS 8.5,8.5,7,7.5WES- JAN 2018ITA - OCT 3 2018AOR - OCT 24 2018MEP/BIL - NOV 23 2018Biometrics - DEC 5 2018GHOST UPDATE - FEB 22 2019PPR - FEB 25 2019I was never the type that wanted to relocate to Canada because I loved my job here and doing fairly ok. I was of the belief that one day naija go better I even used to discourage people that talk about relocating. I had a colleague at work and he was always reading for ielts that was as far back as 2015 and I asked him why he was studying and he said no hope for us in this country that he wants to go to Canada he even explained the process to me that we should do it together I told him forget I am not going anywhere. I even remember abusing him that he should not worry he will come later and be asking me for contracts when I become boss. Not until I had a terrible accident and almost lost my life I spent three months in the hospital with one week in ICU. It was a terrible time for me and my family cos it came unexpected. While I was in d hospital I started reminiscing what next after this then I remembered my friend that told me about Canada years ago he was already there chilling and I said chai see my life only if I listened to this guy, I decided on the spot that if God can see me through and I leave this hospital I must do this Canadian PR. As soon as I left the hospital I called him and he gave me a summary of the process then i decided to do my own research and I stumbled on this thread. Wrote my first ielts a month after I left the hospital I had not even recovered but I was desperate to leave the country so would do what it takes. I remember during the ielts exam people were just staring at me that see this sick person coming to write exams but I was determined. Result came out and I had Irws 6.5,8,7,7.5. meanwhile I started the wes process it was farely straightforward as I have a foreign degree so no stress. That ielts reslt humbled me because I have never failed an exam I was so down but my family members encouraged me and said with this your condition you still did well but I was already discouraged. I even told my wife I was no longer interested again all because I could not just come to the fact that I must re write the exams.

She said nothing like that ohh she was not interested in the process initially I was the one that convinced her now I want to back out and she said not even considering money spent on wes for both of us and ielts. You know how convincing women can be but thank God I listened. I had to travel abroad for treatment so I told her when I return and in a better state of mind I will write it. A year after the first ielts I registered for the second and I booked it less than three weeks to the actual exam date lo and behold did well in the second ielts. Created EE profile immediately I got the result and then dived straight into the pool not too long after ITA came and then we started gathering all documents.POF: I used Tbills that covered the entire POF then added buffer with my account statement cos I did not know what exchange rate will be used. Got tbills certificate and then letter from my bank in ircc format also added six months statement of accountWork reference: also that was easy for me to get in IRCC format I included my employment letter and my boss complimentary cardl sent in my application and got AOR on 23/10/2018. I remember after I submitted I read on this thread that we had to include our ielts test result sheet but I did not. I became jittery but then I just prayed about it that God should favour me and yes He did. The wait for mep/bil started then it came a month after aor. I could not do my biometrics on time because I had to go on a work trip and my passport was with the embassy, it was taking longer than usual, my village people wanted to show themselves this is a country that the visa does not take time but mine took unusually long. After over a month of waiting for what usually takes two weeks it finally came and went to do the biometrics the day after I got my passport back. Then the wait began I started becoming anxious but then God just reminded me that there are people who have waited beyond the six months and nothing still, I just kept on praying but then the human factor must surely set in. Finally on 22nd feb I saw ghost update that was on Friday evening I called my wife and told her that next week we will get this ppr and surely God did it, came on Monday 25th and ended in praise. I want to thank people on this forum because you guys rock, words cannot be used to show my appreciation to those that started this thread. For those already in the process I pray it ends in praise for you all and for those that are yet to start this thread should be your manual cos there in nothing about this journey that you would not find here. Even though I am a silent follower of this thread but then I am here to offer assistance to those in need of guidance on the whole process. Above all don't forget God in this journey pray hard if you can fast make sure you do because God is able to do more than what we desire..

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Posted (on page 8) by:

#### nomad26

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## Message:

Opo to gbe aiye mi ro (The pillars that upholds my life) Ese oooo baba (Thank you father)Owo to gbe aiye mi dani (The hand that holds my life)Ese oooo baba (Thank you father)Oju to n sho mi, ti kin togbe (The eyes that watches over me without slumbering)Eti to n gbo mi, ni igba ti mo ba bere ooo (The ears that listen when I make supplications) Abiyamo to pon mi, ti ko je n jabo (The mother that backed me and did not allow me fall) Ese oooo baba (Thank you father) Decision to Migrate - November 20171st ECA PA - WES -APRIL 3, 2018IELTS PA - APRIL 7, 2018 L8.5, S8, R9, W7IELTS Spouse - APRIL 7, 2018 L6, S7.5, R6, W71st ITA - APRIL 25, 2018 -CRS at 4421st ITA rejected - June, 2018ECA Spouse -June, 20182nd ECA PA -IQAS - September 16, 20182nd ITA - September 19, 2018 - CRS at 450AOR -October 5, 2018Additional Medicals - October 12, 2018BIL - November 5, 2018Long Wait for Additional Medicals resultsADR for Medical Results - January 22, 2019Results of Additional Medicals Uploaded by Consultant Practice- January 25, 2019MEP - January 25, 2019ADR Submitted - January 25, 2019PPR - January 25, 2019COPR - February 18, 2019FAMILY of 4ECAThis journey started in November 2017. My wife and I (both lawyers) did our ECA with WES. My ECA came out a few days before we wrote IELTS. Once the IELTS result was released, without my spouse's ECA, we had a CRS of 442. The cut off for April 25, 2018 was 441 and we received our first ITA. Fast-forward to June, 2018, I stumbled upon this thread on Nairaland at about past 1a.m. (cannot remember what kept me awake till that time) and on page 1, I saw the advise that lawyers should use IQAS and not WES. Engaged members on thread and there was a consensus that it is always better to err on the side of caution. Rejected the first ITA on this basis and for other reasons. Registered for IQAS and commenced the long wait for the ECA from IQAS which took three months. Medicals We knew my spouse had a history of TB from about 21 years back and we declared that in our PR application. Hence, a few days after we had our upfront medicals, we received a mail from IRCC asking for further medical examination for myself (my BP was slightly high on the day of the medicals) and my spouse. Mine was quite straight forward. But we had to wait about three months for the results of my spouse's sputum test to be ready and

then a repeat x-ray.POFPOF was deposited in mutual funds which I opened sometime in April 2018. The entire POF sum consisted of Esusu money (disclosed as such to IRCC with evidence of establishment of Esusu in my office (E-mail thread)), sale of my wife's car, sale of a land, gift deed from brother-in-law and my father. We put all this information in a tabular format and provided 8 months statement of account highlighting inflows and outflows to the mutual funds account. POF was also supported with 25% of the balance in my RSA.PPRRepeat Xray for my spouse was carried out on January 18, 2019 at the Consultant Practice. I remember that from January 18, 2019 and for about 7 days thereafter Ottawa was raining PPRs. I was prayerfully expecting ours too. However, on January 22, 2019, we received an ADR letter dated January 21, 2019 in our MyCIC inbox (addressed to me) stating there were some outstanding medicals and that I should contact the Panel Physician. We were given 30 days to provide evidence that we had completed all medical examinations. I rushed to the Consultant Practice and obtained another upfront medical sheet for myself indicating that all medical exams have been completed. However, I was informed that my wife's repeat x-ray results had not been uploaded and I was told to call on January 24, 2019 for an update. On January 24, 2019, my spouse and I went to the Consultant Practice. The same story. Result not yet updated but this time the excuse was that the Panel Physician was not in the country and, as such, the results cannot be uploaded because she had a role to play in getting that done. In fact, I was informed that a message has been sent to her and that she was not responding to her messages. I remember I got back to the office and a colleague of mine who had already landed asked me to put the Panel Physician's matter in prayer. I thought to myself that why waste my prayers when I know that God has perfected it all. In fact, the spirit kept nagging me that the ADR letter was supposed to be PPR letter and that the Consultant Practice was just the hindrance. I cannot remember what I was searching for in my Yahoo inbox. But I stumbled on a mail I had written to the Consultant Practice to book an appointment for the upfront medicals in October, 2018. Something nudged me immediately to do a mail to the Consultant Practice. I was just hoping someone high up there will see my mail. I poured my anger into that e-mail, I must confess. Lo and behold, the Panel Physician responded to my e-mail within an hour and promised that the results will be uploaded. I travelled to Abuja for work the next day on January 25, 2019. So I was in Abuja when my spouse called to tell me that the results had been uploaded as promised. She decided to wait for my return before uploading the updated

Upfront Medical Form she obtained from the hospital. My return to Lagos was a miracle. A colleague in the office who was supposed to book my return ticket to Lagos actually booked "Lagos-Abuja" as my return ticket. It was not funny. By the time I found out, it was not possible to get on another plane that was leaving for Lagos early enough. I got a flight for 7.30pm. By the time I got to the airport, I met some of my colleagues who had departed for the airport since before Noon still waiting for their delayed flight. I told myself, I will get to Lagos today. Once again, my God of Hands of Fire showed up. My flight (the last flight or so) was called on time and I left my colleagues (whose flight was supposed to have been earlier) there in the airport. Got to Lagos and hurriedly got to scanning and uploading the documents. The moment we opened our MyCIC account, we saw MEDICAL PASSED. My wife collapsed in relief. MIRACLE ONE, IT WAS AS IF THE VO WAS WAITING FOR THE HOSPITAL TO UPLOAD THE RESULTS. We sha uploaded the ADR even at that point ADR has become moot. This was still January 25, 2019. I remember telling my spouse that I expect PPR by February 5, 2019. She disagreed with me saying it will land on February 2, 2019. Of course, I totally disagreed because she had this penchant of wanting every important event to happen on her birthday-February 2. Finally, she prophesied (without knowing), she jokingly said "God will shame both of us and bring 2 and 5 together and give us PPR today January 25, 2019". Hence, I woke up at past 3am. Checked my e-mail. Nothing. I was sad but kept faith with February 5, 2019 on the horizon. I was sad because my spirit kept telling that the VO working on our file was just waiting for us to act so that he can finish his work. In fact, a witness in one of my cases (who I happen to have met at the Consultant Practice when we went for the upfront medical) had told me that much also just a day before. In any event, I went back to bed. Few minutes after, my wife wakes me up shouting "VFS!!! Check our CIC account!". My people, it was Pret Pour Visa!!!My people, we went from no MEP at over three months post-AOR to MEP and PPR on the same day!!! I know that the grace and mercy that found us, will find everyone too. All of our journeys will be different. But we will all get there!!! Keep the hope and faith alive always..

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Posted (on page 202) by:

Ekeh2016

9:44pm On Mar 23

### Message:

And PPR came on a platter of gold....thanks to this thread!If you're a lazy writer like me, I must warn you to start typing your story ahead. I didn't (), but more than determined to encourage someone with my story.TIMELINEECA: 27 Aug 2018IELTS: 18 Aug LRWS 8.5|8|7.5|8EE profile created: 28 Oct 2018 (CRS 456)ITA: 29 Oct 2018AOR: 9 Dec 2018MEP/BIL: 18 Jan 20191st ghost update: 16 Mar 20192nd ghost update: 20 MarPPR: 22 Mar 2019VO: OttawaNo ADRs, Single applicantDECISION TO RUN....the minute I returned to Nigeria from my masters in the UK in 2017. The pressure to go back for a PhD was high, but I wasn't going to let them turn me to a psycho. My masters was intense, hence, I needed a break. Sooo I considered Australian visa 476 and the Australian PR, changed my mind. Next was Netherlands work year visa for graduates from the top 200 universities in the world to gain work experience. It's a 1year visa, but I was willing to give it a shot. Started gathering documents, but not wholeheartedly. Worse still, the people on that Netherlands student thread are sooo stingy with info....it would have taken me 3yrs to land in Netherlands. Meanwhile, I knew about express entry somehow but thought I wasn't eligible cos I was a Graduate Trainee then, which wasn't a full time role. Also, where the hell was I gonna get POF from? (POF isn't required for the Netherlands work year visa). Still read page 1 and updates in my free time, but was scared of asking questions. Finally gathered courage and asked the stupid question in July 2018 in Part 4 and got the shocker of my life...I was very eligible, infact, my NYSC experience was more than sufficient!!! WHAT The second shocker was the info on gift deed for POF! So why did I now come back to this Nigeria? Ohhh ignorance indeed is bliss...I sha followed allIII the Canadian express entry threads from Part 1 and my journey began. ECAUsed WES, no WAEC requirement then. Considered evaluating my BSc for future purposes...those ones told me transcript is now 21k (flew from 8k I paid prior to my MSc), then posting outside Nigeria 15k...wonderful. Plus the stress I'd go through, didn't want any delay. Respected myself and evaluated only my Masters at £12, the future will take care of itself.IELTSI'm a very lazy writer, so my fear was writing. Observed you score less in the section you're most scared of (using my myself and friends as reference).

Having written IELTS academic before (which is tougher than general), I knew whats up. Concentrated on actually "writing" complete letters and essays before the exams, not just reading through....felt satisfied with my writing on exam day compared to my performance in the academic. So I was shocked when my result for writing was a 6.5....went with my gut feeling and requested for a remark. Remark returned positive after 5weeks. By the way, I registered with MOD which I discovered and heard for the first time on this thread. BC was fully booked as usual.POFWas worried this wasn't available pre-ITA as one Uncle laidat I was hoping on kept giving me tales by moonlight. Later confirmed by reading through this thread that it was okay to have the POF in your account post ITA, as long as it was before the 60days deadline. Entered the pool asap and continued gathering docs while waiting for this story-telling Uncle. Anyways, my mum came to the rescue and gifted me 100% of the POF (had to wait for her TBills to mature). Still had 700k jara in my savings account to give it flesh, so CIC won't think I don't have Invested the total sum in TBills for 3months, then duplicated my own money. @Newmum0615's LOE like a lifeline in explaining my source of funds. Sent back to her to proofread and she was like, this looks so much like mine woman thinks I came to play in this Canada struggle). Ensured I didnt hide nothing, included gift deed (sample from page 1), transfer slip showing transfer from my mum, Tbills certificate, generic bank reference letter and 6months account statement printed 4 days before AOR.NB - reinvested matured Tbills in fixed deposit early March... no CSE raised.JOB REFERENCEI switched roles within the same company, so was confused about combining two very seperate NOCs then (I hear it's possible for outland applicants as long as they fall in NOC 0, A or B). Sha used only one NOC, 2yrs experience (1year graduate trainee experience pre-MSc and 1 year graduate trainee experience post-MSc)...this was sufficient to get CRS of 456. No need complicating stuff, though the additional experience in the other NOC wldve shot up my CRS to 481. Job reference was in CIC format drafted by me with go ahead from my boss. @Newmum0615 (this woman is God sent) helped edit the draft which I printed and gave to my boss to sign, not HR. My boss asked for the soft copy for her future use. No payslips, no employment letter, no nothing... Just that one beautiful letter in CIC format listing my roles in the company.MEDICALSFunny I planned to complete mine at Prime Medicals in PH. This was no longer possible when I was due to carry out medicals, evidence that the process was getting tighter. Booked ahead with Qlife late Sept way before ITA. Remember shaking my head in disbelieve when I was told the next available date

was 9 Nov 2018 - booked this. Called early October to check if there was an earlier date since I was in Lagos and was told the next available date was March 2019. Dropped the call and hissed...they must be mad. Patiently waited till 9 Nov.PCCUK PCC was ready in 3days. Used my sister's address for hard copy, she scanned and sent the soft copy. Used Inspect Moshood for Nigerian PCC @3500 (discovered him on this thread as well). He sent the forms to my email which I filled, thumb printed were applicable and sent back to him. POST-AORThankfully, I got busy settling into my new job, so forgot about my application throughout December. Said I wasnt going to bother with gcms notes, CSEs or nothing. However, BIL/MEP came longer than expected, got curious and started checking progress of other Dec AORs on immitracker. I relaxed when I observed others hadn't gotten as well.Later saw a rejection case mid January on immitracker (forgotten cause of rejection) Shuuuuu...I started worrying and included my application in my prayer point that my file was covered from going to AVO (sorry AVO guys). Raised my first CSE on 17 Feb to enquire about my VO and stylishly asked about status of application. Was surprised to get feedback on 19 Feb...VO was Ottawa, eligibility was being verified. Was so happy, dropped a huge amount in St. Vincent's 'help the poor" box the next Sunday.PPRStill on immitracker, noticed late DEC AORs were already getting PPR mid February...ok na. Started checking my gmail daily and CIC account once a week. Even took interest in my spam and deleted all spam "forever" after a thorough check.Come March, number of PPRs for Dec AORs on immitracker increased. Doubled my CIC account weekly checks and increased gmail checks to 3 times a day My efforts were not in vain, saw the first ghost update on 16 March (application/profile update but no mail). Raised a CSE on 17 March enquiring what the update was about and stylishly asked for update on application as well.Got a reply on 20 March that they can confirm a decision had been made on my application and I should be rest assured that I'd get a mail soon. Jesu!!! Quickly said a prayer for the Agent that sent that mail...God bless him. I then raaaaan to my gmail...nothing. Spam..nothing. Refreshed twice...nothing. Then checked my CIC account out of curiosity and saw the 2nd ghost update - 20 March. Was certain of getting PPR in March. Saw the golden mail yesterday morning and just shouted yaaaasss. Called in sick and went to work an hour late. Gave me sufficient time to re-read the mail 10times and make my announcements to family and close friends. When I got to work, greeted every single person I passed from the gate down to the office....stranger or not. The joy got me in another mood. To everyone on this thread....Thanks for contributing on a daily and answering all the stupid questions, saved me a whole lotta money! Did I mention I looked for an agent's trouble and was told to pay \$3000? I keep getting emails from them with varying discounts till date (if they like, they should discount till \$100)@newmum0615 thanks for making yourself available when I and others needed it most, you're appreciated. We'll meet someday in Canada, that I'm sure. A Nairaland party perhaps To new hopefuls...please read page 1 and understand the process first. Again, there's so much information on this thread. Screenshot useful info for reference even when you don't need it yet, it helped me a whole lot. Stop waiting or procrastinating...do it now!Phew.....thanks for reading!.

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Posted (on page 304) by: ladymarshall 12:32am On Apr 11

## Message:

LONGEST POST ALERT.....PPR GIST PART2 Thanks my "DESTINAMBARI" for the Part1 of our story. Am glad i finally convinced you to come out of that shell. Boss Ifeoma, if you looking for your number one fan, it's xplorezee i tell youuuuuu! Ok my people, this is the REMIX.....Decision to travel has been since after my OND days. Actually delayed HND for few years as man had to hustle. This was born out of the advise from one of my lecturers back in 2005 at MAPOLY, that as a prospective Engineer, it's really important one go in search of core practical experience. And today, i thank God i followed the beautiful and life saving advise. More so, I have always learnt from my DAD that a man needs to be self sufficient. The support of the wifey should only be an added point. This two reasons really made me work hard to gain experience and at the same time gather some funds. Fast forward to 2009 while i was contemplating on going for my HND, i actually calculated how much i have been able to save and decided to give YANKEE a try. I contacted some folks i believed could help but they all turned me down one by one. Without wasting much time, i enrolled for my HND and continued working by the side. After completion of my HND+NYSC in 2012, I decided to reawaken the Yankee dream in me once again. With more links to the Creme de la Creme people, surprisingly, they all turned me down one after another despite having my fund to finance myself o! #WinkedWorldIt was here i forgo the dream and face naija hustling reloaded. With much experience in the bags already, i was changing one job for another in the Engineering/Telecomm Sector, not even the B.sc/M.sc holders could compete with me at interviews. But sincerely, i kept on thinking and reevaluating my OBODOYIBO dream because i saw a lot in the line of duty. Toured all the states in the entire Naija since 2009 but the merciful God has really protected me from some horrible accidents. Talk of Bike, Buses, Luxirous(Ezenwata, Agborfure and co.) etc, the nature of my job is one that exposed me to all this things. Likewise, the struggle for survival never seem to END. 2014 came and this boy decided to get married to Ma'am xplorezee. My Golden Son arrived in 2015 and from the moment I saw him at the hospital, I just knew my boy & family doesn't deserve a life in Naija. The thing wey my wife eye

see for labour room na him dey go for front so . Codedly & Calculatively, I began to restrategise again. Found out about YANKEE Visa interview and noticed that we were gonna be qualified with luck on our side. Talk of the conditions such as home ties, savings etc, I have got it all. But one thing lead to another, the urge never materialise. Fast forward to Feb. 2018, I was strolling on my FB page when I saw the status of my Surest BOSS from my former coy i had worked in 2016. He is "ebho" here on NL with the fastest PPR record ever liveth (i believe) The Holy Ghost just shine my eyes onto his DP & I observed that his Profile Picture no be for here. I clicked on his profile and voila, it reads Winnipeg, Manitoba. I buzz him immediately and my boss that never disappoints answered sharperly. I inquire about how he take do am and it was there he told me about Canada Express Entry. See me see as I almost hit myself say where i dey since, but don't mind me, like have said, i was busy raking in Millions for Companys with peanuts in return as salary. Na so man begin with d mysterious & adventurous journey to Canny LANDECA: This was already set since July 2018. We used WES and thankfully, all this WAEC brouhaha hasn't started at the time. Transcripts processing were also being a popular figure Faculty Treasurer(OND) and Faculty President(HND), I was still recognised and had a breeze Oct.27th '18: Aced IELTS on the 6th attempt. Wifey too wrote 4 times. I would say two or three major factors contributed to this. One was the believe that wifey would be the suitable Pry. Applicant due to her B.sc, hence my refusal to properly read, we were also looking at the PNP route at the time. So, I was just doing it for fun. ECA outcome came in after our 4th attempts and our eyes opened when we saw that with my WES conversion as 2 or more certs, CRS would be dancing between 441-450 with me as the P.A depending on IELTS. Na so i tell Madam say it's time to rest while i take charge. I took it the 5th time after thorough preparation but my overconfidence in "READING(my favourite)" earned me 6.5. I actually finished in 45mins but was just thinking about WRITING instead of make good use of the 15minutes left to go through my answers. I immediately Reload and Refire in the next test of Oct.27th & had LRSW 8.5,7,7,7. CRS come siddon jejely for 444 .MEDICALS: This was done UPFRONT in Nov.2018 at Q-Life. It was quite smooth as we got to V.I around 5:30am. Fnished well on time around 10:30am and had our PCC on same day with Inspector Moshood. POF: Was also a breeze, as IELTS between myself & wifey don cost me about 1M+ coupled with some other unprofitable business i had dabbled into; I reached out to my Uncle in the U.S and he gracefully sent me some solid funds with gift deed. Another jolly childhood friend of mine also supported with

some substantial amount. REFERENCE LETTER: Was from my Supervisor on a plain paper, not notarized while i only attached his ID card. 6months payslips and printed Statement of Account. My Employment and Promotion letters were also inclusive while i had 2 NOCs.COPR passports was at the famous Studio24.ITA: Dived into the pool with a CRS of 444 in Nov 2018. Na here another hypertension start. Draws that were dancing btw 440 & 442 before we entered pool o, na so CRS shoot to 449 & 445 in two consecutive draws. Omo! See fear! ITA finally landed gidigba on Dec.19th with CRS cut off 439 for the day. I carry many lucky people for back on this day .AOR: Packaged all IRCC requirements and send am back to them on Dec.27th and got AOR. RPRF was also paid. No dulling at all as all documents don even ready since JUNE(lol).MEP/BIL: Came in on Feb.7th 2019 and was done on the same day at VFS Lekki. After this, we were becoming restless awaiting PPR. On Feb26th: My wife has been saying all day that "PPR must show today after another boss of mine in my current company got his PPR days earlier. At around 11:30pm while still busy with my second family(IELTS CLASS), na so the IRCC mail dropped o! Na him I said, "darling it's like he don show o". We logged into our account with SPEED and unfortunately, it was an ADR(lol). The request was for why there was a difference in my name on my Boys birth certs and that of my Credentials. My people, this ADR na because of WASIU(present in all my official docs.)and ABDUL WASIU(on my Sons birth certificate o). So please, let's be careful. Na so my wifey sprang the surprise by bringing out our Wedding Invitation of five(5) yrs ago. My God! I fear women that day 'cos i never believed she kept that single copy all along. Low & behold! My name was written Abdul Wasiu on it and na so we scanned and write fews words join. We made it "back to sender" that same night. Adebee dear, i thank you once again for your assistance on this night too. We began to wait again, especially as people were saying don't worry, your PPR will land in three days once they have verified the ADR response. Sleepless nights come start. Will finish with my IELTS people around 11pm and still wake up like 3x in between till day break to check for the Golden Mail. No be small thing at all. March.29th: After vivi844's comment here on NL on d 28th, wifey decided to call IRCC on d 29th and we received yet another shocking news. The lady that answered said our PPR mail has been sent since March7th and we should have received it since then. We told her we received no such mail at all. Me that i have been checking my mail in & out(Spam o, Important o, Thrash o and even inside my phone jacket to see if he dey hide for there) every blessed day since the day we submitted their ADR. She assured us that she will contact the office in charge to

issue us another one. My people, na this particular waiting period come worse pass. In fact he for better if the lady hadn't told us anything like that. I begin to make a list of the people i have told about this to reason if any Village Pelson dev among them. Wifey was restless, Me the hubby was sleepless. Na so so checking of Inbox every hour for our Miracle Mail. At some point, i be dey think say whether na my IELTS Students take juju hold the thing say if wasseynewest don get PPR, it's bye-bye to tutorials. We sent IRCC mail, Ralph goodale no carry last and also raised CSE. Two days after, CSE replied and add salt to our injury. Their mail reads we should wait till April 28th and contact them again if we no see anything. Chai! Which kin tin be this Fada Lord! At this stage, wifey and i have zeroed our mind to the 28th and we were really getting over it. On April9th: It was around 4:15am when i go "weewee", na him i just said make i check if my phone dey charge as the charger too don contact the IRCC virus and do misbehave at times. I looked at it, saw it's charging and was about to drop it na him i see the google mail alert. Honestly, I wasn't thinking about PPR cos i do wake up to like 5 mails daily. Na so the Holy Spirit told me to check and see the Joy that await my FAMILY. I opened true true only to see the IRCC mail. At that moment, my breath seized for a second for fear of another ADR. Again, the PPR mail wasn't on my mind at all. I summoned the courage and opened the mail. Wawuuuuuu!!! Finally, the Eagle has landed for my domot. I couldn't scream, I was speechless, I just smiled and whispered to the heaven & said "ALHAMDULILAH, God, you finally did this". Went straight up to Madam for room and said, "No shout o. It's like the Mail has entered. She replied asking me to "Say Walahi". I showed the mail to her and the feeling was like that of the very first time i met her at IKOTUN Bus Stop. She smiled at me like it was the very first day she said "Yes" to my toasting...... With Passports already at the VFS office, we have started packing to land "VERY HARD" in CANADA already. In the end, ONLY GOD MADE IT POSSIBLE..

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Posted (on page 227) by:

chicyclass

9:28pm On Mar 27

### Message:

MY PPR STORY EPISTLEECA: 30th March, 2017IELTS: 6th June, 2017 (LRWS - 8.5, 9, 7, 7.5) CRS Score: 449ITA: 25th April, 2018AOR: 10th May, 2018Medicals Passed: 24th May, 2018Interview: 14th February, 2019Remedicals Request: 14th February, 2019PPR: 15th February, 2019COPR: 26th March, 2019Express Entry AwarenessI got to know about EE mid 2016 via a Facebook comment. I quickly inboxed the commenter and that was how it all begun. After several correspondence, she told me they used an agent CANREACH and strongly adviced I used them too. I didn't know anyone else who had gone through EE neither did I know of platforms such as this. I relied solely on whatever info she gave me and called the agent. To cut a long story short, I had the pay the agent over N500,000. After payment, they sent a mail on things I had to do such as IELTS, ECA, PCCs, Medicals and so on. Prior to payment the agent never mentioned it neither did my Facebook contact. I later realized my Facebook contact was just a dependant spouse who knew next to nothing about what EE actually entails. My contract with the agent was valid for only 2 years and by the time I was finally ready to apply I have become very informed, I didn't trust the agent anymore (they became lackadaisical plus too many stories of people complaining about agents needing more money and not giving them access to their application) and the 2 years agreement was almost up. To avoid any stories, I decided to handle my application myself. So, that was how I lost over N500,000.ECAAfter I opened an account with WES and paid for transcript, my school said they couldn't find my file at all. That means they have nothing with which to prepare my transcript. This dragged for months. My contact kept calling me saying she's trying but my department insists that my file doesn't exist. My dear mum got tired of it all and decided to travel down to my school herself to enquire how after spending over 5 years doing a 4-year course, going for NYSC and even PGD, her daughter's entire file suddenly disappeared. Lo and behold, barely 3 days after my mum show face my file was automatically found. In the end, I got my 2 or more degrees evaluation. IELTSI was quite confident in my English ability but still I studied. The resources I used were ieltsliz, ieltsbuddy and futurelearn. I found ieltsliz especially helpful for listening and reading. Futurelearn really helped for

writing. ITA-AOR-MedicalsI declined my first ITA because my passport had less than 6 months validity. I made the mistake of going to Ikoyi for renewal and even paid for express, only to be told there was no booklet. Second ITA came and I was determined not to decline. I submitted my passport as it was and then raised a CSE after I eventually got the renewed one. 2 weeks later I passed medicals and In my mind I was thinking I go soon get PPR. Little did I know that AVO had other plans for me and that was how the 9 months long wait started. After months of uncertainty, ordering 2 GCMS notes, raising 3 CSEs, signing several petitions and going through a roller coaster of emotions, AVO finally broke their silence. An interview invite!InterviewMy interview was scheduled to hold 14th February in Accra. I was asked to come with just about everything pertaining to my application. Even the job I got after AOR which I didn't inform IRCC of, I decided to take my employment letter and payslips along. On the interview day, I intentionally got there few minutes before so I won't have to wait for long but I didn't get called in till over an hour later. I submitted my documents at the reception. The interviewer told me the purpose of the interview was to determine my eligibility. All of my documents were thoroughly checked (I arranged them in an orderly manner using office clips but when I entered the interview room, they were all spread out on a table). It turned out that they needed to be absolutely certain of my marital status and that I understood the implication. I applied as married but life happened and I became separated which I informed IRCC of along with the necessary document. The questions were mostly personal and the interviewer wanted to be sure that POF was still intact. In the end, I was told that I passed the interview and I would be issued a remedicals request as the one I applied with already expired. My interviewer also said that due to the peculiarity of my case, a meeting with another colleague (abi their boss) was necessary but that I definitely will be getting an ADR before PPR can be issued. Immediately I stepped out of the premises I switched on my phone and remedicals request was waiting inbox. For those of us at AVO (especially those who got interviewed), remedicals request is to PPR what John the Baptist is to Jesus. Right there and then I knew all is well. After walking aimlessly for some minutes out of excitement, I took a cab to a Chinese restaurant and gave myself a treat. Mama I've made it!Almighty PPR!The following day while I was preparing to check out of the hotel, my phone beeped and it was the ADR my interviewer talked about. Few minutes later while I was talking excitedly on the phone about the receipt of ADR, dearest PPR gallantly came in. I was relieved. I was excited. I was weak. I felt like I was floating. I really can't describe exactly how I

felt.RemedicalsOn getting back to Nigeria, I struggled to get remedicals done. Qlife was booked till April and they couldn't squeeze me in while IOM said the earliest they could do for me was first week of March. I decided to write to Accra asking for an extension but after all the suffer when I don suffer, I really did not want to extend anything. That was how I came across @Hobyno offering his Qlife slot to someone who was also looking for an early date but fortunately the date was too soon for her . I quickly went inbox to beg him for the slot and he graciously agreed. Once again, THANK YOU @Hobyno.Two days later, as at 6:04am I was already at Qlife for my medicals. Before 10am I was done and headed straight to VFS for passport submission.My brethren na so o like joke like joke, my dream turned reality before my very eyes. My journey was a long and bumpy one but las' las', na God win. .

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Posted (on page 126) by:

dasizzling

7:30am On Mar 12

## Message:

MY PPR STORYFirst of all I am so grateful to the Almighty God! It was not an easy one.. I am not a woman of many words but I'l like to give back to the thread by sharing my journey.PRE EXPRESS ENTRYI heard about express entry from a colleague at work sometime in 2016, she told me how her brother and his wife migrated through the EE route to Canada, this immediately piqued my interest.I discussed with my sister who lives in the US about Express Entry and she encouraged me to do some research on it, na so I enter google o! lol. While doing my findings I came across this awesome thread and started reading from part 1. The wealth of information I got made me more and more interested in EE. I had wanted to start the process then but one thing held me back— (My then Boyfriend, Now Hubby) Anyways, I was not ready to embark on the journey on my own and I wasn't sure I could survive staying so far away from my man. So I hinted him about EE and he was really supportive of the idea but said he was not ready to leave the country yet! HMM.. he encouraged me to start the process, but I knew I didn't want to go alone.. so I stalled and didn't do anything about EE; giving oga time to rethink his decision. Meanwhile, I kept on following the thread and seeing more and more people get PPR got me more determined to do this. Fast forward to 2017... I decided to start the process with the mindset that "what will be, will be"TIMELINE:IELTS - 10/11/17ECA - 16/11/17AOR- 22/6/18 MEP- 6/7/18IP2 -- late JulyGot married in August ADR to add spouse-- 15/8/18Submitted spouse docs --13/9/18spouse UCI -- 14/9/181st Ghost Update - 26/10/18ADR 2--- 10/1/192nd Ghost Update -- 7/3/19PPR -- 8/3/19ECA—I chose WES to do my ECA and it took forever for me to get my transcript from IMSU.. my cousin who stays in owerri had to go back and forth my uni before they sent to WES. (God bless her for me), it took about 3months in total to complete the process. Eca Report was ready on November 16, 2017IELTS – while ECA was on-going, I registered and started preparing for ielts.. I concentrated more on writing and listening (especially map), materials I used were lelts Liz, ielts mini and ielts advantage. Also watched a lot of youtube videos. IELTS result came out on November 10, 2017 -- LRWS -8.5,8,7.5,7.5By the time WES report came on Nov 16th, 2017, I had missed the

draw of November 15th, 2017 with cut off 439 ..... My crs was 441 and the draws never came down to 441 till April 25th, 2018 .... I remember how disappointed I was whenever there was a draw but I was hopeful and it finally came down in April. Infact, I celebrated as if I received PPR on that day cos it took almost 5months waiting for ITA.PCC - I did my PCC for 5k at alagbon with Inspector Moshood.MEDICALS - I did my medicals at children's practice, it was a horrible experience as the place was very rowdy with only 1 person attending to all the people there that day. I regretted using them and when it was time for hubby to do his, We chose Q-Life for him, he had a better experience than I did.WORK REFERENCE - This was easy to get as my HR didn't have any issues giving me a letter in CIC format.POF - 70% of Pof was in fixed deposit with 30% balance as gift deed from my Dad, so I submitted investment letter from bank, Bank letter in CIC format, notarized gift deed, statement of account and 6months payslips.After submitting my Application then the wait began, constant checking of my profile and hoping I'd have a speedy timeline, little did I know I was in for a long wait. Anyways, My babe and I got married in August, I notified CIC the next week, no response from them, I had to send them reminders and raised CSEs till they finally responded giving us 30days to submit a list of forms, marriage cert, pcc,proof of relationship pics, questionnaires etc. We put all the documents together as quickly as we could, provided lots of old pictures from when we started dating to trips we had taken together with family and friends to show our marriage wasn't arrangee (babe and I have been together for 7 years hence we had lots of proof. We submitted in September and then MORE silence. On 10th the of October 2018, We ordered GCMS notes, we got a ghost update on the 26th of October and I started getting excited thinking PPR was close, for where! People were getting PPR left, right and center but it didn't come near us o, hmm .. GCMS notes refused to come and we were in the dark not knowing what was going on with our application, then in November we decided to call CIC, it was hard getting to speak with any agent, we kept trying until it went through and I was given the shocker I had been dreading..... Our file was transferred to ACCRA VO and they didn't have access to our file.. I was so sad after that call, knowing how Accra can be slow, I was moody for daysss guys, It was that bad, Hubby was quite confident that all was well.By December we had completed 6months, hmm na so I begin bombard them with mails and CSEs, all we got were generic replies! It was so frustrating, all this while GCMS we ordered since October hadn't arrived, followed up with GCMSbuddy and they kept responding that our notes had been marked as priority blablabla.. I was

so upset at this time cos we couldn't make any proper plans and everything was on hold. January 10th I got a mail to check my account and it was ADR for spouse PCC and updated Schedule forms for both of us, I was happy, at least someone had picked up our file. Dear hubbs had to go to alagbon to re-do his PCC as the one we submitted earlier in September had exceeded 3months, we didn't want to take chances.. we submitted ADR on the 13th of January and then silence again. Finally our GCMS notes came on the 25th of January since October.. I was sha relieved everything looked good. Also in January, while waiting for PPR to come I decided to change my passport from maiden to my marital name so that my PR card won't have different surname from hubby's (personal decision tho), so I did passport change of name at Ikoyi for 45k, sent new passport to ACCRA with affidavit for change of name and they updated my profile to my marital name. Lots of delayed June applications started getting cleared in February and when the thing nor reach me, I followed up with mails and CSEs again oo yet nothing, So I sent ACCRA a short emotional mail on the 6th of march, finally got visited by another ghost update on the 7th!! I was so sure PPR was around the corner and then Finally on the 8th of march, by 5:24pm I got an email to check my account.. I hurriedly Logged on and there it was sitting pretty!! The Golden mail!! I was ecstatic! It Ended in Praise!!! Special thanks to the Almighty God for making my dream a reality!Thank You to all you amazing people who take out your time to keep the thread alive! Thanks to the 2 amazing ladies who always responded to my mails @Glitteringstar and @Newmum0625 God bless You Guys!!Passports were submitted today 11/3/19 at VFS. I wish everyone waiting at any stage of your application a speedy timeline in Jesus name! Amen!.

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### Anyi3

11:01pm On Mar 20

### Message:

Hi guys and gals, it's COPR!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I still can't believe it. COPR dey my hand! The packaging alone o...very sexy. Me likey. God has been so goooooood. My timeline below:Decision to Migrate: Since I started thinking independently, finally took the bull by the horns January 2018IELTS: Feb 10, 2018 LRSW - 9 9 7.5 7.5ECA: WES March 26,2018 (Bachelors degree)Dive into the Pool: March 26, 2018 CRS -420Birthday: CRS - 415 TEF: October 10, 2018 CO CE EO EE - 256(B2) 227(B2) 346(B2) 327(B2) (CRS 457 )ITA: December 12, 2018AOR: December 14, 2018MEP/BIL: January 24, 2019Biometrics Updated: January 25, 2019PPR: February 20, 2019 (dated February 19, 2019)Passports submitted: February 20, 2019 (via courier)COPR received: March 20,2019Family of 5PPR testimonies have always inspired me. I'm not one for many words but here goes: As my moniker implies, I've never felt at home in this country. When I finally wanted to do something about it, hubby was a diehard naija fan. Even when we heard of express entry in 2015, he always used to say naija will get better, no need to leave. Not until December of 2017, business was looking bleak...he finally saw the light. Yay!!! Luckily, while doing research on the process, I came across this thread, and y'all have been Godsent. Even though I may not have really asked many questions, I found most (if not all) my answers by going through the thread which I joined in Part 3. So, kudos to y'all!!! Na God go bless all of una! IELTS: I used the materials recommended here to practise before the exam. By the special grace of God, with my scores, I got the maximum language points, yay!!!ECA: This was a breeze because my school processes transcripts online and they're quite efficient (Greatest Lions and Lionesses!!! ). Special thanks to @einsteino for outlining the steps for verification. It saved me a lot of headache and also N10k because I think I would have paid for both certificate and transcript verification. We also evaluated hubby's degree with WES (same school) and we got maximum points from his IELTS. Then, we started waiting. Our CRS was 420. We were hoping for CRS cut-off to drop as low as it did in 2017. At the same time though, we were also looking for a way to improve our score which is why I decided to take the TEF. While I was preparing for the exam, I had a birthday in July and lost 5 points but all glory to

God, the exam was a success and my scores were just enough to push my CRS from 415 to 457. Somebody shout Alleluyah!!!!TEF: I have already outlined some tips to learn french easily and my experience on the exam day on the TEF thread. If you feel you can learn french, I highly recommend doing so. Besides the additional points you can get, it also gives you an edge in PNP from provinces like Ontario and Nova Scotia if the said points are not enough to bring your CRS to the required levels. For those interested in writing the french exam, you'll find more than enough resources there (from french gurus I might add ) to help you get started. Words can't express how grateful I am to my TEF family (I don't want to call names - I don't want to omit anybody like some people did at the Oscars, y'all know yourselves ). They have been a constant source of inspiration and motivation to me. I pray for constant breakthrough for y'all, be it in TEF/TCF, processing of your application, or settling in Canada eventually. I must also thank @Tojued (congrats on your PPR!), @Fuzzyman, @rs172 and @sunvick. I still remember when I asked for tips on learning french here and all your suggestions were helpful. I pray that help will always come to you when you need it, no matter how small. Medicals: After writing the TEF exam, we booked for medicals at Qlife just in case. We had to cancel it though, because when the TEF result came out, we then felt our appointment date in December was too far - beggar became a chooser hehehe. Did medicals Nov 30, 2018 at IOM. Did PCC same day as well at Alagbon. We just walked in.We declared one US visa refusal 2 years ago.Work experience (gehn gehn gehn ): I am self-employed and to be honest, gathering the documents gave me serious cause for concern. There's a lot of divergent information online (to me anyway) on which documents to submit for self-employed work experience. Choosing NOC alone sef was a problem, I changed it three times before I settled for 0911. Then the format for the reference letters was another issue, but I'm thankful I joined a whatsapp group I saw on canadavisa for self-employed peeps and they came through for me. We keep knocking Indians here, but I've found that some of them really know their onionsSo in a nutshell the documents I submitted for my work experience (Print production manager) are:- CAC documents- Tax clearance certificate- SOA (for the past 3 years)\*- Reference letters from clients-Reference letters from suppliers- Invoices from supplier (the one that refused to give me reference letter )- Emails from clients (I didn't ask them for reference letter)- Screen grab of whatsapp chats with clients\* It is pertinent to note that though my SOA was for the past 3 years I didn't upload all the pages (it was over 120 pages!). I only uploaded the relevant pages which showed transactions from

clients and suppliers from whom I had gotten reference letters, as well as salary payments to employees. I also highlighted the relevant transactions with different colours (a specific colour for each client or supplier). Packaging things. One might say that was overkill but I felt it was necessary to enhance readability, especially as the prints on most of the pages were skewed (yeye bank ). I remember when @Shyee gave his PPR testimony. I almost cried when I read that he used the registration as a taxable person document. Chai! All the money we spent to get the tax clearance certificate. Thank God I'm smiling now sha On the first page of my work experience document, I created a table of all documents therein by page number and description. I also added the colour chart for the highlights on my SOA. It was not an easy something but it seems to have paid off. Thank God!We also submitted reference letter in CIC format from hubby's place of employment. We know we didn't need it as his work experience wasn't Canadian but he was able to get it so...LOE: I used this to state that I didn't upload all the pages of the SOA because of size limitations but I was willing to upload them if deemed necessary. I also explained the daily running of my business, how many employees I had, etc.I should add here that my LOE was not a letter i.e there was no address, or signature or whatever. I just explained what I felt I needed to and submitted. (I was so worried when I saw as sample LOE was being shared on the Post ITA ...another headache again but thank God that's over whatsapp group \*whew\*)POF: I used TBills. Submitted the TBills certificate and generic reference letter from the bank. Had all my docs ready before I got ITA because there was a long delay (of 3 weeks), after I'd seen my TEF result, before I received my attestation (similar to IELTS TRF). Left to hubby, we would have even submitted that same day, but I no gree o, we checked and rechecked to make sure everything was correct first. We waited almost a year to get ITA, but God decided to bless us with speedy processing (despite my fear of being sent to Accra because of my selfemployed work experience ). Hubby believes the french gave us an edge . All in all, we praise God!!!PPR/COPR: Was getting the kids ready for school when I saw the mail from CPCO FinalRequest.... I can boldly say I now understand the concept of time standing still (I never really understood it before when I read it in books ). I had to read the mail several times o, before it finally clicked (even after it clicked sef). After dropping the kids off at school, we sha went to the bank to pay the VFS fees before sending the passports and co through courier - we already had passport photographs (before IRCC changes their mind o). Depending on how you look at it, using courier may have been more expensive but we didn't want to risk going to Lagos again - our lives were too precious now, as per prospective Canadians lol. The passports got to Accra on February 26, 2019 (all the holidays due to the elections ). Application was approved March 13, 2019. Passports and COPR received from UPS, March 20,2019. Voila, I'm officially a Canadian Permanent Resident!!! (at least I feel like one even though I neva even land ). Flight tickets have been booked though...we can't wait again o!l joined some whatsapp groups after I submitted my application but had to leave them because the pressure was MEEEEGAAAAA. Some posts ehn...I was constantly worried that I had done something wrong and I couldn't concentrate on other stuff. I know most of you are here sha so I wish y'all a smooth processing and subsequent landing in Canada. To everyone else here, most especially @Joo2018 and @Ifeoma77 (you guys are selflessness personified...wow), thanks for ALL your help. May all your dreams come true. To the newbies, please read o! That's the best way to get acquainted with the requirements for this process (as it pertains to you specifically). I wish nairaland had a feature that allowed us to pin important posts so that no matter what page you're on, you'd see them (like Telegram I think) - maybe that would help (just thinking out loud). Alors, cela se terminera par des louanges pour nous tous! Grace a Dieu!.

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## Mummychichi

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## Message:

It's PPR / COPR □□���Our 2 years Immigration story (Long post Alert)lelts -Nov 11, 2017Wes started - October 6, 2017Wes completed - March 6, 2018Entered pool - March 24 ITA - May 23, 2018AOR - July 1st, 2018Medicals Passed & IP1 - July 17,2018Ordered 1st Gcms notes - September 8th, never came till November 23rd Informed CIC of marriage- September 11th, 2018 Sent a reminder - September 20th, 2018ADR request - September 20th, 2018, some-hours after sending reminder Submitted ADR - September 29th,2018Sent reminder - October 5th,2018Spouse UCI updated - October 11th, 2018Sent mail to Ralph - October 23rd, 2018IP2 -October 26th, that's when I saw itFile transferred from Ottawa to Accra - October 26th, according to 2nd gcms notesInterview request - Jan 14,2019Interview date -Jan 28, 2019PPR - Jan 29,2019Passport Submission - Jan 30,2019Application Approved on cic account - Feb 15,2019 COPR - pickup - Feb 19, 2019Appreciation: (to all those on nairaland that helped in my journey one way or the other, from WES till PPR, God bless y'all)@kontagious @fanyeofori @jergins @fusion23 @mummyjaygirls @cochtrane @happytbaby @newmum0615 @nusetron @threadstone @einsteino @teecan @deesmama @4barr @lordsebastian @mcstan @ronnie1209 @threemg @tojued My story is a long one and I'm grateful to Almighty Allah for the progress so far and his blessings on me and my fam. The Beginning - I first heard about express entry in 2017, my boss got it, my colleague was about to get it then. I did some research and then decided I think I want this, an amazing life for me and my kids. I told my baby ( my then bf , now hubby).. he wasn't interested then o, said you can make it in naija, kinikan kinikan , hmmm . I tried to convince him then, I just said let me start first. Started my WES October 2017, wrote my ielts a month after( passed in one sitting).WES - Then I mistakenly or just mumuly decided to use nipost for WES just to buy time, maybe baby would agree, that's how my village people caught up to me o and strike started . The up and down ehn, sorting people, spending money, Wes finally came through. Work experience/CRS score - Then the wait for 3 years experience nko as I just wanted to use one workplace to claim points. Finally it was complete, then another wait for crs to drop to 441... oh I forgot, Passport expired in between all of the above (after

ielts though)Passport matter - Then the debate to wait and do court with change of name or just renew like that, by this time baby was already feeling the Canadian waka small small, he had gotten his International passport, even did ielts, he passed, but his score wasn't up to mine(maxing out the ielts score)...Single Or As a Couple ? - Back to me doing this alone at first. So I said babe let's do court na and apply as a couple, baby was like no o, everything is a process, I must propose, then do intro, then court can follow, I said babe hmm adding spouse in between is one kind o. But I can't propose to my self abi or do court with myself, i sha continued.ITA - Well, ITA showed up, I didn't have issues with POF (used First bank treasury bills, stanbic fixed deposit, stanbic money market investment funds), Alhamdulillah... I sha chilled till July, so I can add my love in between, so it won't be too early .AOR - Hence my AOR July 1st, then the race began, constant profile checking, oh lest I forget, before this I met amazing people in our May ITA group, TEECAN, my brother Threemg(love you bro), my sissy deesmama(AOR mate) and now close friend, we're plenty small in that group and I hope our prayers would all be answered soonest. I forgot to mention, baby proposed before I even got ITA, then we did a huge introduction ceremony and a small court wedding ceremony, all this while, my file was at Ottawa. Now it was time to add my hubby. Sent a mail, i got ADR, too many requests o, but we did it sha and submitted... they added my baby beginning of October or so..then I got IP2 some days after, Alhamdulillah, was so happy I buzzed deesmama straight that she should check her profile, she didn't get that day, but got the next day and ppr the Monday afterwards... amazing period The Wait - Then the wait started, where's ppr nah, everyone was getting ppr up and down, but the thing didn't reach me... hmmm...called an agent, the guy was super rude, was just using me to catch cruise...I called like 2 weeks after again then I heard the dreaded news, file was at Accra, I cried ehn, didn't believe my ears, I told my bro straight @threemg, he said I should not worry, meanwhile I ordered gcms notes, as the first one refused to come (ended up getting here later)...when it finally came all was passed but a section called « other Regs » showed not started, the type of check was non compliance check, mogbe.. I researched, checked canada visa forum, nothing, my worry was now in full force...Accra VO gang - Then I joined the Accra VO gang, I'm glad now that Accra VO is performing, there are rumors that they have a processing window of January till March, you might see a lot of PPRs from Accra this period.... I pray they extend this their window so at least they can attend to all, please release my people Abeg... . I Met a couple of friends and caring people in the group,I thought I was going to be depressed in the group,

but the support was reassuring....anyways by this time I didn't check nairaland again before I enter depression things.. @threemg added me to the group, then we all started surviving together...Interview things - Fast forward to January 14th, request for interview, both me and spouse had to attend, we also had to come with all evidence of our relationship from the onset and they gave us just 2 weeks to prepare.. Ahhhh gbese, called hubby straight, called my bro @threemg... and as you've already guessed, I cried ehn, tears couldn't stop flowing, so many regrets, but I never regretted ever adding my baby, most of the regrets was all around maybe waiting till IP2 or after PPr or adding more documents or something sha...I must say this, I'm quite pessimistic as well, that didn't help me in this journey at all...please let's be optimistic in this journey o, very important Abeg.My story is long abi, hmm it hasn't finished o, keep reading...Interview Prep- The documents gathering started, you know this modern day love na soft copies of pictures dev our phone, we used over 20k to print 200pictures... I went to airtel office for phone records between hubby and I, those ones used me to catch cruise too, said they could only give me 3 months worth of records, as a naija girl, i also applied at another office, so I could maybe get 6 months altogether, they caught me sha o ( but I still found a way out)... I took screenshots of our iMessage chats, we exported whatsapp chat, we printed hotel receipts of all our escapades, we printed pictures of gifts we ever gave each other that we snapped, what didn't we get...hmmThe Interview (Summary)We took days off, we booked our flights, flew a day before, got in late at night to Accra, then we decided to eat something (spaghetti and sauce), you see we thought it was familiar, what could be wrong right?.. well here goes, I couldn't sleep well, I vomited the next morning, hubby was purging... ahh gbese...the devil can't win naw, after we have come this far...Meanwhile our Accra Gang they throway prayer for us, our interview gang too, my May ITA group too, my siblings, my friends.... their prayers were answered o .....Interview went amazingly well... lady was nice, hmm... let me rest, would continue later...Cont'dBack to the matter!!So we got to the embassy, right on time, they collected all phone, all wristwatches, most things sha, but I still went in with my bag after they searched thoroughly, we dropped our documents with the receptionists and held on to some other supporting docs. We could hear an interview going well, the lady ended up passing and was asked to either come the next day or submit her passports from Lagos. Kai we were happy for her o and gingered .... At this time, just hubby and I were at the waiting room, we waited and waited o, they didn't call us, I even dozed off small, finally after about 1hr 30mins

of waiting... I was called, she apologized for the delay, such an amazing lady, she was nice as well... then the questions came o ( another story), highlight was that the interview was almost like a spousal sponsorship interview, i told her the truth, adding interesting information in between, she was just laughing, me sef laugh join...one thing was for sure I made sure all I said was the truth about our relationship, because hubby was next and our answers at least had to match small.....The Verdict - Hubby's turn, she asked almost the same things, it went well o.... then she asked hubby to call me, and then she told us the good news, that we passed, you need to see the way we jumped, then she said in that moment when I told you guys, I could see the love, mehn we beamed even more. She then asked when we were traveling, we said tonight, she said they can only stamp our passports and issue COPR tomorrow or we wait till we get back to lagos, hubby said when we get to lagos ..... sighHmm, we sha told her thank you and left... I was happy and sad (left to me, we go reschedule flight and collect our thing sharply next day), but hubby kept saying he had to go back, I cried and cried, kept wondering why he didn't see the importance the way I did... hmmm... didn't talk to him o... finally I couldn't stand to see him feeling so bad, sha told him how I felt and we settled...Off to lagos back, Shebi all is well that ends well, next day ppr mail entered, I was so freaking happy, called hubby straight, told my Accra and Interview gang, I sharply carry passport say make I go submit. Got to hubby's car o, na so stomach pain start again( at this time I knew village people were really trying , but I also knew Allah was stronger than them)... hubby rushed me to the emergency room in the hospital o, took drip, hubby stayed with me for a while... then I went back home as I was cleared...Then I submitted the next day...I know my story is very long, I even missed out some part, so that people won't get bored and to conceal my identity lol. This journey was something else...all my friends had gotten, people I put through, I knew the process to a large extent, why my journey was longer, I don't know but I know Allah knows best ... I didn't call out advices, but I'm sure if you read my story well, you would have picked one or two...oh and if you find out you have an interview with your spouse due to addition or something, don't be scared, you can also reach out to me...I sincerely thank all my friends, my family, my newly made friends from whatsapp support groups, nairaland forum and friends made here.... without the support, I may have given up. Now I pray for good health as we must get to our second country InshaAllah...It ended in praise. Alhamdulillah!!!!!!!!!.

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#### 55emem55

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#### Message:

raphrulz:@Zutlin and @Bukzie... Please, we are still waiting for your PPR scripts oooPls help us mbokOUR PPR JOURNEY.....So Sorry it's a very long post. Please bear with me. I hope this encourages one or more people to keep pushing......TIMELINE:IELTS (Principal Applicant) LRSW - 8, 6.5, 7.5, 7 (1st attempt) -April 30, 2016IELTS (Spouse -the writer) LRSW - 8, 8, 7.5, 7 (1st attempt) - April 30, 2016 ECA (PA) - March 15, 2016 - August 3, 2016 - 2 or more certificatesECA (Spouse) - March 10, 2016 - August 11, 2016 - 2 or more certificates1st EE Profile (PA) - August 20161st EE Profile (Spouse) - August 20162nd EE Profile (PA) -September 20172nd EE Profile (Spouse) - September 20171st EE SINP Application submitted - January 2017 1st EE SINP Application rejected - May 20172nd EE SINP Application submitted - October 26, 2017SINP Letter of Request for Additional Information - February 7, 2018Response to SINP Letter of Request for Additional Information – February 11, 2018EE SINP Nomination Letter Received – April 6, 2018 (Dated April 5, 2018)EE SINP Revised Nomination Letter Received - April 6, 2018 EE SINP Nomination Accepted – April 7, 2018PCC done and collected – April 9, 2018ITA Received and Accepted - April 11, 2018Medicals done - April 17, 2018EE Application Submitted - April 23, 2018AOR - April 23, 2018Medicals Passed - April 27, 2018Web Form submitted and response received informing us of our VO -November 2, 2018 Web Form (enquiry about the status of our application) submitted to Accra Visa Office and response received - November 6, 2018 1st set of GCMS Notes - Ordered on November 19, 2018 and received on December 19, 2018Joined NairaLand - December 6, 20182nd set of GCMS Notes - Ordered on January 8, 2019 and received on February 5, 2019Sent an email to AVO as advised by @abakiki when I asked my first question about how to reach AVO (without filling a Web Form) on NairaLand - February 5, 2019 ADR received after sending the email (1st update since MEP on April 27, 2018) - February 5, 2019PPR received (We were yet to upload the ADR) - February 7, 2019ADR uploaded via Web Form -February 7, 2019Passports Submitted to VFS Lekki - February 11, 2019Passports ready for pickup - March 11, 2019 (exactly 4 weeks) Passports and COPR collected - March 13, 2019PRE EXPESS ENTRYIn the second quarter of 2014 when it seemed

that the company I had worked with for over 6 years would be wound down, two friends (and colleagues at the time) spoke to me about the Canadian Immigration journey which they were about embarking on. This was some 7 months before the introduction of the Express Entry System. I quickly joined in preparing for IELTS and was excited about the possibility of immigrating though I had always believed in living in Nigeria and just visiting other countries for exposure and relaxation. My excitement was cut short by my hubby when I told him about it and he said I could go ahead with the process but that he was not going to write any exam and he would gladly visit us from time to time. I tried to convince him but to no avail so I let it go. My only regret was that I didn't carry out any research about the process and thought that I couldn't meet the requirements without my husband writing the IELTS test based on the information I got from people. One day in the first quarter of 2016, after I told him that my friends and former colleagues' applications for PR had been approved, he told me he was now interested in immigrating to Canada and wouldn't stop disturbing me so I eventually gave in and started the process. I searched the CIC link and read about the process like I was going to write a professional exam. IELTSBy November 2014, my employment had been terminated by AMCON alongside all other colleagues so I had more time to study for IELTS. I had a set of 10 practice questions that I got from one of my friends in 2014 which my husband and I used to prepare for IELTS. We registered in March 2016 and wrote the exam in April 2016. I practiced for a month while my husband practiced for just a week (he kept asking me why I was studying so hard and if he would pass the exam at all). That was our only attempt. Thank God! ECA (WES) We registered with WES for ECA in March 2016 and it seemed we would get it sorted out in a month or two but alas, it took 5 months! It took 'forever' for our schools to get the copies of our transcripts and certificates for verification but once our schools did, it took about a month to complete the process. It was a long wait but that was the beginning of so many others in this journey. EXPRESS ENTRY PROFILEImmediately we received our ECAs, I created our Express Entry profiles in August 2016. Our CRS scores at the time were really low as we were both over 40. Mine was 413 and my husband's was way less (I can't remember the exact score but around 331 or so). At this point, we knew we had to pursue the option of going the PNP route. We had to create a second Express Entry profile when our profiles expired after a year of not achieving much. Patience is indeed a virtue my people.SINP (SASKATCHEWAN IMMIGRANT NOMINEE PROGRAM) NOMINATIONI was determined not to give up on this journey and God sent a good friend and

sister of mine to me in September 2016. She told me about the SINP and added me to two WhatsApp groups. At that time, our NOCs were not included in their Occupation In-Demand list but there was a NOC we thought was close to my husband's so we created two profiles (EE and OID-paper-based) and uploaded all necessary documents while waiting for the programs to open. We eventually submitted both that year/January 2017 and we were asked to choose one of the programs we wanted to be processed. We chose the SINP EE program and by May 2017, the application was rejected due to a wrong NOC. We prayed and hoped that one of our NOCs would be added to their OID list and thank God it happened sometime in August 2017 or so. My husband's NOC was added to the list and we created a new profile and waited for the program to open for submission. On October 26, 2017, we paid CAD300 and submitted the application. It was a very long wait of constantly checking the profile to see if there was any progress made. The application was in process until February 7, 2018 when we received ADR which we responded to on February 11, 2018. The status didn't change from 'waiting on applicant' almost two months after we had responded to the ADR. Someone in one of the WhatsApp groups I joined, who also was in the same situation, mentioned that he sent an email to the Manager in charge of the program and got a reply that a decision had been made and he will hear from them soon. He got his letter of nomination that same day. I told my husband about it and after waiting for a while, we decided to follow suit. On April 3, 2018, we sent a very polite email stating that we had sent the additional documents requested for and there was no change in the status of the application. On April 6, 2018, at about a few minutes after 12am when I had just gone to bed (worried that our IELTS reports would expire on April 30, 2018 i.e. in less than 4 weeks), my husband woke me up with the news of an update. I quickly got off my bed to check his profile and low and behold, it was our nomination letter. I rolled on the floor thanking God and asking Him to forgive me for doubting and almost giving up. I couldn't sleep that night. I checked his Express Entry profile and found out that some parts of the profile had not been transmitted so I stayed up dotting the 'I's and crossing the 't's. I discovered that the EE profile number and job seeker validation code stated in the nomination letter were those of the expired EE profile and had to send them an email immediately requesting that they kindly issue a revised nomination letter with the current details which they did as soon as they resumed work. We accepted the nomination that same day (April 6, 2018) and my husband's CRS score jumped to 900 plus. PCCWe contacted someone whom my friend and sister (the same one that added

me to the SINP WhatsApp groups) introduced me to and went to Ikoyi on April 9, 2018 to get our PCCs done. It took about an hour and a half to get the PCCs for N5,000 each.ITAITA came on April 11, 2018 (five days after SINP nomination) and it was another happy moment.MEDICALSI called IOM on April 16, 2018 and got an appointment for the next day. The process took about 3 hours from when they allowed us in at 8am. POFWe had a joint investment account that we had opened in 2011 with more than the sum required for a family of 4 with a financial institution (not a bank but a CBN licensed FI). We were given a detailed letter and the statement of account stamped and signed.WORK EXPERIENCE REFERENCEMy husband got a letter from his former colleague for two years of his last ten years of work experience (as the company was no longer in existence) and got reference letters from his clients for the remaining eight years. He also got his company's bank statement and highlighted each payment made by each client on client by client basis. It was easier at this point because this had been done when we applied for the SINP nomination. He had 40 pages of bank statement to work on but thank God he did a good job. This was one thing he actively participated in throughout the process....LOL.If you ever asked him about the EE and PNP process, he would tell you to ask his wife. He referred quite a number of people to me (he still does) and I was happy to help. AORWe submitted our application on April 23, 2018 (7 days to the expiration of our IELTS reports). It was such a huge relief. POST AORMedicals Passed - April 27, 2018. We thought it was going to be a smooth and fast journey to PPR getting an update 4 days after AOR. Little did we know that we still had a long journey ahead of us. We had learnt patience and perseverance during the journey so far but this part of the long wait was even more frustrating to say the least. We didn't receive any update for the normal processing time (6 months). I kept checking the EE profile and my husband's email account every other day (sometimes several times a day) but nothing changed. I knew about ordering the GCMS notes but we decided to be even more patient. In November 2018, I filled the web form (I didn't know the VO processing the application so I chose within Canada). We received an email notifying us of our VO, the notorious AVO! We immediately filled another Web form and AVO informed us that our application was in queue for review. We were discouraged by some friends in Canada from requesting for the GCMS notes in October but decided to do so in December when there was still no progress and AVO would not respond to our Web form. At this point, while searching for another means of communication with AVO apart from the Web form, I stumbled upon this great Platform. I joined this

platform on December 6, 2018 and asked how I could reach them apart from using the web form. @abakiki mentioned that I could send them an email (God bless you). I ordered the GCMS notes in December 2018 and got it in January 2019. From the notes, the application had been transferred to AVO on May 17, 2018 after the last case analyst in CIO recommended a review of the lead statement, main duties and work experience but AVO had not touched the application since it was transferred to them. I decided to check the EE profile less and take my mind off the matter though I somehow believed that one day it will end in praise. I was just not sure when the one day would be and prayed that it will happen before April when our Medical reports would expire. I ordered another set of GCMS notes in January (my cousin helped with both orders) after submitting another web form to AVO and didn't receive any response. On February 5, 2019, I decided to send an email to AVO (as advised by @abakiki in December) enquiring about the status of the application and politely informing them that our application had been in queue for review and we were unable to plan appropriately for the year. We received an automated reply almost immediately that they would respond shortly. About an hour later, there was an update on the EE profile (the first since April 27, 2018). We were requested to submit the following:-Schedule A Form (PA and Spouse)-Additional Family Information Form (PA and Spouse)-Updated Proof of Settlement FundsOn February 7, 2019, I tried uploading the additional documents but one was too large so I decided to upload later that day after compressing the file. Before I had the chance to upload the documents, we received another update. I was so scared to sign in and check what it was. When I did, it was another request but this time, it was PPR!!! We didn't know how to express our joy, relief, excitement and gratitude to God. We are truly grateful to God and thankful for all the people He sent our way while on this journey. We were way older than the 'favourable' age group but God made it happen. Do your part and leave the 'how' to God. His grace is sufficient for you. Once again, a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who have been very magnanimous with your time and wealth of knowledge on this platform. Rest assured that your labour of love will be greatly rewarded. Though I joined this platform long after we had submitted our application, I was encouraged and sometimes entertained by the many posts and responses I got. It was great to celebrate with other PPR recipients while waiting for ours.@ifeoma77, I have noticed your dedication to helping people and I know that we will celebrate with you very soon by His grace. God bless you immensely. I wish everyone who's still in the race, about starting or already a PR, God's very best. Keep on moving......God

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Posted (on page 178) by:

Mimi1999

2:33pm On Mar 20

### Message:

ITS PPR/COPR guys!!! (Written 17th October 2018, 14th November, I put a PPR date range by Faith [] but God had other plans, PPR came in Feb 26th 2019) Waiting for PPR (the golden mail) is a roller coaster of emotions. One time you tell yourself you won't check your profile and before long you've checked it. You say to yourself, if only I'd just have meds passed I'd be calm...but that's a lie because once meds are passed you think of the next thing to worry about such as application being cancelled, what visa office has your application been sent to? Exchange rate fluctuations, will they consider my pension funds? Did I pick the right NOC code? You pray to get to IP2, you tell yourself that once you move to IP2 atleast you know your file has been picked up. Then you research again to know what exactly goes on during Ip2- something you thought you knew. And then you see different comments online about security screening and then you begin to doubt again. You get ghost update and say okay, perhaps they have remembered me this time for good. But then you go on to google – a friend who has stood by you through the trying times of waiting...you search again to know how many days from IP2-ghost update-PPR? Whew...this process is one hell of a ride my people and it's with Jesus joy I announce to you all that it's PPR/COPR!!! I'd like to thank everyone on Nairaland who has contributed immensely in helping me get to this point. I've been an avid silent reader howbeit coming out once in a while to seek clarity. Decision to pursue Canadian PR was in January 2018 after my best friend and her boyfriend-now husband came visiting. Her husband had gotten ITA and my husband and I encouraged him to decline the ITA, do a court wedding and apply together (Thankfully they had a good enough CRS score and are now settled in Canada). After they left our home that day we decided to give this a shot. Here's my timeline; Decision to travel: January 2018ECA: March 13th 2018 (I used WES)IELTS: March 24th 2018- LRSW: 8.5, 8.5, 7.5, 7 (I wrote IELTS when I was 37 weeks pregnant. I recall how I would constantly speak to my baby to please hold on till after IELTS. Needless to say our baby took his sweet time)CRS Score: 461EE Profile submitted: April 9th 2018ITA: April 11th 2018AOR: June 27th 2018 (The hustle for PoF and baby's passport made submission linger till June 2018)Meds

Passed: July 12th 2018IP1: June 13th 2018IP2: October 30th 2018PPR: February 26th 2018 (dated 25th March 2019) Passport Submitted: Feb 27th 2019Application Approved: [/b]March 13th 2019[b]COPR: [/b]March 19th 2019[b]Visa Office: OttawaFamily composition: Family of 3POF: We used 100% treasury bills- over 50% of it was gift deed from my mum. I also included my pension funds statement, bank reference letter, and treasury bills certificate. I didn't include bank statementjust the page where I received the gift deed transfer and highlighted it. I included a screenshot of Oanda rate for the day and a table showing breakdown of funds. I must add that I got virtually everything from this forum, from reference letter format both for employment and POF, to POF breakdown table. You all are doing a fantastic job and I really wish everyone directed to page 1 wouldn't take offence because it is a goldmine I tell you. I even followed this thread daily including after delivery while still at the hospital....lolReference letter: I got reference letter from my line manager which was typed on the company's letterhead. I also included my employment and promotion letter as well as 6 months' payslips.LOE: I only included a two sentence Letter Of Explanation attaching my husband's IELTS. My husband wrote his lelts in 2017Travel History: Moderate.GCMS: I applied September 18th 2018, the notes never came came 70 days after (No concerns raised). I raised another on February 8th 2019, yet to receive it.CSE: [/b]I raised several CSEs and got 'Matthewed' every time. I called as many times as I could because a lot of decisions were riding on the outcome of our application. I recall Feb 21st, I had a dream where it what appeared to be left on our application was just a signature...I could see the place where the signature was needed. I woke up and hubby and I prayed not really raising our hopes but praying all the same. Only for me to get to the office that morning, I received a CSE response saying my application requires '[b]additional verifications' (I tell you, the additional verifications part was in bold)...I was worried. I called them the following day, which was a Friday, they said 'security not started'- same thing they'd been saying since I entered IP2. I was just weak. Sunday night/Monday morning, I had a dream again...this time I saw my mum, hubby and I seriously packing our stuffs...Infact I could even see the airline we were to go with. Toor...I woke up...gisted hubby again and we prayed as usual...abi what else will we do na. Anyways, Tuesday morning on my way to work, I checked my whatsapp and saw @19cannymum's message that PPR had landed and I should check my mail...people of God, that's how your girl checked o...and I saw the mail...the mail that we had been hoping we'd receive someday...that's how I shouted to hubby... 'Dear...park the car'. The guy was like 'it has come abi?'. Anyways, I kissed my son on his forehead and said 'We get to give you a better life.'As I wrap up, I'd like to drop a few pointers on how I think I coped initially: I became an analyst! Moving from one site to another analysing trends, from immitracker to Canadavisa, to quora, Nairaland, facebook, Instagram, youtube...people of God what did I not analyse?! I did trend analysis from AOR to Meds passed, applicants' progression to IP2 based on visa office, average number of days from IP2 to PPR based on visa office on Immitracker and Nigerians. Doing these put the edge off and made me relatively calm. You too can try it...you may come up with mere speculation or you might notice a pattern. Either ways, you'd feel like you're doing something. I must confess however that as the days to PPR stretched, my staying power waned- especially since IP2 to PPR took close to 4 months. I wasn't keen on analysing or even hoping. I realized that I depended more on past trends than I did on God and I needed to shift my focus. I decided to spend more time waiting on God than relying on my own understanding. Bottomline is, not everyone will have a short timeline. If for some reason yours takes longer, know that there is something God seeks to teach you. Know that God isn't causing you to wait out of spite, He is instead teaching you to trust His delays and not doubt His ways. Waiting doesn't mean you heard God incorrectly about this Canada PR waka. Waiting doesn't mean your desire isn't the will of God. Waiting doesn't mean you aren't praying enough (many times we know in our hearts that God will do a thing, the problem is usually trying to convince our head to be in tune). Waiting also doesn't mean you do not have enough faith. E-fam, I hope you find the courage to give IELTS one more shot, I hope someone out there finds courage to push harder to get that ECA done with and I hope someone there finds the courage in my epistle to do all it takes to make this Canadian dream a reality because this my people is now my REALITY. Finally, Thanks to @Tojued @19cannymum and @Ramj for being there when I needed to rant and for the constant check-ins. To everyone- thank you for keeping this thread alive. I wish everyone the very best. God bless!Please overlook any grammatical errors...na beg I dev beg...IELTS is over...for now .

Posted (on page 353) by: ladymarshall
10:21am On Apr 19

#### Message:

\*Looonnnggg post alert\*��He's done so much for me, I cannot tell it all, na ra ekele mu o, if I had 10,000 tongues, it still don't be enough, na ra ekele mu o...what shall I render to Jehovah for He has done so very much for me..... Him enough first and foremost for the gift of life, for His protection and provision, for this mighty thing that He has done and must importantly for giving me the grace to remain on Faith street and trust Him till He came through. Decision to relocate was February 2018, one evening my Husband just told me he was going to register for IELTS. We had mooted the idea sometime in 2017 but never followed through with it. He had received a call from his friend who had relocated in November 2017 and had gotten a fantastic job already so he was gingered. He wrote IELTS that February and that's when I realised he was serious, I then wrote mine in April. Hubby's IELTS- L7.5, R8, W7, S8My IELTS- L8, S8.5, W7.5, S7.5We then decided that I should be the PA since my result was better, I was younger and I had a foreign masters so I went ahead to initiate my WES while my husband was going to chase his MSc certificate from Unilag as well so that we could knock up enough points.I initiated my WES on the 14th of May and by the 14th of June, they confirmed they had received my documents and began evaluation. Meanwhile, Mr Oga's initial ginger had now slowed down to the point that he hadn't even started any WES waka Me I went about my business, resumed from maternity leave, etc. and by the 25th of June I got my evaluation report. I then followed up with Hubby to ask how far, that's how I found out he hadn't even started. I was so furious that he was leading me down this rabbit hole yet he hadn't even started anything. He convinced me to create our express entry profile so we can enter the pool while he starts sorting out his evaluation. I completed our profile at about 11.00a.m that morning (25th of June) and continued my day. I got home that night and just before I went to bed, I wanted to transfer money to the drycleaner so I took my phone and there was an email notification. It was from IRCC telling me that I had a message in my account. I clicked through and saw that we had received ITA I couldn't believe it! I was literally screaming and I knew that the hand of God was on this one! I then got to work and God got on board too. For instance, my

daughter didn't have a Nigerian passport at the time, we got it in 9 days. I got all my reference letters within 2 weeks, my PCC from the UK came in the nick of time and even in our medicals, God showed up. As at the time that my husband went to book at Qlife, we didn't think to choose a date that would be convenient all round. We realised a day before our medicals that my period was going to start the next day. We held hands and prayed that God was going to put a hold on it and guess what? My period didn't come till the following week, as a matter of fact I had to pray again for it to be released •We were completely unprepared when ITA came but God was faithful enough to ensure that we were the last batch of ITA clinchers with 90 days to submit and He granted us favour to be able to submit by the 17th of August. I then began to worry about my medical results( I have a medical condition- nothing serious- that I thought might hamper my own medical outcome). I started doing research and I found out that the Canadian government had increased the health threshold. Long story short, everything was ready at the right time. We submitted, passed our medicals and the long wait began. About 10 days post AOR, I was looking through my submission and I realised that I might have made a mistake with my NOC. I used NOC 0124 (Advertising, public relations and marketing managers), instead of 1123 (professionals in advertising, public relations and marketing) so I reached out to NewMum to help me review and she concurred that even though both NOCS were very similar, my job duties were more aligned with NOC 1123 so I proceeded to raising an LOE to notify IRCC with evidence of some of the work that I do.I found out in October 2018 that my application was in AVO, I was initially depressed but I wasn't going to let that keep me down. Very much unlike me (who is usually weighed down with anxiety when I'm waiting for news this long), I stayed positive and hopeful all through and I know it is only God's grace that made it possible. Plus I went off NL completely because the wait was now harder each time I saw that someone had gotten PPR.I did other things to occupy my mind- planning for Canada session, CanPrep sessions, house hunting, school research, day care research, everything that was going to make our move easier. I consumed all the relocation content I could find and that kept me going and still keeps me going. Sometime in January, I ordered for my GCMS notes just to get a sense of where things were with my application and I saw a red flag regarding my NOC change. As a matter of fact my CRS score had been revised downwards from 444 to 394.I immediately swung into action to try and deal with it. Some people tried to discourage me, some even suggested I withdraw my application and start afresh but I knew the God I serve wasn't about to guit on me.

He perfects everything he started so I kept faith, did everything I ought to have done and remained hopeful. I reached out again to NewMum who had relocated by then, she helped me review my LOE and stayed with me in prayers all through. On the 8th of March, I got an ADR for payslips, bank statement highlighting my salary deposits, schedule A and additional family information, then I knew- He was about to come through. I had proactively filled out all the forms so as soon as I got to work on Monday, I printed my payslips and uploaded everything then the 2nd phase of the wait began. On the 5th of April, I was in this very terrible traffic and I decided to have an honest conversation with God. I didn't pretend about my expectation, I bared my soul to Him and asked Him to answer speedily! That same night at about midnight, my husband called and was at the verge of tears. The promotion list in his office had been released and after waiting for 67 months, his name wasn't on the list. I knew then that God was about to do something bigger than that promotion and bigger than all the other small things we had been hoping for. I comforted him and stayed up until he got home, I was afraid to tell him what I was feeling in my heart but I went ahead still and we agreed that it would be from my lips to God's ears. The PPR rain started in an Accra Visa Office WhatsApp group that I eventually joined, I was so sure mine would come within the first few days and then my hope started wearing thin but I held on to God and stayed in praise mode constantly. I got ghost update on the 17th of April and I celebrated it as a small victory. Ladies and gentlemen, this morning, God confirmed His word! The email has landed and the feeling is indescribable �����. I'm overwhelmed right now, I don't know how to explain it but I know enough to know that we serve a mighty God, the one who breaks protocols for our sake. The one opens a door and no man can shut it.I can't thank Him enough for taking me through the University of Patience. I've come out a better person. I'm thankful for the time I've spent waiting because it has helped me prepare to an extent for where I'm going (my best friend in Canada says I'm even more knowledgeable than herself who lives there�)It is my prayer that the one who did it for me would do it for each and every one of you looking up to him for their own testimony. Now the real panic attack has set in... I leave at the end of June and there's so much to be done but I trust the one who has brought me this far to hand hold me through every planning process till I get on that flight with my family and settle in at the other end of the world! had to come back to my first PPR journey family to share this and to use the opportunity to thank the amazing, selfless human that is NewMum. Even after completing the journey and through the process of settling

down in Canada she still finds time to check up on me and my application. She never stopped prophesying good news even until last week and now see what God did Summary of timeline:ITA- June 25th 2018AOR- August 17th 20181st ADR-September 14th 20182nd ADR- September 17th 2018MEP- September 17th 2018BIL- September 24th 20183rd ADR- March 8th 2019PPR- Today

Posted (on page 65) by:

### Zinggi

1:44pm On Feb 28

### Message:

Gather round Gather roundSomething has landedAnd to the Glory of God may I declare that it is PPR.My people the Golden mail has landed Thanks soo much for all the love and support.Full story coming soon. Get readyJe m'appelle PPR.

Posted (on page 17) by:

#### DexterousOne

2:09pm On Feb 20

#### Message:

Decision to migrate: November 2017: At this point, it dawned on me that my stay in the UK was coming to an end. I possibly couldn't believe my eyes until i got a mail from Home Office reminding me that i had some months left on my Visa. I was like na so this people wan thank me for spending millions running a Masters programme? At this point, i pinched myself and i was like..."oboy wetin u wan go do for naija"? To start from the scratch? Mbanu !!! I thought of applying for scholarships in the UK and US but for the UK, i was like never!!!.. not after breaking my back all in d name of warehouse jobs...lolzz omor i huzzle shaaa oooo. Options like residency in Australia and Canada became my best bets but I rather chose the Canada route and came across this thread..the rest is history.IELTS: My first IELTS test was in the UK, and i prepared for two weeks. First IELTS was LRWS: 7.5, 7.5, 8.0, 8.5...I was so excited thinking that was gonna fetch me a good CRS not knowing i needed atleast an 8.0 in the listening band. I really appreciate the great guys here who encouraged me to retake the test. Got back to Nigeria in January 2018 and decided to retake IELTS, this time around in March. Had ample time to prepare and was very much relaxed in the hall. My second IELTS test was LRWS: 8.0, 7.0, 7.5, 7.5 which was enough for me. As for the materials i used, i basically used online platforms like ieltliz, ieltsbuddy.com and ielts-up.com.ECAThis was straightforward as i evaluated just my Masters degree. WES was at my service and did the needful. Being a foreign degree, it was a smooth process for me, and i had my evaluation done within a month or thereabout.MEDICALSThis was quite straightforward. Had mine at Prime Medicals in Port Harcourt. Unfortunately, they are no longer part of the process.PROOF OF FUNDS(POF)Used 100% gift deed from my dad. This was transferred to my savings account and transfer document for that was secured. Many have been of the opinion that notarizing the gift deed isn't necessary. Personally i notarized mine. For the gift deed, i simply followed the format put up by wakanowdotcom. His post was really helpful. Other documents i submitted are: >6-month bank statement showing inflow of cash and transfer of POF. >Also got a printout of currency converter (oanda and xe.com) as at day of submission, >LOE explaining source of funds and bulk sum and,> bank reference

letter.NO PAYSLIPS WAS INCLUDED. I contemplated including one, but when i got necessary advice from the likes of Tojued and Newmum0615, i had to submit my application without including payslips. Happytbaby, glitteringstar, ugoiyke79e, thanks for all your mails. I so disturbed these guys and trust me, they were of great help. EMPLOYMENT: This was the point i needed my God to step into the matter...lolzzzz.. I actually worked in a firm where i was paid in cash, and all i did was to get a reference letter from my boss in CIC format. I also included an LOE stating the reason i was paid in cash. It was indicated on the letter that i was paid in cash. As for online presence, the firm had no online presence like a website, and i had to including a screenshot of the firm's registration page on the CAC's website. Lastly, i included my boss's complimentary card just incase they decide to reach him directly. In all, i committed everything to God. One prayer i kept praying was, God please blind them from all my inadequacies and trust me this prayer worked like magic..hahahahha.PCC: I applied for Nigeria and UK PCC. Mr Moshood was of great help when i applied for the Nigeria PCC. Though he made some errors on my PCC, but Lucia was very helpful as she helped me apply for another and scanned it to me. ADRs:I recieved my first ADR on Sept 20th and it was to fill Schedule A form, of which i did immediately and submitted. Second ADR came in October, which was to make payment for RPRF. Made this payment immediately. Third ADR came in and lo and behold, i thought it was PPR not knowing i had another form to fill up. This time around, it had to do with filling the IMM5406 form (additional family information). As usual, i responded swiftly.GCMS NOTES: Ordered first set of gcms notes on the 24th of November, 2018, and for over 60days it wasn't delivered. Mailed them severally and kept getting all sort of excuses. Atlast, had to re-order and it arrived on the 9th of Feb, 2019. Everything look cool. The wait continuedIn all these, it's been a long wait...some will say long overdue but i must say it is worth the wait. At some point i almost lost it 'cos i was beginning to get fed up with responses from CIC agents. Disturbing CIC agents became a hobby to me, as i kept calling and calling...dats how i spoke to one agent thrice on different occassions..lolz...but shun, this lady's voice is something else...often felt at home each time i got connected to her. Will miss her though...hope we get to meet in Cannyland. Psychologically, this process drained me..imagine friends always wanting to know wats going on in this life of dis dude who just got back from UK...enemies at the gate i must say...but God pass them. I no wan mention all dos "cats" (babes) wey don chop my UK money run....lolzzz.. dey go soon come back to chop Canny money...Chop keee una there...hahahahaha... Emotionally, it was hard

for me...thinking about the whole process and thinking about a sick dad who keeps asking..."my son, when are they gonna send the mail?...are you sure this thing will work out?...it became a regular thing that each time i watched his face and have the thoughts of FSW Express Entry, i simply got weak. One thing is for sure, he gave me a big smile early this morning when i got the golden mail..been a while i saw him smile though. One thing is for sure, i am happy he is strong to see this become a reality....no worry, na canny doctors go treat u las las. Maybe all those great doctors on this thread. I must say a huge thank you to everyone who chipped in one info or the other, you guys were of great help. Smslive, indeed you are a great oracle. Fresty, we global now !!!! Cheee !!! thanks for being a buddy indeed...God bless you real good.To my family...u know yourselves, AOR August Whatsapp group and August ITA whatsapp group, you guys rock.. Love y'all.. Mo, u aiit? init? To the newbies or those in the process, stay strong, stay focused, asked questions, i repeat ask questions.. read...read...read too...this journey is one that requires even the smallest person beside u.. Throw away pride and ego, and be humble enough to seek information. It is key. ABOVE ALL, BE CLOSE TO YOUR GOD...IT MIGHT SOUND FUNNY, BUT TRUST ME NOT EVERYONE WHO SEES YOU GOING TRU DIS PROCESS WISH U WELL...HENCE, BE CLOSE TO YOUR GOD.TIMELINE:One funny thing that happened prior to when i got the ghost update yesterday morning was that, i ordered for second GCMS notes in the morning, and after some minutes i got the ghost update, trust igbo guy like me naa.. i hurriedly mailed gcmsbuddy to cancel my order and initiate a refund. Indeed God was ahead of me. ITA: June 11, 2018AOR: August 28, 2018.1st ADR: September 20, 2018MED passed/ BIL: September 24, 2018.Biometrics submitted: October 9, 2018RPRF Request: October 31, 2018GHOST UPDATE: Feb 19th, 2019PPR: 2018RPRF PAID: Feb 20th, 2019VO- Ottawa.

Posted (on page 252) by:

### peek

4:20am On Apr 03

#### Message:

Fellow citizens, so this is it...I know most of you might not know me but my name should suggest something to you, right? Big thanks to all the elders that rocked part 3-5 with me, most of them are in Canada right now. Likes of @Kontagious @Happytbaby @newmum0615 the NOC expert,glitteringstar oh my ,mcstan18,threadstone,elfmann,cochtrane,erudite her time,40manlappy,sleekysilk,DadR,Yookus,Virt,einsteino,Mummyjaygirls and Feygbe my good friend, we met on nairaland and we have become friends over the years, i cannot thank her enough for her immense contribution towards my app. Ok lets cut to the chase, its finally PPR and COPR for the PM. Decision to travel: December 2015 after my NYSC.I started scrambling for foreign scholarships, engaging agents on how to obtain US visa with ease, how gullible i was then. I fell into the wrong hands and all my savings depleted. I even joined the students usa visa thread where the likes of lagosismyhome were elders then. Just know something today, agents are not your friend, all they wanna do is enrich their pockets. Fastforward to 2017,my brotherinlaw said he knows one agent that can help me with Canada, i was reluctant at first, agent again. I finally visited the guy in his office and he mesmerized me with juicy details about Canada and Australia,i met some gullible ones there too nodding their head like agama lizard in affirmation. He told me to write IELTS first and aim for a good score, he was not specific. I left his office that day thinking sebi its just English and this agents seem nice.Wrote my first IELTS May 2017 scored 6,6.5,7,7 LRSW. I called the agent and he said its not enof,i was devastated and summoned courage that i will write another one. In the middle of it all, i kept calling my agent he stopped picking my calls, stopped responding to my messages,i visited his office he was just giving lame excuses that my assessment is not yet out. Chai see gullibility at his best all over me. He frustrated me to start reading on my own that was how i stumbled on this thread. I was chewing it like agege bread and zobo (ounje mechanic). I wrote IELTS for the 2nd time August 2017 and that was how my frustration began. After 13 days BC refused to release my results. Ayeraye ninu awon orun o, they have come again o. They said my result was witheld for quality checks. Chai why me. Did i tell you i had to walk out of a

toxic employment during this period. I was lonely, sad and depressed. 2 months down the line no results after several mails and calls. By November 2017, i visited their office and they appealed to me to be patient. Patience kwa after 3 months what if the score is not even worth it. I couldn't even write another one then as advised by folks cos i was broke. IQAS dealt with me too,i won't bore you with that, see my IQAS timeline below. The next time i hear I before u hear Q i don runApplication date: 27/07/2017Transcript sent: 04/09/2017Acknowledgement by IQAS 11/10/2017ECA completed: 09/11/2017ECA received via courier 04/12/2017Lo and behold my IELTS of 4months was delivered to my house 2 days after i received my ECA and it came out positive. Listening: 8.5Reading:8.5Speaking: 7Writing: 7Come and see your PM cry of joy then, i was there was a Sophie by my side then, well sha maybe i will talk to Ifeoma77 about that later . I dived into the pool with #435. That was how IRCC decided to increase scores, CRS refused to drop. Which kain life be this. That was how i dug up my ATS and since IQAS does not evaluate professional cert i needed to cough out another cash for WES. I researched online if i can merge 2 ECAs as 2 or more. Happytbaby came to the rescue, God bless you Happy wherever you are. She advised i do a small table with name of institution, certificate obtained, year of study, assessment body and ECA number and back it up with LOE. Fastforward July 2018 ICAN ATS cameout positive after months of back and forth. I dived into the pool with #468 scores. Thought i will get smooth 3 months processing as my file was in Ottawa. For where, i got PPR just few days to the 6months clock. At this time, i was no longer bothered as my patience gear was already on gear 5, i just told God to have his way and i continued with the waiting game. Glory be to God almighty. ITA: July 25AOR: Sept 14,2018Biometrics: Oct 10,2018ADR IMM5406 Feb 19,2019Ghost Update Mar 7,2019PPR Mar 8,2019COPR Mar 28,2019Visa office: OttawaSingle Applicant.Few take away from my appPOF: 30% savings 70% gift deedMerged 2 ECAs as 2 or more...IQAS and WES No GMCS note ordered. My IMM5406 was rejected 3 times cos its incomplete. For newbies here, the best gift you can give yourself on this journey is to read, just read read, infact read. And you will be glad you did. To every one on this thread that contributed to this success story, thanks a bunch. Thats my PPR story what's yours?Your PM.

Posted (on page 232) by:

Vivi844

3:40pm On Mar 28

#### Message:

Kods1900:Okay Guys. It's time for a silent brother to be added to the Part 7 Hall of Fame. It's PPR!! Will be back to give a detailed timeline. I don't know how to do all the bolded things you people do so please just take my write-up the way it comes, Secondly I'm going to be typing on my phone so please ignore any typos you see. Timeline:IELTS: 21 Apr 2018 LRWS 8.5/8/7.5/8ECA: 14 Aug 2018Spouse IELTS: 21 Apr 2018 LRWS 6/4.5/5.5/6Spouse WES: 28 Jun 2018EE Profile Created: 14 Aug 2018 CRS 443ITA: 22 Aug 2018 AOR: 19 Oct 2018MEP/BIL: 21 Nov 2018Ghost Update: 24 Mar 2019PPR: 27 Mar 2019VO: OttawaNo ADR'sFamily of 4Decision to Travel: This was late January 2018 when a colleague and friend told me he was dropping his resignation and relocating with his family, I started thinking of my daughter and unborn child and started pondering if Nigeria was the right place to raise them. I heard about EE for the first time then and decided to try the CRS simulator and found out I'd get 443 because I had two B.Sc's, This was in February 2018. Decided to pay for IELTS for my spouse and I and wrote the test in April. IELTSIn as much as I appreciate this thread I'm actually glad I did not know about it until after my IELTS because as at the time of writing I didn't know I had to max out the scores and if I had known about this thread I'd have been really worried. I only practiced listening all through, practiced one test for reading and didn't bother with writing and speaking. I was lucky enough to max out. It was after the test I realized the amount of Favour I had with the test. This was done with BC. Wifey was heavily pregnant during the test and didn't even bother practicing at all, it was a difficult pregnancy and she barely made it to the exam and taking it. ECAUsed WES, didn't know at the time that there were other evaluation bodies, only knew about BC for IELTS and WESfor ECA. I was an unserious club boy during my university days so I graduated with a 3rd class after 7 years (A disappointment that later became a blessing) 2 years later I went back for another degree and graduated with a better grade. So with this I had 2 certificates. WES took 4 months because I had to evaluate my diploma, first bsc and second bsc. Wifey's bsc was out in about 3 months. POFI had some challenges with this because I'm one of those people who earn a lot and spends as much too. I work in an organization

where you work hard and play harder. Wifey had our second child 2 weeks post ITA so POF became higher. Eventually I used my savings, 85% gift deed from my dad, pension and gratuity. I literally just lumped them all, didn't put the exchange rate of the day, no breakdown tables nothing. Just loaded them all and decided to let them figure it out. Lol. I had a scare with my POF because i submitted my 6 months payslip and a few months before, I took a 3m car loan from the office and I had it showing in my payslips, I'm not sure how this was calculated eventually. JOB REFERENCEUsed the last 3 years in my latest job, Others were in personal history. Didn't want any complications on this. It was in CIC format and Newmum0615 helped also with confirming this. (Thank You). I also added my payslips, employment letter and work ID card to this. Pretty straightforward I might say. MEDICALSI had my medicals at Children's practice. Had to take my newborn at 2 weeks old for his passport. This also was eventless. Booked ahead, I was really scared because I didn't want anything to go wrong. I'm one of those people that gets really worried when I fall sick and start checking google which almost ends up giving myself an unnecessary heartattack. Well thank God there weee no issues. PCCUsed one inspector like that, paid 10k for my spouse and I and we were done with this in about an hour. POST AORShortly after AOR I got promoted at work, hmm I was just looking at them because whether they liked it or not I was going to leave eventually but it was all good though. So I settled into my new role which is pretty tasking and took a whole lot of my time. I ordered GCMS in February and got it in 11 days, this was a big surprise and when I checked the only thing that was completed was information sharing, criminality was in progress while eligibility and security had not started. I was also shocked to see that the last time my file was touched was in November. After biometrics I also found out that it never became completed like other, it continued showing my biometrics was nit received bla bla bla even though there was a biometrics number assigned. I raised a CSE and got a confirmation that it had been received so I relaxed. I also raised a CSE on wifey's passport because when we submitted she used the one that had her maiden name and we realized it was going to expire sometime in July and we wanted to have enough time to plan after PPR so we got a new passport with my surname and sent a LOE and affidavit with the new passport. This was acknowledged received although it never changed in my profile. PPRI used to check my profile once or twice weekly max. So on Sunday I decided to check because the last time I did that was the previous week and I saw that my application/profile was updated. Ran to wifey and told her PPR was coming. Opened my profile and saw that biometrics had changed to completed. Then, I became a bit worried because I would have preferred to see nothing change and it would then have been defined as a proper ghost update. I started overthinking things like what if the update was just for biometrics and nothing else. Anyway I was a tad hopeful. Next morning I couldn't sleep as I was expecting PPR mail but nothing, same with Tuesday. Woke up yesterday and saw the mail sitting pretty in my mail, it had arrived at 12:55am. Funny thing is I had my phone beep but I was of the opinion that PPR mails only came between 4:30am to 5:30am don't know why. Well submitted our passports yesterday and a new chapter of our lives is beginning to unfold right in front of our eyes. Lest I forget immediately I saw the mail I look at my children and I smiled and almost cried with the excitement that they wouldn't grow up in this country. I want to thank everyone for the selfless contributions to the thread. I gained immensely from them even though I wasn't able to contribute a lot myself. I read all the threads from part 1 even though I joined in maybe part 3 or 4 not sure anymore. Thanks a bunch to ARCUGO as he answered my first question on this thread. As it has ended in praise for me so shall it be for us all. AMEN!!!!!.

Posted (on page 112) by:

### Amylew

8:45pm On Mar 08

#### Message:

IT'S PPPPRRR GUYYYSSSSSSS!!!!!!!!!!!God has done it!!!! 9months!!!! The golden mail just dropped!Will be back with more details let me go back to praising My God!.

Posted (on page 168) by:

opella

10:22am On Mar 19

#### Message:

People of God, e don land at last ooooWhere I go start from?Timeline:Decision to travel: August 2017lelts: December 2, 2018. My babe got better IELTS scores, so we decided she should be the PA. Getting her ECA done was another hurdle on its own. Finally, it was ready and into the pool we went.ITA: July 25, 2018.AOR: August 18, 2018.MEP/BIL: September 18, 2018.ADR(RPRF): September 26, 2018.The excitement no be here. We believed we were among the few who get PPR in less than 2 months. We no know say our village people don Dey wear their trainers. We checked profile tire. If there was a limit to the number of times one could log in to their profiles, dem for don lock us out of the Cic website. Village people just Dey sip palmy, and watch DStv from the white cloth on Pete Edochie's wall. Silence......We called, raised CSE, ordered gcms. Everything looked okay, so we couldn't understand the reason for the delay. Sometimes we got nice agents and other times we got agents that didn't want to be disturbed. The last avant we spoke to told us to call back by June 2019. My babe said: "bobo yen ma blow ni." So we decided to chill. As it looked like nothing we did would speed up our processing. We also consoled ourselves with the knowledge that we were not alone in this predicament. Ip2: March 18, 2019. The update brought mixed feelings. We felt it was close, but didn't want to waste excitement again like we did in September. Tension was high and almost caused small Cold War between us sef. Finally, this bright sunny [1] morning, we woke up to see PPR sitting pretty in our mail. Looking like a beauty gueen. And the fireworks went off.......

Posted (on page 52) by:

#### **Fadia**

10:08am On Feb 27

### Message:

it's a testimony and I'm grateful. now going to study properly so i can pass prof. snape's exam. BRB..

Posted (on page 337) by:

### Topsmamen

8:07am On Apr 17

#### Message:

LONG VERSIONBEFORE 2018 - BACKGROUNDI was your average, not-verypassionate, but quietly loyal Nigerian. All I wanted to do was make it here and go for holidays abroad. As my friends were jetting out one by one, I watched with a weird mixture of envy and disdain. As time went by, however, my career stalled. Without professional growth, how will I be able to take care of my growing family? I work in a company in a specialized manufacturing industry. After ten years of work experience, I could no longer grow in the company and in a small, specialized industry I could not go to another company. I really tried to transfer to another industry. I did an MBA, became a PMP, and registered with several professional bodies. Filled my CV. Applied, applied and applied for jobs. No dice. I still felt I could wing it though. October 2017, while chatting with a childhood friend based Japan, he asked if I wasn't interested in traveling out. I told him not really. He then said Canada was the place to be and he would send me the process. I said ok, just to humor him. He forwarded a mail explaining Canada Express Entry and listed in it all the steps I was to take. I opened the mail, scanned the contents, smiled to myself, closed it and forgot about it.JANUARY - MARCH 2018: DECISION TO IMMIGRATEFast forward to January 2018, my job came under threat. With bleak prospects everywhere, I realized I had to make a radical decision and start my career all over again. And then came the still, small voice, if I was starting all over again, why don't I start all over again in another country? I remembered my friend's email and started research. Had a discussion with Mrs Joo and so the decision was made. All the research I did showed that in 2017, ITA draw points were low and I could get ITA with 420s. With my MBA and IELTS alone, I could get that range, so it was decided that I would be the PA and only assess myself.As NASU was still on strike, ECA was out of it. Registered for FutureLearn IELTS course (free option). Tried booking for IELTS only to realize that I needed a valid passport. Mine having expired. This was when passports were taking months to get. Found out that I could get one day passport at Ado-Ekiti. Took time off, traveled and got it. Booking for IELTS was tough as people were booking fast as the exam fee was increasing from 65k to 75k in May. I could only get April 4 test day at Port Harcourt. I booked

it fast.APRIL - AUGUST 2018: GOING SPOUSE UNACCOMPANIEDBC changed my exams days 3x within one week to the exam. The last one was a day to the exam. This was also a time when work situation was dire. There was no way to get leave and to go AWOL was to basically forfeit the job. So I gave up the exam. Rebooked for May 24. When NASU resumed, I started the ECA with WES. I used my statement of result. With extra time to prepare for IELTS, I used IELTS Ryan materials on youtube a lot. Downloaded and used a lot of IELTS practices apps on android (I don't remember which. Uninstalled them after the exam). I also completed the Road to IELTS materials provided. Results came ok.IELTS: May 24, 2018 L8 R9 S7.5 W7While reading more, I found out that draws were consistently high in 2018 and there was no way I was getting an ITA with my projected score. Having gone far in the process, the options were to wait and encourage my spouse to start the process or to forge ahead and let my spouse find her way later. I felt so pressured and chose the latter. Told Mrs Joo the new reality. That she needed to do IELTS and ECA, but she could do them later. Start EE by 2019 as a PA. I was going on ahead. No delay. It was at this period of confusion, I came across this thread online. Asked my first question and got an answer from @Ethelia. It didn't help though as I asked the wrong question. Started reading through the different parts. I was expectant. My ECA was due on August 21 and there was to be draw, draw #97 - August 22, 2018.AUGUST - NOVEMBER 2018: GOING SPOUSE ACCOMPANIEDHowever, by August 18, I changed my mind. I had come to realize that I had made the wrong decision. I needed my family with me. With a new baby on the way, I couldn't leave Mrs Joo alone. It also helped that the threat at work had reduced. After the normal delays on verification, WES ECA came out ok. Masters or Professional degree on August 21, 2018.EE profile created: August 22, 2018.Work on spouse ECA and IELTS began. Spouse ECA was also with WES. They added the WAEC requirement just as I was about to begin the process. ECA came out October 10.Little Joo in the womb wasn't easy on his mother and so my wife struggled to prepare for IELTS. But thank God, the exam came (September 29) and she added enough points to make our CRS score 447. The TRF arrived on October 15. I was about to update our profile with the TRF against a draw on Wednesday 17th, when I checked online and saw that there was a surprise Monday draw. Missed.We met draw #103 on October 29th. ITA finally arrived on October 31st late at night. Saw it on the morning of November 1st. Since all the documents were ready. Filled the application, uploaded the supporting documents and submitted.AOR: November 1, 2018Other details:Following @glitteringstar(2)'s steps, I opened folders for all

the possible placeholders, so I could be ready for the big day. I placed the documents there as I was getting them. Folders: Biographical datapage of passports, Birth certificates (for the children), Client Information (LOE), Digital photos, Marital status documents, Medical examination confirmation, Other Name (for spouse's change of name), Police certificates, Proof of funds, Proof of studies and Proof of work experience POF: Settlement funds was 66% TBills, 24% savings account. 10% was Pension Fund but was there to act as a buffer. I had support from my Dad so I had a gift deed done. I didn't submit it, but it was there as an insurance in case I got an ADR to prove the provenance of my finds. I actually named the folder I put it: in case I got an ADR. I forecasted I would be moving money around after AOR and so included 3 other accounts to the application. They were mostly empty, but I didn't want to be caught surprised in case I got a request for updated POF and the money was in an account I had not presented before. I got the inspiration from @vcole who include all of her own bank accounts. Got reference letter in CIC format from Stanbic. For the other banks, I used the introductory letters and letters of non-indebtedness provided. Employment: I have worked in the same company since graduation in different roles under the similar NOC. The JD the company provided was a bit generic and it was basically the same for all the roles. I worked on it to reflect the actual duties I did. @Newmum0615 (God bless you!) proof-read it and did some fine-tuning. I presented to HR and gbam it was rejected. World people. The HR Director noted that it was not in the company's format and asked the HR Manager to rework it. It stayed with that dude for a month. He always said he was busy. I tried to reason with him without tipping my hand. For where. At the end, he reverted to the old format. Did minor tweaking for all roles I've had at the company. It was so disheartening. I was able to convince him to include a line under each role highlighting the different staff I supervised in each role (officers, supervisors and production staff). That differentiated it a bit and showed progression.3 of the roles were NOC 0. 2 were NOC A. In my EE profile, I had filled the 3 NOC 0 roles for my work experience. I chose the longest role (6 years) as my primary NOC. The reference letter covered 4 of the roles. One was discarded as I was told they don't give reference letter for NYSC. The reference letter was 5 pages long. I submitted the single reference letter in each of the 3 placeholders for work history. In my personal history, I included ALL of the 5 roles I have served in the company. Education: ECA report, Degree certificates, IELTS TRF. I uploaded statement of result for my MBA as the certificate was not ready and Uniben was demanding for another 2yrs school fees (after convocation and no

fault of mine) in order to issue the certificate. It gave me concern, but I relaxed when I re-checked Canada.ca and only saw "proof of studies" with certificates only as an example. Spouse's Education: ECA report, Degree certificates, IELTS TRF. Also statement of result for her M.Sc.Spouse Work Experience: We worked at the same company, so I collected a reference letter for her at the same time. I didn't remove her work history. I submitted it since I already had it. Medicals: Done at Q-Life. Very seamless process. Police certificate: I printed out the form before the day. We did our fingerprints and filled our forms. On the day, met ASP Moshood and gave him the filled forms. Went smoothly. Photos: Studio 24, Ikeja. Turned out to be a waste of money as we did it early. The photos expired before PPR. We could have used normal digital photos and edited them. Legal document for name change: Submitted one & the same person affidavit for spouse.LOE: NoneIn preparing for the application, I downloaded forms IMM008 Generic, IMM5669e Schedule A and IMM5406e Additional Family Information as these are the forms in the eAPR. NOVEMBER 2018 – APRIL 2019I'm the kind of guy who watches CNN for 8hrs even though it is the same news being repeated every 15mins, so I made a decision to check my email and profile only once a day in the morning from Tuesday to Saturday. Almost 2 weeks after submission I realized that after all the preparation, I did not include anything "Organization" in our personal history i.e. I didn't include any organization we had belong to. To cover all bases, I drafted a LOE listing the organizations I and my wife had belonged to over the past ten years, signed it and scanned. Raised a CSE on Nov 13, 2018 and attached it.MEP/BIL was on November 30. Got a ghost email for UCI numbers on December 1. Did biometrics on December 7 and it was completed a few hours later. The background check changed to IP1 on December 14. Raised a CSE to know VO on December 22nd. Got a reply on 24th.Raised another CSE for status on February 4, 2019 and got a generic reply. Ordered GCMS notes on February 4. It arrived on April 13, 2019 (took 69 days). The wait ehn. It is only when you submit your application that you can understand. Then everyone around you starts getting PPR here and there and you wonder what is wrong with your application. You apply for GCMS notes, it doesn't arrive even as people around you are getting theirs after 2 weeks. You start wondering what message God could be trying to pass along. Then you get your notes and find out that eligibility has been passed since December 13. Warristhis!!!!!!Little Joo came in February. I took the chap and his mama to NIS for passport within a week. There was complaint about unavailability of booklet, but God used a lady at the office to help out. Passport came out within a week. When I

made a slip about the baby and passport on the thread, @mummychichi reached out. Thanks for that. Booked and did medicals with IOM (Qlife was telling me to wait till May). Raised CSE to add newborn little Joo on March 19, 2019. A reply came on March 21 that I should mail Ottawa directly. Did so promptly. Got an ADR upload little Joo's documents on March 22, 2019. Submitted documents on March 23. ADR profile changed to Not Applicable on March 25. Got a ghost email on March 26, 2019. Found out it was for UCI no the baby. His medicals passed on March 27. Another period of waiting. Sunday morning, April 14, I had an unusual urge to check my profile. I had not checked it on Sunday before. Checked and voila, it is IP2.Ready for Visa / Prêt pour Visa landed gently at 2:13 AM, April 16, 2019 (it was dated April 15). Thanks to all of you in the thread for keeping me sane. Answering your questions does me a world of good. It satisfies my need to poke my nose into other people's business, spend hours searching for information online and render (un)solicited advice. Thanks to @Tojued and @Ifeoma77 for the banter. @dumprep, I miss your posts. Thanks to @raphrulz for reaching out and the friendship. A special thanks to the November AOR whatsapp group @ramj, @jholarharde and all you lovely people whose NL monikers I don't know.I have a dream that all of our hopes and dreams about Canada will come true..

Posted (on page 32) by:

#### captainhoo

1:52pm On Feb 22

#### Message:

Post Alert from a silent reader )DECISION TO MIGRATE: April 2018.Got a call from a friend studying in Canada who encouraged me to apply for express entry. This was after Multiple attempts for PhD and second MSc Admissions in Canada failed. I was that desperate to leave Naija. I returned to Nigeria in Second MSc, Yasss January 2017, with a UK masters degree and was earning less than 100k as salary. ECA: May/June 2018Process for credential evaluation was pretty straightforward. My original certificate was faxed to WES, and having a foreign masters degree made the whole process seamless. My school sent my transcript over the next day, and whole process took about a month.IELTS: June 30, 2018One Attempt: LRSW (8.5/9/7.5/7) Overall band score 8. Entered Pool: July 23rd, 2018. CRS: 453. Withdrew profile the next day (Passport was to expire in January). Renewed my passport the next day, entered pool July 25th, and missed ITA by a hairs breath. Had to wait till the next ITA.ITA: August 08, 2018MEDICALSThis was quite straightforward. Had mine at The Children's Practice, Ikoyi. PROOF OF FUNDS(POF)Used 100% gift deed from my my parents (Joint Savings Account). This was transferred to my savings account and transfer document for that was secured (Transfer receipt plus Teller). Other documents submitted include: >6month bank statement showing inflow of cash. I used a green highlighter to highlight the transaction for POF. >LOE explaining source of funds and the reason I could not obtain Bank letter in CIC format>Letter of Indebtedness>Bank Reference LetterPCC: I applied for Nigeria and UK PCC. Applied for Nigeria PCC in Enugu (paid 15k and it took about 2 weeks to process)EMPLOYMENT: Included Offer Letter, Reference letter in CIC format. NO PAYSLIPS, although I included 6 bank statements (on the day my salary was paid) (Payment from my company was highlighted again, with a highlighter). ADRs: NONEGCMS NOTES: Ordered first set of gcms notes on the 29th of November, 2018, arrived in my mailbox on the 2nd of January, 2019. I got to know that my file was in CPC OTTAWA. Not a lot of progress seen. Criminality and Medicals Passed. Eligibility and Security Not Started. Info Sharing: Started.Raised CSE twice, got generic responses. Called IRCC multiple

times but was connected to an agent once in Early February, just after i crossed the 4months mark. (Agent also could not provide any info I didnt already know. Was told Eligibility and Security was in Progress. Ordered Second GCMS notes after calling CIC (February 14th) because i wasnt satisfied with the responses i had been getting. Yet to arriveTIMELINE:ITA: August 08, 2018AOR: September 23, 2018.MED passed/ BIL: October 23, 2018.Biometrics submitted: October 25, 2018SILENCEEEE NO ADRSGHOST UPDATE: Feb 21st, 2019. I formed a habit of checking my account literally everyday after i crossed the 4 months mark. I logged in yesterday morning, and saw that my status had changed to Application/profile updated. No email, statuses remained unchanged (medicals, adr, background and the rest) and no message in my account. After I logged out and logged in again, status changed to submitted.PPR: Feb 22nd, 2019. Ready for Visa Mail from CPC Ottawa at 2:41am (Dated February 21st, 2019). No message in my account.VO- OttawaSingle Applicant. Thank you everyone for the support and useful information during the process. Congratulations for all those who got PPR. Wishing everyone the best of luck, PPR is around corner. Hang In There and Never Lose Hope! It will surely end in praise.

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Posted (on page 22) by:

### Topsmamen

10:35pm On Feb 20

#### Message:

Awestruck I fall to my knees as I humbly proclaim, You are amazing, God!Ladies and gentlemen and bob riskys, its PPR!My application does not have any special twist or turns that makes it spectacular. The decision to travel was in March 2018.IELTS (LRSW 9 8.5 7 7) was attempted once. I remember not getting above 35/40 in all the listening practices while preparing for the exam. Nervousness got the better of me during speaking. It was just God's grace.ECA (Unilag Masters) using WES took 5 months altogether, partly because I was waiting for my certificate to be ready for collection.POF was 80% gift deed from Iya Kunle. Deed was notorised at Ikeja (Court)MEP was a huge relief; I was expecting an ADR on that.Raised an enquiry asking for my VO on Dec 7, 2018. Response came 5 days later that it was CPC, Ottawa. Tracking September AOR NGR single applicants was the assignment I gave myself to predict when I would likely get PPR. GCMS notes did not raise any red flag, and all was completed except security. This morning, when I saw an update notification on my profile without any apparent update, I was happy I got a Ghost Update. I opened my Outlook and a Ready for Visa mail dropped. I didn't know when my eyes started waterworks while singing Hillsong's So Will ISo my timeline...IELTS: May 24, 2018ECA: Aug 20, 2018. Dived into the pool same day.ITA: Aug 22, 2018AOR: Sep 26, 2018MEP/BIL: Oct 25, 2018Biometrics: Oct 14. 2018 passport, 30, 2018ADR: Dec (renewed responded Dec 27)GCMS Ordered:Jan 9, 2019.GCMS Received: Feb 9, 2019.PPR: Feb 20, 2019 (dated Feb 19)I know I was favoured. For as many that are stuck in one stage or the other, may grace and favour locate you. Thank you, guys,.

Posted (on page 50) by:

#### Topsmamen

9:03pm On Feb 26

#### Message:

Dear Everyone, Ok NOW i'm back with the full gist! Lol! I was so busy with work that I didn't have time to send my testimony yet.I want to thank God first of all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Let again that **PPR** me scream patience. I had typed out my PPR story in faith in September 2018 when I submitted my eAPR and prayed. This is my timeline below- WES Evaluation for my Masters - 24/05/2018IELTS with British Council, Lagos - 28/07/2018LRSW -8.5/8/8/6.5 (1st attempt)(Paid for EOR/remark on 10/07/2018)Writing upgraded to '7' on 31/08/2018 (After praying and fasting tremendously for 7 days. E no easy. I just begged GOD that pls I don't want to write it again)CRS score.... 462 ITA..... Sept 5, 2018AOR..... Sept 21, 2018 MEP & BIL.... Oct 18, 2018Biometrics done... Oct 19, 2018Ordered GCMS... Nov 2nd 2018 (Got it 34 days later with info saying that info sharing had started with other embassies.)ADR & Interview... NoneNo Ghost update.PPR..... Feb 19, 2019Timeline - 151 days(Single applicant) I also fired plenty prayers and fasted and kept trusting GOD that I wanted a PPR testimony and HE did it! It has ended in PRAISE! I prayed for a speedy PPR but GOD does things in HIS own best time so I am more than joyous 5 months later! The first two months after submitting my application was the hardest for me because I was checking my application at least 3 times a day waiting to see any change. Lmao I was like a crazy person. After the second month and nothing, I decided to just continue my life and started checking from 3 times daily to once a week to once a month. I had seen people write here that at first they go crazy logging in every time then after they just relax and forget about it till PPR comes.ECA - I used WES to evaluate my UK masters. It took 1 month and that was the first thing I did after I made my decision to start this journey in April 2018.POF - I submitted only my Stanbic Mutual Funds letter and mutual funds statement for POF. I didn't submit my bank statements. In the mutual funds letter, they wrote my funds in Naira and also wrote a Canadian equivalent of my funds in Canadian Dollars (using the rate as at the day the letter was printed and they indicated that also). I did not submit my bank statement or pay slips. Work experience - Over 5 years experience. My former employer didn't

have any issue drafting the letter in IRCC format while my present employer drafted the letter thinking I needed it for visiting visa purposes in the format I wanted. Medicals - Everything was fine. Thank GOD. Travel History - Over the Span of 10 years, I had travelled numerous times to 8 countries multiple times etc Biometrics - One important issue to note was that I had a technical difficulty with my online application profile in respect to Biometrics. I did my biometrics a day after getting the BIL and even though my profile was updated a few days later with my biometrics details, Biometrics never showed as completed for me and even after 30 days had lapsed on the issue, biometrics status changed to 'We have not received your fingerprints. Check your biometrics request message below' and so I worried alot because I felt this might somehow slow down my application if it was showing that my biometrics was yet to be done. I raised 3 CSEs to complain about the issue and was told the biometrics details had been received by the responsible office so I decided to just relax and go about my life till my PPR arrived. I never got a ghost update before my PPR. However when I logged into my profile after I had received it, I saw that my biometrics had changed to 'Completed'. No siblings in Canada. Also two visa refusals in my history. One previous student visa refusal from canada which I stated in my application and another visa refusal from scheghen. I was truthful about that in my application. Another funny thing is I finally got through to IRCC via phone on 15th Feb 2019 and the agent told me that my eligibility, security and criminality had not been completed and that she wishes me all the best in my application. She was very polite and nice. I had planned to order GCMS at the end of the 6-month wait but only after speaking to an agent. So imagine my shock when I got my PPR email on 19th Feb 2019One of my siblings was the one who referred me to this helpful forum. She had been following from part 1 while I just followed from part 4. However her wealth of knowledge from part 1 really sped up my application process. People's testimonies are different so don't be discouraged at all because God comes through for everyone. Just believe that at the end of the journey, we will thank God in Cannyland. Thank you to everyone who answers questions and helps on this thread! May GOD meet you all at the point of your needs! I am truly grateful. Praying for everyone on this journey to PPR and those starting a new life in cannyland! May GOD be with us all and see us through to Canada successfully! AmenMay it end in Praise for all of us in JESUS NAME! Amen! Adaoh:PRAISE GOD! I finally got my PPR on the 19th Feb but i'll be back with all the full gist later on!!! .

Posted (on page 286) by:

#### christokers

11:21pm On Apr 08

#### Message:

Ladies and gentlemen! It's PPR!!Sorry, this is coming a bit lateHmmm, where do I start, My God is gracious!Prepare for long gist oooTime lineITA- OCT 3AOR- OCT 12MEP and BIL- Nov 9Gave Biometrics- Nov 9 (No dulling)Dec 28:Got to know that file has been transferred to Etobicoke and criminality passedDec-March18: Complete silence, no movement at all after criminally passed. March 19- Eligibility recommended passed March 28- Ghost update, called and got to know Eligibility passed, security passed, awaiting final decision. April 4- PPRVO - Etobicoke So, the journey started with my husband in 2015. I really wasnt interested in relocating. So I just left him to be doing all the runs. He got into the pool(thru an agent) with little info on EE as it just started sha, his IELTS was excellent but age and only bachelor's degree brought his crs to 380 or soHe was advised by another agent to go through school.. Long story..He got admission May 2017 and applied for student visa, he was to resume september 2017. At this time I started to follow the process keenly, but I really don't want him to leave me and the kids in Nigeria while he goes to study. So we decided that since we had a valid 2 years US visitors visa, we will plan our journey for a short US vacation, where he will then go from US to Canada to resume his course of study. When he get there, he will immediately apply for spouse work permit for me, then my self and the kids will join him in Canada before our 6months B1/B2 visa expires. Sounds like a perfect plan right? Yinmu, Hmmm.....So we planned our trip in July 2017, packed our bags disposed of plenty items. We are relocating!!! I am laughing at my self right now..lolsWell, your guess is as good as mine. One month into our stay in the US the canada student visa was denied. Our eyes now opened. Returning is not an option oo. Another journey now began. This time with prayer and fasting. Seriously ooo... cos this one na real one chance, Advices were just flying up and down. Marraige arrangee advice, crossing canada/US border advice, asylum advice ...hmm I know some of us can identify with these things...lolsssSo we prayed as we wanted God to show us the way to go. After the prayer sessions we didn't hear anything specific. Few days later our pastor called us and was asking us questions. We explained everything to him and he asked why we are not going through

express entry. We told him my hubby has tried it but scores were not high and even me (younger)after trying the CRS tool still got low scores 370ish. Pastor prayed with us and encouraged us not to worry, that God will settle us. Some how, after that call we started thinking about express entry again. This time me as the principal applicant. Maybe there is actually a way to get this crs scores to be higherSo one day, I was playing with the crs tool and then I discovered that the reason for my low scores was the assumed IELTS scores of 7777 that I have been inputting on the crs tool. I wanted to be modest cos it's my first time and I don't want to put high scores like that. So when I put in high scores It went up to 401. I was very excited. It was as if I got ITA. I never realised what a difference the IELTS could make. I haven't discovered Nairaland then. So I called my hubby then and gave him the good news. We registered for IELTS(and started preparing for maximum scores. I started ECA too. I also discovered Nairaland and got plenty info on how to ace listening especially. This was where I also discovered that my credential was actually 2 or more certificate and it increased my scores the more.Long story short IELTS came out excellent and I got WES of 2 or more certificate with a total CRS of 428.ECA (WES)was pretty fast, was ready in 2months, in spite of the fact that we arranged everything from the US.Jan 3rd last year we dived into the with the hope of the miracle of CRS coming down to as low as 413 of 2017. You guys would have been calculating that our 6 months in the US is almost coming to an end so what did we do?....When all these advice left and right were coming we were not ready to go all those routes (I can't judge anyone that go those routes cos na person way dey here fit understand the pressure). So rewinding back to october 2017, while preparing for IELTS and with plenty research on our own, I applied for admission for an associate degree, and got admitted. I also got my I-20. I filed first, for extension of our B1/B2 status and secondly change of b2 status to F1( Student status) Of course while these filings are pending approval our stay will be legal. If USCIS like, make dem take 2 years to approve ordinary B2 extension of 6months, na dem sabi, status will be seen as legal all through the period your application is pending approval. The truth is that if we intend to go from US to Canada through EXPRESS entry we got to remain in legal status in the US.So it became like a 2 way thing for us It's either we go to Canada through EE or remain in the US through(expensive and uncertain) education route. By March last year it was becoming obvious we can be in the pool all year, till my birthday takes away another 5 points again... and still not get ITAWe started looking at PNP. From March to September we were on MPNP processing

and finally got Nomination - September 28.I shared my nomination testimony on this platform I think in early october. Hmmm, provincial nomination is like mini PPRWe got ITA October 3rd and submitted our application Oct 12th sharply (if not for US pcc sef it would have been faster)God also came through for us as regards POF. Our savings from Nigeria and a few sales of properties made it possible to submit bank letter stating adequate 6 months average and current balance.PCC-Inspector Moshood. Medicals was done within a week in the USMeanwhile extension of our US B2 status and Change of status to F1 were still pending approval.I was just praying that approval of F1 will not come before PPR, make e no be say I go con pay school fees finish and then PPR comes. However the F1 approval came in Jan this year when registration for winter semester as just closed (praise God) so I have a valid reason to defer admission to summer semester!After 5 months of waiting for PPR, I really got worried cos I will have to register for classes unfailingly by May. We kept praying... Finally April 4th I got an email from ircc to check my account for udate... I thought it was the second ghost update (that I have been waiting for) that will signify application approved. I opened my account to see new message- I reluctantly opened it hoping its not an ADR. Only for me to see Request letter! Come and see excitement! I was smiling from ear to ear all day!Really grateful to God dot seeing is through this roller coaster journey.If nothing else this journey has thought us patience. As in patience!!God makes a way where there seems to be no way as long as we are determined. If you close the door of your mind to a process.... everything remains closed. But if your mind is opened to options and you take out quality time to research and get informations, you will be amazed that you'll discover what you thought never existed. This was our experience with this our US trip. It was indeed a training period for us. We have bonded better as a family and also have been closest to God like never before during this period of stay in the US. We have indeed learnt a lot. We have seen US in totality this past 2 years and God has been faithful. It's time to go and see, live and prosper in Canada. This PPR journey has ended in praise. Thanks to everyone for your support through this journey. Special shout out to Tolfa, future energy, joo2018, nobody, Ayemaybe, o2 and Yuddy2.I pray God will grant us all our heart desire in Jesus name. Amen!God bless you allLet me go and continue monitoring passport return tracker closely.

Posted (on page 169) by:

pepe1

12:40pm On Mar 19

#### Message:

Nigeria Canada. and woke lt's 1 slept in in up I discovered I was BORN in NigeriaAOR 23RD OctoberMEP/BIL 21st NovemberRPRF 4th December (Paid same day)IP2/Background check commenced on 15th MarchPPR 19th March 3.41AM (dated 18th March)For POF, I used my Stanbic Pension (25% of total amount), Gratuity and Mutual funds. This forum has been very helpful and I thank everyone. Your sojourn shall end in praise.Let the good life begin.....

Posted (on page 13) by:

#### DadR

7:24am On Feb 20

### Message:

Breaking News: IT IS PPR !!! IT IS PPR!!! IT IS PPR!!! ITA: June 11th, 2018AOR: August 28thMEP: Sept 24thRPRF: 26th OctoberRPRF paid: 31st OctoberGhost Update: Feb 19thPPR: Feb 20th ��VO: OttawaIndeed, it's been a long journey. Prof Raphrulz, i'll be back with my short episode....u know i'm on a GPA of 4.48...i just need to C to make a 1st class .

Posted (on page 180) by: Swtibogirl88

4:38pm On Mar 20

### Message:

As the Bible says the End of a thing is better than the beginning thereof Ecclesiastes 7:8Everyone this is what are all aiming at.No giving up no holding back. Whatever stage you are Keep at it, Keep learning and Go for it. When you get these envelopes in your hand all the stress the waiting, the multiple IELTS attempts will wane in comparison to the joy you will feel. Finally none shall be left behind in Jesus name. Once again this thread has all you would need Read get a book or notepad - OWN This Process for yourself. Asking is good Knowing it is betterJe m'appelle COPR.

Posted (on page 355) by:

kentoski

3:02pm On Apr 19

#### Message:

Gentlemen! The first breakthrough is hereListening 8.5Reading 8.5Writing 8.0Speaking 8.5First attempt. I'm so elated right now. My appreciations to everyone, particularly ladymarshall. Thank you for your time and sacrifice. I'm so glad I could make it worth it. Oga Wassey, your dedication is uncommon and I benefitted immensely from joining your class. Thanks Johnnybravo1990 too for the last minute tip..

Posted (on page 297) by:

#### wasseynewest

6:32am On Apr 10

#### Message:

\*\* clears throat\*\*Sorry for the delay..... I need to add sauce to the gist ni PPRRRRR!!!!!Alhamdulillahx3ce, jare.....Guys!!!!! lt's robil al'aminAm SO excited ����. You might be wondering who is this but it's your pppprrrrrrr.....yeeeaaahhLOOONNNNNGGGGG boy(wasseynewest) ALERT!!!!!!!!So i decided am going to be the one to announce our ppr, Yes i just feel like It, so to the main gist. Idea to japaa January 2018, actually one of my hubby's former boss that has successfully relocated in 2017 told him about express entry in 2017, he told me about it and the otondo me that hasn't travelled out of naija before was like..... so oo. I really wasn't interested at first cause I know nothing about the whole express entry stuff. Fast forward to Jan 2018 after my birthday which was Jan 17, bobo said we are going to do our passport o, that he has asked his uncle about how to go about it and he already collected the number of a man that's actually going to help us out there.PASSPORT PROCESSING....JAN 18. We went with our two boys and spent the day there, the man wasn't of much help actually after we paid he said his going out(that was how he japaa) and handed us over to another officer there, that one no even say make him even come look our face, as people that came after us self were being smuggled in by the people they know, we were waiting on queue ni o, and uncle number don switch off, not even knowing we were suppose to go somewhere else first, where they will ask me and hubby few question about our family and children. Thank God one of my boys run go that side and as we were trying to catch him na im we run into the lady that did some photocopies for us downstairs in fact that was where we paid to the man, and even she self was surprised say we still dey, in short she was the one that sha told us about the interview and where we go enter do am, the woman that was to interview us self was angry say she don dey call us since, we sha Do the interview and left there. To cut the short story long ��, we were among the last batch they attended to and we left there, bobo(newest) was angry with the man anyways.ECA: this wasn't that stressful plus WES have not started asking for WAEC then, apart from the fact that hubbys schools both ojere and ibadan over charged him as per say him be politician for school and their faculty president for

poly ibadan, they charge am small. As for me being a product of a better by far university(unilorin) �� it didn't cost me much, I spent like 11500 or so plus courier and all and I gave the lady in charge 1k out of my free Will, I didn't even go there myself, I sent someone....soMy ECA. August 7Hubby. August ending sha can't remember the date.IELTS.....omg... the toughest but God came through for us Alhamdulillah, hubby already shared that testimony here so wouldn't be writting much on it before una say I too like story. Hubby IELTS 6th attemptL 8.5, W7, R7, S 7 he's the PA.ME L8 W6.5 R7 S7.5. We battled with IELTS from May 12 to Oct before the breakthrough.PCC Newest got inspector moshood's no on this thread, he's quiet a funny man. It was a smooth and fast process. MEDICALS: we were lucky enough to get an already booked date easily, hubby also met the guy on this platform. He announced on the thread that if there's anyone interested on the date because he couldn't wait again and that he is going for the IOM option, so we accepted the date and went for medical before ITA, It was smooth too we were the first to get there and got the no 1 tag for all colours. We finished around after 10.POF; Not that easy but we thank God. My hubby's uncle in the US helped with part of the payment and we did gift deed, also sold off some stuff plus bobo's salary that he's been saving up. Mehn....this journey require a lot fund oooo. REFFERENCE LETTER: Hubby got his ref letter from previous company. Oh....in his present company he was unable to get the letter from the HR department on a letter head paper although one of his senior colleague(supervisor) was able to get his within 5days and told him how to go about, but we never hear anything. He later asked his supervisor to write for him on a plain A4 papper and added all the necessary addables- I don't know if the word is correct oo....you sha understand what i mean rai, � I know you do�.We submitted our application o in the hope that when the letter headed ref come we will raise a CSE to upload it and explain why it was late-- bad idea right(yes), that was newest idea but I discouraged him(beauty with brain), but I couldn't pass IELTS writting with that brain 🗘 🛮 🕽 💠 💠 . The ref letter arrived two o weeks ago, must have been stuck on third mainland bridge hold up....Our TimelineIELTS PA Oct 27IELTS me. June 30ECA PA..... Aug 28 ECA me... Aug 7ITA. Dec 19AOR. Feb 6BIL completed. Feb 7 ADR. Feb 25App Dec 27MEP/BIL. approved. MARCH 7thPPR. APRIL 9thWe give thanks to God Almighty that has made all things beautiful in its time. It has indeed ended in praise for us and yours too shall definitely end in praise and worship.TO others that are long overdue to receive their ppr in one Avo or anoda, I pray that God

shall touch the heart	of that V.O. that	is singing "mi o	lewa ku"	on top your file
and make him release	your ppr soonest	so that you can	dance ABL	.E GOD

Posted (on page 364) by:

enoeshett

10:36am On Apr 21

### Message:

guys.Decision to travel- February 2018ECA-28/6/2018IELTSlts PPR 13/10/2018CRS Score-446ITA-29/10/2018. (Draw score) 442AOR-12/11/2018MEP/BIL- 12/12/2018Ghost Update- 13/12/2018Biometrics Completed-14/12/2018ADR for RPRF- 16/01/2019 (Payment made same day)Ordered for GCMS note- 14/02/2019GCMS note received- 19/03/2019PPR- 17/04/2019Passport Transmitted- 18/04/2019 AOR to PPR- 156 daysVO: OttawaSingle Applicantl believed in the Nigerian dream until I graduated from school. However, I was never interested in any 'back-door' process. It all started with a visit to the Travel section of Nairaland sometime in 2017, I found and read through the process for Australia, I left it for a long while came in October 2017 during my search I found the process for Canada. I researched about life in both countries and their processes and settled for Canada. I read page 0 of part 2 and 3 and started following the thread from part 3. In February 2018, I decided I was ready. ECA: Registered with WES in the second week of February, all documents got to them in 2 weeks. The first school verified without issues after payment, it took 2 months to complete the second verification. Hardcopy ECA was delivered on 4th of September. Sometime in October my contact in the second school called that they have received hardcopy verification mail from WES and requested I pay for verification via courier . I told them not to bother that the verification have been completed a long time ago.IELTS: This IELTS show me pepper ehh.1) LRWS: 8.5, 7, 6.5, 7 (Applied for EOR, came back unchanged) {BC}2) LRWS: 7, 8.5, 7.5, 7.53) LRWS: 7.5, 8, 7, 8.54) LRWS: 8.5, 8.5, 6.5, 8 (Applied for EOR, came back unchanged)5) LRWS: 7.5, 8, 6, 7.5 {BC}6) LRWS: 8, 9, 7, 87) LRWS: 8.5,8.5, 7, 8I wrote my first IELTS in March 2018 with so much confidence but writing messed me up. I joined Cochrane's webinar (God bless you bros), there was improvement (in writing) on the second and third test as seen above but I lost concentration during Listening both times. After my sixth Speaking test, I registered for another exam as I felt the speaking was not okay. Omo, when I saw my result it felt like PPR, I laid on the ground and sang in praises to GOD. I was smiling like a fool throughout the day. I was advised not to bother writing the 7th exam whereby I have already gotten what I needed, one guy said

IELTS dey drain blood. As I no want make my money waste I decided to write the exam and the result was even better. With 6th result my CRS was 443 and after the 7th I was at 446.At some point when I was facing this challenge my best friend tried persuading me to follow some backyard visa route an agent was proposing to him and I declined. He got pissed and said I too like due process, say make I no go waste time lose everything. I was devastated, but I continued to tell myself that "the only person who needs to believe in a vision is the person who saw the vision". Today here we are .POF: 100% Gift from my dad. I submitted Oando exchange rate equivalent, Treasury bills Certificate, Transfer receipt, Notarized gift deed, 6 months bank statement and generic reference letter from my bank. When my Tbills matured I moved the money to mutual funds and did not inform CIC about it. Medicals: Booked an appointment with Qlife with a November date and requested they call me if an earlier date became available. I was called when an earlier date became available and I took it.PCC: ASP Moshood to the rescue.REFERENCE LETTER and NOC: I was stuck on NOC code, so I reached out to the NOC gueen- Newmum0615 (wonderful woman) sent her two NOC codes and she approved the one I was thinking. The next day she said she got a better NOC and it was a perfect match. Throughout my search I never came across the NOC the later sent to me.I make adjustment to the JD, took it to my boss who approved it and sent to HR. I got to HR office and the lady started adding things wey nobody send am, claiming that she has been writing letters to embassy for others. She initially refused to even add my ID saying it's not needed on a reference letter. After so much back and forth, I sha begged and she later wrote it the way I wanted. I created my EE profile on 25th October using 2 years' experience as the other company I worked for is defunct and I wanted to keep my application simple. When I got ITA, I wasn't as happy as I felt when I passed IELTS. It took me 2 days to even login to my profile to accept the ITA. After AOR I told myself that PPR will come before 3 months little did I know I was only fooling myself. When I crossed the 3 month mark, I believed strongly that it will come in the fifth month as that have been the trend with Ottawa. I also never bothered joining any Whatsapp group for the sake my sanity. On 16th January while in a bus going home I started sneezing uncontrollably and I kept telling myself that IRCC was calling me, lo and behold when I got home it was indeed IRCC calling me to pay RPRF, payment was made same night. Then the silence began, I initially told myself say I no go order GCMS note but things just dey run through my mind, later ordered the notes.....everything was fine.When the wait was becoming difficult to bear I

resorted to one of my hobbies and graciously got a better job. At this point, I started checking my application once in a while. My application was on IP2 from AOR to PPR. On 16th April I logged into my profile and found ADR submitted for RPRF have changed to NA. The next morning the golden mail was sitting right in my mail. It has ended in praise. A big thank you to all contributors on this thread. To those at different stages, keep at it. It will surely end in praise for everyone. To those who are just starting; research, research and research.....

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Posted (on page 32) by: 1:35pm On Feb 22

### Message:

Silent reader but not anymore, lol. Decided on this journey January 2019. Wrote ielts 09 Feb (first attempt)LRWS: 8.5, 8.5, 8. Overall band= 8.5. I saw my result and could not believe. I still think maybe it is not mine and they switched results. I am grateful to @Eshay for introducing me to the Cannyland journey, this platform and thread, guiding me and sharing her experiences while I prepared for the exams. You are my angel. May our dreams come true I prepared for a month. Listening: Practice and concentration is the key. I practiced at least 3 times a week. First results were poor but over time it got better. Know the scores you need to get an 8 (36/40 minimum) and never give up until you can score it in at least 6-7 practice tests consecutively. @happyme31 is so right, that listening tip helped me too especially part 2, 3, and 4. I remember it was a lady that scored so high in part 6 that gave that tip. Practice writing out keys parts of the conversation as you hear them, especially for those academic and touring conversations (part 3 and 4). This will be so useful for answers that are synonyms of what was spoken. For instance, in part 3 of my exam, the supervisor told the student that her presentation was too sudden and the answer was Abrupt. She told the student that she was also too slow, too fast in her speaking and the answer was Irregular. Writing out that conversation helped me identify the synonyms as I rechecked. In those sections, where you have A, B, C options, You would waste a lot of time and lose concentration if you are looking for the answers while the conversation is on. Write out key words and points. Part 1 and sometimes part 2 are straightforward, no need to write all, just listen carefully. If you miss an answer, MOVE ON FAST, don't Reading: Skimming and scanning are the keys. The panic or think about it. answers are sequential through the passage but they can be tricky. In passage 3 of my exam, the last two answers were in the second paragraph because it mentioned two sentences about outdoor jobs, while the rest of the paragraphs were about indoor jobs. When you cannot find the answer, move on immediately and finish the rest, then return to those unknown questions and read the passages carefully sentence by sentence in that paragraph you think it is, you will find it, depending on how much time you have. While practicing, I noticed my weakness

was the difference between False and Not Given, so I spent more time on those parts. Speaking: Telling a story in part 2 and talkativeness in all the parts are the keys. As @happyme31 pointed out, Jay's videos are the best. I also watched past interviews of band 9 candidates and asked myself why they were deserving of band 9. They never stopped talking and used the right vocabulary for the topic. Talk so much and allow the examiner to get tired and stop you (Be a talkative on that day, even if you are not naturally one). It does not matter if you have no idea. If you are unlucky like me to be asked about tough topics like Global Trade, importation and exportation between countries and sustainability in businesses in part 3, still say anything. I paused and told the examiner that this was a tough question because economics is not my strength but I will answer it anyhow based on my layman's knowledge. I used the example of computer village, Nigeria's population and our hustling spirit as the country's best export. I knew I did not make sense but I was determined to keep talking. I just kept thinking of President Trump who says rubbish with so much confidence and still gets supporters, lol. Writing: Structure and complex sentences are the keys. Just like @happyme31 said, Jay's video was my only guide. Please use the first 2 minutes to understand the question and what is required. Then use the next three minutes to draw an outline in your question paper of points you want to write. May a sketchy outline so you do not get stuck in the middle of your writing especially for Task 2. Practice using different kinds of sentences (passive, complex, compound questions, etc. Avoid writing in simple sentences). Also, use transitional words like your life depends on them (However, even though, although, yet, still, nevertheless, etc). Use uncommon words as long as they make sense (critics, cousine, turbulence, flabbergasted, etc, write like those village headmasters of those days who use big grammars that make sense). Also keep writing, do not stop, collect extra sheet (you can only do this if you have drawn an outline of your ideas). For task 2, fill at most three pages or three and a half. Structure is everything in task two, there is a template for writing from Jay's video (introduction, four to five paragraphs for body and elaborate on your ideas, then conclusion). Elaborate on each point in each paragraph (use examples, quote researches and studies (whether they are true or not, the examiner does not care about whether that research really exists), use your personal experiences as a student, worker, mother, father, Nigerian, hustler, business man anything). As you write, imagine you are a debater in the room trying to convince, expantiate, elaborate or prove to your listener about points. Finally, don't be like me, please proofread, allocate the last five minutes to proof

read and edit all your tasks. I think I was only fortunate that I write error-free sentences on first draft, but maybe if I had edited, I would have scored higher (maybe, or maybe I scored lower but God touched the examiner's heart). Editing helps and might improve your score by .5 which might make a big difference. Most importantly, avoid over-confidence. This exam is about technique and strategy, not English knowledge. I am at the level of a native speaker and very advanced user in my profession but I practiced like it was German or Chinese I was preparing for. And after writing the exams, pray, pray, pray to any God you believe in. Apologies for the long post but I just wanted to help like previous posters in part 6 have helped me too.ECA is in the final evaluation stage with Wes. Once it comes, I will dive into the pool. I am currently gathering post-ITA docs because my CRS score is really high (thanks to IELTS scores) as our seniors here have advised potential CRS high scorers. Fingers crossed for us all in every stage of our journeys. May our dreams come true. It will end in praise..

Posted (on page 73) by:

#### Abk2019

7:46pm On Mar 01

#### Message:

To God be the glory, the Alpha and omega, to my lovely wife and my daughter, my family on this forum, Special Thanks to newMum( May Your days be long and peaceful). This is my timelinePRE ITA1ST IELTS PRINCIPAL APPLICANT (MY HUMBLE SELF)...... L/S/R/W... 7/7.5/7.5/6.5 FEB 10 20182ND IELTS PRINCIPAL APPLICANT... L/S/R/W... 8.5/8/7.5/6.5 JULY 07 2018 HAD TO REMARKREMARK L/S/R/W... 8.5/8/7.5/7 AUGUST 2018SPOUSE IELTS.. L/S/R/W... 6.5/7.5/6/6 JULY 7 2018CRS SCORE 445ECA PRINCIPAL APPLICANT.. SEPT 2017 TOOK ONE MONTH FOREIGN DEGREE WES ( MSC)ECA SPOUSE BSC ......JUNE 2018 TOOK 4MONTH THANKS TO LASUTRNC PPC.... TOOK ALMOST ONE YEAR WITH UP TO 140K. SEE PAGE ONE FOR DETAILSPOST ITA/POST AORITA SEPT 05AOR...OCT 19MEP/BIL...NOV COMPLETED NOV 211ST ADR...RFRP FEB 07 2019FEES PAID FEB 08 20191ST GHOST UPDATE ...FEB 16 20192ND ADR....UK VISAL REFUSAL LETTER...FEB 19 2019ADR SUBMITTED SAME DAY2ND GHOST UPDATE FEB 27 2019PPR...FEB 28TH LETTER DATED 27 2019VO..OTTAWAPASSPORT SUBMITTED FEB 28 2019This journey started sometimes in 2015. I just came back to the country after my Msc. I rejoined the former coy I worked for before traveling. I got frustrated as my Msc meant nothing to these guys. I was looking for a way out of Nigeria immediately .I stumbled on this thread... not sure which part now. On checking my eligibility, i saw IELTS as one of the requirement. I just close the browser ( I dislike these exams like kilode (IELTS, TOEFL,GMAT,SAT) I believed they are not for olodo like me.) Fast forward to 2017, I was on one of my many technical support visit to a customer and I asked for the contact person, my resident engineer told me HIM done get Canada Green Card ooo. Me: What..wetin be Canada Green card? That thing na fraud ooo. The guy sha send me link say it's real. I got home, opened the mail and read through, found out its express entry and na so I jam IELST again This time I was determined (now married with a kid). I told my wife about it... madam raised concern about the funding (we had less than 500k in our account) with one building project going on. Joined the thread finally here.WESNa so I sha start with WES in August 2017, being a foreign degree and no waec wahala then, the ECA was ready in less than a month! Then the preparation for first IELTS. I took the exam in

FEB 10 2018 and result wasn't good. I was determined. Looking at the draw, I knew there was need for madam to write IELTS and evaluate her degree too. We started off with her evaluation which took 4 months (thanks to LASU).. IELTSWe registered for IELTS together and preparation begins. By now I know all the tricks to this exam (so I think). We took the exam in July 07 2018 and I came short in writing by 0.5. I requested for a remark and it came positive. Very challenging period as I lost my dad here.POF.We got ITA in Sept 05 2018. By now we had about 3.0 M in our account. I wanted to sell our land/ building. Mother in-law said no. she contacted one of HER children (Sister In-law.... God bless her for me) though we have informed her before... Aunty wire 2M to my wife as gift. Padded we my 25% pension fund (500K) boom POF completed. God bless NewMUM for her input here. Invested the 5m in TB.. Submitted TB certificate, statement of account highlighting cash flow, gift deed. That's all3M... PERSONAL SAVINGS500K... 25%PENSION FUND2M GIFT DEED Total 5.5m... used oando rate for the day.NORTH CYPRUS PCC.This one na war. The joy in me right now no reach the one I had on the day I got the PCC. See page one for details. God bless my friend in TRCN and WIP7 (My able Professor). MedicalBooked medical ahead since we were sure of ITA ..CRS stands @445 cut off was hovering around 440-442 then. We booked with glife and for those that remembered my daughter story. She is doing fine now.. Thanks to this wonderful family. Reference letter. God bless Newnum. I disturb her like kilode. Gave her my JD, she paraphrased it to and mail back. We concluded on what NOC. Now to my employer. I am one of their best staff. Knowing about my intension to emigrate won't go well with my Oga. He might Block it. I have a very senior management staff whom I trust. I approached him and he asked me to send the letter to him. He signed and also gave his BIZ ID. Letter was notarized and backed up with LOE I added my EMPLOYMENT LETTER, PROMOTTION LETTER, TAX CARD, APPRECIATION LETTER, PAYSLIP ( THREE MONTH). NewMum gave the go ahead. (PLEASE DO NOT USE COY LETTER HEAD EVEN IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO IT WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE NECESSARY PEOPLE IN YOUR OFFICE)POST AOR. Application submitted OCT 19. Then the wait begins. First was the MEP/BIL. I was happy because we came through with medicals. I also shared the good news with my family here. Got another JOB with a multinational and had to inform IRCC. Was on a business trip when request for RFRP came FEB 7 2019. Paid second day. Then ghost update FEB 16th. On 19th came a request letter (NOT PPR LOL). I was denied UK visiting VISA sometimes in 2015. This was declared in my application. CIC requested to see the letter (may be to check reason for denial). I submitted same day. Then wait continues....another Ghost Update Feb 27 2019 and today 28th Feb is PPR.. Letter dated 27.Once again... Thanks to God Almighty the Beginning and the End. My wife for always believing in me, NEWMUM... I owe you plenty. I leave you with the atttached..

Posted (on page 337) by:

#### DadR

4:47am On Apr 17

### Message:

Obi1conte:I got ppr this morning guys. I'm coming back with my story.AOR 16TH OCT 2018PPR 12TH APRIL 2019Visa office AccraWhen life throws you a curve ball you swing for the fencesLet me start by saying I have been on this thread long enough to see same questions and answers repeated a thousand times over. Please my people, especially those just stumbling on the thread, page one (1) is a gold mine of information, reading and researching yourself cannot be over emphasized. Page 1 and most especially the IRCC webpage should be your trusted source of info as NO TWO applications are same. I commend those who take out their time to populate page 1....kudosNow to my story the includes spraining my ankle and ripping my jeans trouser falling down a flight of stairs after ending a reading session with my dear wife preparing for IELTS. See I'm a big tall guy so you can imagine how both traumatic it was for me and hilarious it would have been for my wife hearing a loud thumb then turning around and seeing me on the floor struggling to get on my feet. I had my ankle rapped with bandage for 1 week and I was limping for 2weeks. Thinking of it now I will take the ripped jeans with me to Canada as a memento of what it cost me to get to the land of maple syrup. There's also the incident of armed robbers encountered on the highway on our way back from Lagos after we had our medicals. The incident was so traumatic for me that I have since dreaded the thought of us getting back on the road together as a family. No man wants to see his family in such vulnerable situation BUT I thank God Almighty and the driver on that day. It also fills me with joy today as I notice heavy police presence on the same stretch of road were this ugly incident happened travelling to and from Lagos to submit out passports for transmission to Accra. The next time we travel that road it would be FOR GOOD.So I'm one of those whose UK dreams and promises were never fulfilled. After the experience of the UK the thought of going back to the western world was a big NO! NO!, the UK scared me deep. But alas the Master's degree earned helped garner enough points towards express entry. The decision to finally move or give express entry a try came after one of the numerous usual lengthy conversations with my younger brother about Canada in November 2017. The guy just wouldn't let me rest, that

fateful day he called I put the phone speakers on so my wife could listen in on the conversation and I guess that was what did the trick because after the call ended all my wife said was I' OYA WHERE DO WE START FROM" and we haven't looked back since.EE PROFILE CREATED: 6TH APRIL 2018 with CRS 439ITA: October 3rd 2018 with CRS 454AOR: 16TH October 2018IP2 (now known as IPO came with AOR)MED/BIL 14TH November 2018IP1 19TH NOVEMBER 2018IP2 9TH APRIL 2019PPR 12TH APRIL 2019VO: ACCRAFAMILY OF 4IELTSPA LRWS 8.5, 8.5, 7.0, 7.5Accompanying spouse LRWS 7.5, 9.0,7.0,7.0 My pride was a bit hurt because after my fall and level of preparedness I thought I was going to score more than I did especially in listening as I was acing the practice test on YouTube. Kudos to wifey who did tremendously well despite her very busy work schedule.ECA (WES AND MCC)For me it was a breeze because of my UK degree I used WES. This was in the days before they needed WAEC before assessment can be done. For my madam who is a medical practitioner and studied local, it was HELL!!! NASU was on strike for 3monhs in early 2018, this cost us 5points as my wife who is our PA had a birthday before we could get her degree evaluated and enter the pool. Did I also mention we paid "like white" to get her documents verified after it was sent back by MCC for verification. Not too long after back door payment was made, I think a week, NASU called off their strike. Both educational credential assessments were masters and professional degree respectively. PCCMine was both a Nigerian and UK PCC, and as usual no stress getting the UK PCC. We didn't use the ASP/ inspector Mushood that people on NL run to and we did ours for about 3k if my memory serves me right. My UK PCC was gotten in December 2017 but was used for the ITA gotten in October 2018. It was still very much valid since I had not gone back to the UK since it was issued. POFThis comprised of both personal saving and a cash gift from both father and father in-law. Our POF was in Fixed-term deposits. So we include 6 months SOA, Letter of introduction, letter of non-indebtedness and the notorised gift deeds and affidavits. A couple of weeks after AOR I noticed a typo in the gift deed; I quickly corrected this and raised a CSE with the corrected deeds. For a long time this gave me a headache as I was worried it could affect our app.OTHERSI included schedule A form upfront as madam has a previous visa refusal (I was hoping this move would help us avoid London or Accra visa office), we claimed sibling points (we updated our profile few days after my sister in-law had gained entry into Canada and gotten her COPR signed at the point of entry), I included all the relevant doc requested to claim these points (15points) and also pictures of my wife and her sister from when they were toddlers to present

age).THE WAITCHISUS!!!!!I must have checked my profile 7856781239 times, I kid you not. I found out our file was at AVO on the 18th February 2019 and mehn!! there are no words to describe the sinking feeling. That period was the most depressed I must have felt during this process. For days I couldn't even describe to my wife the implications of our file being in AVO. I don't know what London or Kiev feels like but AVO I can't wish on anyone. So in the days after knowing our file was at AVO I uninstalled ALL travel and related apps on my phone, put away all research that has been done concerning Canada, stopped coming on Nairaland bla bla , I just felt we were in it for the LONG HAUL. I was lucky enough to be included in AVO WhatsApp group by a lovely soul (KORY I THANK YOU) who noticed my cry out in the OCTOBER AOR WhatsApp group I was part of.The guys in the AVO group are a band of brothers, I have met some lovely people in that group: zeus, chiddy, kory, persy et al; ALL of you guys are blessed and are a pillar of support your golden mail is on the way. Things got so desperate at AVO we raised and signed petitions, sent tweets to Canada's minister of immigration and I guess the straw that finally broke the camel's back was our numerous praise and worship sessions. In the first 2 weeks of april we got close to 40PPRs and it's still raining. So for those who would someday find their app in AVO here's the theory and it seems true: AVO works with/within a window, some say it's from DECEMBER TO MARCH, other says JANUARY TO APRIL which ever one it is if your file gets to them after this window, well you just need to take a chill pill, you MIGHT not get your PPR till the following year. This year they must have opened the window late because we didn't get the deluge of PPRs till April when we all thought it was going to be MARCH. May, June and JULY 2018 AOR still waiting for PPR, for those that have been released we can't thank God enough, it has ended in praise. With other VO you wake up to see the golden mail, but with AVO you spend the whole day checking and waiting for the mail to drop. I was at my mechanic when I checked to see the golden mail staring back at me and as I made calls to my wife and then my mum I became a baby again without a care in the world who was watching.....it is/was a good feeling....trust me..

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Josefuadjr

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## Message:

Posted (on page 14) by:

smslive2

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## Message:

Let Somebody shout Halleluyah.....Onise Iyanu has done it again. Yippee .......It's PPR!!! All thanks and glory to God Almighty.Stream- FSW-Outland/Nigeria.Decision to Travel: March 2018Hubby IELTS LRSW: March 2018 (7.5, 9, 7, 6.5)IELTS 1 LRSW: May 2018 (7.5, 7.5, 5.5, 6.5) Too much abstract questions during speaking, just told the examiner that I had no idea/response and we ended the sessionIELTS 2 LRSW: July 2018 (7.5, 7.5, 7.5, 6.5)IELTS 3 LRSW: August 2018 (8.5, 8, 7.5, 7)ECA: 24 July 2018EE Profile: 2 Sep 2018 (CRS: 472)ITA: 5 Sep 2018AOR: 11 Oct 2018Biometrics Invitation: 9 Nov 2018MEP/IP2: 10 Nov 2018Biometrics completed: 14 Nov 2018PPR: 20 Feb 2019I had a mail alert on my phone since morning but didn't check it because of disappointment. It was sent since 5.09am and refused to open. I got to work and I checked, It was the GOLDEN MAIL..

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Posted (on page 343) by:

Jennypharb1

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## Message:

Long PPR Gist Alert!!!!!!!!!TimelineDecision to travel: Second half of 2017 (but still was not 100% decided)Final decision to travel: May 2018IELTS: April 21, 2018WES: August 24, 2018ITA: October 15, 2018AOR: November 10, 2018MEP/BIL: December 11, 2018Biometrics: December 12, 2018ADR: February 27, 2019 (submitted same day)Ghost Update: April 16, 2019 (Additional documents moved from "We are reviewing..." to "Not Applicable")PPR: 2:07am of April 17, 2019 (dated April 16, 2019) Main Gistl have always been the "whether Nigeria likes it or not I must prosper here" kind of person. I had never seen myself living outside the country. My own plan was just to make money and go for vacations. That was how I sat here with a postgraduate degree, working like an elephant and eating like an ant. Chai, I suffered in Lagos, what!!!Sometime in 2014, a friend who lives in Canada started talking to me about moving over. She painted a great picture so I checked out the occupation list and mine was not there so with that excuse I was able to make her stop disturbing my life. In May 2017, a dear friend and sister called to tell me she was making the move to Canada with her young family. She told me things I already knew, about how tough things are and how the future looks bleak here. She asked me to join her on the journey so we can leave together as she was getting set for IELTS then but I was not so convinced. Not long after, a close friend started talking about moving too, in fact at that time he had started his PEBC evaluation. That was when I started thinking about it passively and then all of a sudden it seemed like everyone I knew was either in the process or knew people in the process of leaving to Canada. Towards the end of 2017 I decided to give it a shot but because of the NASUU strike I could not get my transcripts so I waited. Early 2018, I decided to do IELTS first since I had been seeing people take it over and over. I made a silent bargain with God that I would sit for it just once and if I flunked it then my destiny was not to go to Canada. I also decided I would not start ECA until I saw the IELTS result to know whether my destiny was in Canada or not. IELTS: Registered a month ahead because the cost for next available dates after April 21 would be 75k and I was on a very tight budget so I jumped on the 68k date. I practiced with the Barron practice book and some videos I got off youtube. I

kept getting 35 and above in the listening practices I took. I practiced for reading using the Barron practice book also. For speaking, I did not practice as I was told it would just be a conversation I just needed to speak with confidence. For writing, I only practiced the night before I wrote the exam. I am quite imaginative so I knew I could always come up with stuff to write down. Results came out 5th May, LRSW: 9, 9, 7, 7.5.ECA: Having sorted out IELTS, I quickly paid for my ECA with WES. This was before the WAEC brouhaha. My cousin in NAU helped me process my transcript. That process should not have taken more than a day because I had processed it years before. Guess what? NAU said they did not have records of my former transcript so they needed to type afresh and there was just one lady in exams and records who types transcripts. Long story short, transcript came out, was sent to me in Lagos and I sent via courier to WES along with a copies of my degree certificate. In fact I also helped a friend send his spouse's certificate along with my documents. I just made sure hers was in a separate envelope with her ECA number boldly written on it then put that and my own well labeled documents into a bigger envelope before sending. Doing that saved us 18k. Was processing transcript form CMUL at the same time and they got to WES some days apart. WES notified me after some time that verification requests had been sent to my schools. NAU surprised me as they verified as soon as they got it without asking for any payment. CMUL however kept saying they had not received the request. I was later to discover that correspondence from WES to CMUL goes to Unilag, Akoka first and sits there till they have a sizable number of mails to move to CMUL before they dispatch. My verification request must have sat there for over two weeks before I finally got a call from CMUL that it had come and I had to pay 3k for the verification. I paid and we got that sorted. WES told me exactly when to expect my final report and on that very day in August 2018, I got the soft copy while the hardcopy came a while later.ITA: Created my profile after my ECA was ready in August but I was not quite ready to get into the pool because POF was not yet complete. On Sunday 14th October 2018, I do not know exactly what it was but something pushed me to sit with my computer and complete my profile. Next day I was minding my business at work when a friend who had also been in the pool called to say congratulations. I asked him what the occasion was and he said it's ITA. I quickly went online and discovered for myself that a surprise draw held that Monday and I was going to get ITA as my score was well above the cut off. Long story short, I left the job by the end of that month so I took submitting my application more seriously as I was unwilling to look for another job and I also

believed my processing would be fast so I can just get out of here fast. Medicals: A friend told me he walked into the Children's Practice about two months before I was ready and was able to get his medicals done without an appointment. Na so I carry myself go there. At the gate they told me they no longer attend to applicants for Canada. I immediately called Q-life and they told me that the earliest I could get was sometime in January (this was first week in November). I called IOM, when they finally picked up I was able to go through the process of getting an appointment for 9:30am the next day. I walked into IOM the next day at about 9:15am thinking since I had an appointment for 9:30am all would be smooth. Long story short, I left IOM at about 6:30pm in the evening.POF: I have money market fund accounts with Cordros Asset Management and FBN Quest. I submitted letters from them along with account statements. The Cordros account was about four months old and there was a bulk deposit (about 70% of the POF) in it about one month prior to printing (I did not explain this). In addition, I got a letter from Stanbic IBTC along with account statement. The purpose of this was to show salary deposits of my most recent job and to also add a little buffer as I had a cash balance in the account of about 300k.PCC: A friend gave me a contact at Alagbon. I walked in there at some minutes to 4 and by 4:30pm I walked out with my PCC after parting with 5k.Proof of Employment: I was able to get a reference letter in IRCC format from my former place of work where I put in 3years. It was prepared on the company's letterhead paper and signed by the general manager and I also attached his call card. This company does not have an online presence so no website or official email addresses. The unique thing about my case was that I was not on a salary rather I was paid commissions for businesses I initiated and completed (aside a weekly stipend for transport). As there were no paystubs, to prove I was getting paid by the company, I got my account statement and highlighted transfers made to my account covering the last 8 months that I was with them. I also added the offer letter from my most recent employer along with paystubs, account statement highlighting pay and contact details for the head of the Nigerian office. Biometrics: I had always seen on this forum that Biometrics does not take over an hour. On the day I went for mine, village people struck. Network was down at VFS and it took me 5hours to get mine doneThe Wait: Let me just say that in my entire life, I have not wanted anything more than I wanted to get this Canadian PR. The suffer I suffered in this Lagos was just too much so every time I felt like getting discouraged, I remembered the goal of all this and stayed in line. After AOR, I checked my profile daily (I was on IP2 from AOR). Somehow I kept hoping my application would be one of those superfast ones. Well with time I was checking once a week and then once in two weeks. Early January I raised a CSE to find out my visa office. Got a generic reply from Agent Mathew without an answer to my enquiry. I was active on the November AOR group and it was excitement and anticipation galore when we had a couple of PPRs in January but being a single applicant I just accepted that the families were mostly going to go first so I decided I would only start panicking if I do not get PPR by May 10 (day I clock 6months). Raised another CSE 2 weeks after the first to enquire again about visa office, eligibility and background checks. This time I got a reply to say my application was being processed in Ottawa and that eligibility was on. Passport was to expire July 2019 so on the 25th of January I rushed to Abeokuta and renewed. Decided not to update via CSE but to wait till whenever they ask so I can know for sure that my file is being handled. On the day Tojued shared her PPR story (Feb 27), I remember reading in it that she had typed it since November 2018. Now, even though I had always wanted to type my story ahead, there was zero ginger since I was not seeing any movement in my account but after reading that part of her story I made a mental note to start typing that day. Got back that evening, checked my account for the first time in a while and there was nothing. I put on my laptop to start typing and I had barely finished the first line when I looked at my phone and noticed there was a mail from 'do not reply' wow!!! It was an ADR for new passport. I quickly scanned with my phone and uploaded via the new placeholder. Checked my account the next day February 28 and the message still read "we need additional documents...." I left the matter and faced other things. At noon on the 1st of March, I decided to check again and I saw that the message had changed to "we are reviewing the additional document...."On the 20th of March I called CIC. The call lasted 32minutes but I got to know that I had recommended pass for eligibility and that background checks were on. The agent told me everything looks good and that my application should be wrapped up before I hit the 6 month date. Exactly two weeks after the first call (3rd April), I called CIC again. The agent noted that nothing much had changed since my last call. She repeated to me that eligibility was recommended passed, criminality passed and that other background checks had not started. She assured me that that everything was looking good and that she sees no reason why my application would not be completed before the 6 month mark.On the 16th of April, I checked my account and noticed it had been updated. Additional Documents was now reading "Not Applicable", I smiled and knew deep down the visa officer had finally looked through my file for a final

review. That was when I put finishing touches to this story and started making mental plans to go to VFS the next day (today). Turned off my phone and tried to sleep off at past 1am but could not. Turned on my phone at exactly 2:01am and 6 minutes later I saw the beautiful mail drop (actually dropped twice sef). Passport Transmission: Even though it took me almost three hours to go from Surulere to Lekki this morning (no thanks to the trucks on Western Avenue/Eko bridge), I simply followed the steps joo2018 laid out yesterday and I was out of VFS in an hour. Conclusion: No two applications are the same. Make your application as detailed as you can bearing in mind the peculiarity of your case. Knowing what I know now, I would package my application differently if I were to do it over as there were a number of things I felt I did not really do right. However, rather than have sleepless nights and raise unnecessary CSEs, I handed it all to God and he came through for me. Benediction: My prayer for everyone reading this is that no matter what stage you are in on this journey, the eternal one would do for you what he has done for me at the perfect time. God bless us all. Ire akari o. We shall all meet in our new home, Canada...

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joo2018

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### Message:

Gather around my people.... It's COPR!!!!!!! know, I know, I should have announced PPR but when I got the golden mail, I wasn't as excited as I thought I would be because of the 'long wait'. But I am thankful and grateful that it is ending in praise!!! Novel alert, please skip and then skip some more to the timeline:My Canadian journey started way back in 2011 when Canada application was still via the paper route. I wanted to relocate but my then fiancée wasn't interested and my father wasn't going to finance my Canadian dream if my fiancée wasn't on board with the relocation plan. I was heartbroken but I guess my dad wanted me to get married less I become an old maid \*\*insert eye roll here\*\* So while Canadian dream kaput, The then fiancee wanted us to both register for a Masters degree. We both did, wrote the exams, I passed, he failed. I started the Masters programme, started planning the wedding and I opted out of the whole thing two months before the wedding.... This will be a sequel.. Moving on...While running the Masters, I got married, loving my career, got pregnant and I saw the inadequacy of the Nigerian health care system. My 7 weeks old baby was almost aborted at L\*\*\*\*n hospital because I was spotting and the doctor concluded it was a miscarriage without a scan. Using Just a speculum, he said he saw the baby hence evacuation straight! We had paid for the evacuation, waiting for an available operating room when my husband randomly asked if they did a scan. I said No, he asked why, we were told the hospital doesn't do scans on that particular day, my husband was livid. He insisted we had to do a scan before the surgery and the hospital gave us a scan centre like 35 minutes drive away. Hubby didn't mind, I was bundled into the car with drips and all to go do a scan and lo and behold, It was the baby's heart beat.. It was just a threatened abortion.. We went back to the hospital and give them the results and strangely enough none of the doctors were available, even the medical director that told me to accept God's plan that my baby was dead! So give us our money back, na lie o, we had to wait for weeks to get a refund! My people shine your eyes o! So I though L\*\*\*\*n was rubbish, moved to R\*\*\*\*\*\*n, I loved the service until delivery when everything started turningoninown and it led to emergency CS. I had to wait for like an hour to get

epidural while they look for a particular size of needle to give me epidural meanwhile after 24 hours of Labor, baby's heart beat was already failing.. My people, my eyes have seen!!!! Lol!After all these, I told hubby we needed to leave, that was 2012 but he believed in the dream that was Nigeria. Our friends, colleagues and neighbors were leaving but still, he believed. 4 years later to second baby, I told him I am not going through all the Nigerian hospital drama again, he agreed and we decided to go have the baby in the US. I started my research and stumbled on Nairaland. The givingbirthintheusa thread. By the way, I was TLKMama on that thread. Before then US wasn't even a country I was interested in as I was a 'UK Person'. US was too far and I hate flying. Siblings and friends were all in the UK but I wanted citizenship if we were going to spend all that money, Nairaland came through... I got back and decided I have had it with Naija. But then promotions came for hubby and I, things got better and we fell for it so the idea to relocate was shelved again. January 2018, I just got tired of Nigeria, everything was still going on well but I saw the handwriting on the wall. Before things would get better, it's likely to get much worse and I don't want to be around to witness that. I discussed with hubby and we decided the kids and I go while he will be visiting and maintain his PR. WESHubby and I started in March. His UI, mine Unilag and God used people for us. Divine favor from transcript to verification. I used statement of result with Wes and by June we were done. IELTSEh, yours truly was principal applicant. First result was village people things LRSW was 8,8,8,6 in May. EOR with BC, writing was upgraded to 7 after 2-3weeks. Registered for another IELTS before the result of the first EOR was due. Second IELTS was 9, 9, 8, 6.5. with BC in June. Another EOR upgraded my writing to 7. Hubby gave me max points for IELTS and degree. For speaking, I practiced questions from Liz ielts, writing was Jay the first time, LIZ paid classes the second time. Reading, didn't practice at all. Listening, IELTS page on YouTube and minieilts.coml didn't wait for the 2nd EOR as I wanted to enter the pool before the 2nd July 2018 draw so used the first IELTS result. Entered the pool July 23rd and got ITA July 24th.Proof of fundsProof of funds was in my name and my account. Used naira and USD. Banks didn't give me the letters in teh CIC format so I attached 6 months statementsReference lettersI used one reference letters for 2 job roles that have the same NOC from previous employment as I didn't want my current colleagues to know I am relocating. Thank you for this @newmum0615OTHERSMedicals was straightforward, we used Q-Life. Inspector Moshood for PC. I have to mention @newmum0615, she is the real MVP. God bless you immensely. She helped with

NOC because I picked the wrong one, tweaked every and without knowing me from Adam. I don't know how she does it but May Grace and Favor speak for you and yours. May your seeds be great and might forever... You are one in a billion. TIMELINEITA: July 24th, 2018AOR: 18th August, 2018BIO: 24th September, 2018MEP: 24th September, 2018PPR: 18th March, 2019SUBMITTED PASSPORTS AT VFS: 20th March, 2019COPR: 8th April, 2019, in time for my birthday on the 12th. The wait was horrible, I would like to say I waited with Grace but that would be a lie. There was a lot of tantrums and God whys! I didn't experience any delay during the verification/IELTS process but I learnt patience after AOR. My profile didn't change till the 18th of March when I woke up to the PPR Mail. then I logged into my account and saw: We are processing your background.. I looked at my phone, called hubby and went back to bed. I woke up and saw that some other people got PPR mail that same day but the worry and anxiety have robbed me of excitement. But now, ayam excited! For two major life projects that I have done in my life, Nairaland has helped immensely, I hope Seun Osewa is immensely proud of what he has achieved and the fact that this forum hasn't been sold yet is a testimony to the fact that the guy is a real MVP, God bless you lots.. To anyone and everyone on this journey, I wish you God's speed, Favor, Grace and Patience... @ifeoma, @wassey @joo2018 all you guys making greatness common on this thread, I appreciate you all, God bless you loads.

Posted (on page 41) by:

#### **EmeraldConsults**

5:31am On Feb 24

### Message:

Kinda Long Post Alert from a silent reader DECISION TO MIGRATE: All my life.IELTS: May 2017- one attempt with British council.ECA: April/June 2018 with WESEntered Pool: July 17, 2018. CRS: 444. ITA: July 25th, 2018MEDICALS-August 31st at The Children's Practice, Ikoyi. PROOF OF FUNDS(POF)Used 100% gift deed from my mum. This was transferred to my savings account and transfer document for that was Transfer receipt. I bought treasury bills with my funds. Documents submitted include: >6-month bank statement showing inflow of cash. >investment letter for treasury bills>Bank reference letter in CIC format>Letter of deed of gift notarizedPCC: I applied for Nigeria and Ukraine PCC. Applied for Nigeria PCC at alagbon for 5k.EMPLOYMENT: Include Reference letter in CIC format, PAYSLIPS, included my work ID.LOE: I explained my proof of funds again. I paid the application fees and RPRF at the point of submission.AOR: September 22 2018Biometrics: October 23rd 2018ADR: NONEThe wait began... I blanked out negative comments on all forums and platforms, I stood on God's promises that my PPR will come in due time. No response or movement after the biometric was completed.On the 19th of February, I raised a web form to inquire about the progress of my application since nothing is reflecting on my account, I got a response the following day to forward my queries to Accra office via mail. I decided not to. You can say I am one determined person, be mindful that the wait wasn't easy, I found solace in confessing the word of God over and over and like always God came through for me. He will do the same for you because I have learnt that it's not by whatever I did, I just found favor. You will too.TIMELINE:ITA: JULY 25, 2018AOR: September 22, 2018.MED passed/ BIL: October 20, 2018.Biometrics submitted: October 23, 2018NO ADRNO GHOST UPDATEPPR: Feb 22nd, 2019. Ready for Visa Mail at 2:41am (Dated February 21st, 2019). No message or change in my account. Single Applicant. I appreciate everyone for the wealth of information shared on this platform and encouragement during the process and wishing everyone the best of God. Please don't give up. It will surely end in praise.

Posted (on page 130) by:

raphrulz

3:45pm On Mar 12

### Message:

Its PPPPPPPPPRRRRRR!!!!!!!All Glory to God on High!!!!!LONG POST ALERT!!!!For those that can't read long texts.....TimelineIELTS by BC -8777. 7th July 2018ECA by WES - 4th Sept 2018ITA - 4th Sept 2018MED/PPC—18th Sept 2018AOR-5th Oct 2018BIL -2nd Nov 2018Biometrics-5th Nov 2018Expected PPR--- 5th Dec 2018PPR---- 12th March 2019, dated 11thVisa Office—Still unknownFamily of 2!!!!155 days!!!So, I am wishing I had written this long before the mail.... 8:45am March 12th 2019Post PPR Seating at the back seat of a Hilux, strapped in, Enroute Benin, laptop on my laps, I am just beaming while typing this ......story, no... reality. So, my last night was like chaos for me. Got home 10:45pm from the office as I was preparing documents that will be needed for the trip till 9:15pm. Meanwhile, as I got home....entered the Kitchen immediately, my other job. Had to fix a soup for my Husband to eat in my 4 days absence. By the time I was done, it was past 12. My darling Husband looked at me, and said....He cannot imagine I still had all the strength to arrange all this......bla bla...long story short, We slept late, like past 2, cos after dinner/bfast we watched TV to allow the food digest. While preparing and stuffs; We just discussed how we were going to call the Lawyer in charge of our house and pay up our rent. We had waited for a notice since January, as rent was due Feb 14th, but no word. So we decided to call. My Husband had called him yesterday, but for some reasons, it was moved till today. We had just concluded to pay a year's rent just incase he doesn't agree to 6 months and if the PPR comes later than expected. Meanwhile, our visa expires in September, So we are planning till July/August to leave. It has all been a ball of confusion while waiting for the golden mail. So now, obviously, whether the Lawyer likes it or not....We are paying him the 6 months !!!! That's the first testimony! PRE CANADAMy neighbour told me about express entry way back in 2016! He said, that I am lucky, that his own application wa paper based and has been more than a year. He sent me the link ....I studied all through the pages. Then, I wasn't married, I had finished my masters and currently working. That was when I had the Canadian dream. If you caught me day dreaming, I was somewhere in Vancouver, or Toronto...In fact I created a note book which I called "my Canada book". I took

notes and dreamed big. I had calculated the cost of living as well as my salary as an Intern Architect. It was quite impressive, and kept my dream alive. Somewhere during my research, I had read, one has to be married for at least one year to claim married. That's how I suspended it, as I was preparing to get married in September that year. So, fast forward to 2017 February, I had started a 14 months course that distracted me. In between, after the 1 year, It came up again, My Husband has been sceptical about the whole migration thingy. I cant remember what happened that month, but he began to reconsider. I brought out my "Canada book" Did a fresh research, things had change, IELTS was no more 52k, Was now' 68k. I tabled the whole cost of processing it and all. The sum was enormous...Till I mentioned the Proof of Funds.....Then it was officially suspended again. The conclusion was that we can apply to visit once in a while, Lets make it here; Nigeria has a big avenue for progress and growth. April 2018, Course ended... What project was next? Canada Yay!!!! So I assured my Husband, that it's the best thing to do. He had a friend that had relocated since 2011, his friend also encouraged him to come. ...That's how We began our journey.PRE ITAECA: Registered with WES, my friend that had left since 2016, was a darling. I told her that we have finally decided to begin. And I was having issues paying WES with my debit card. That was how she asked my for my sign in details, and made the payments for me... Just like that! I started wondering how someone can be so carefree, deep down, I was even scared to send her the money to do it for me, to avoid stories that touch But she suggested to do it anyways... I paid to her Naija account 65k. Then I knew I needed just the master. Went to Unilag, I was told I could do it online, that was cool. Since I had just come already, I gave one lady at Eco bank the application to process. Cost was 19500. 1k for her data....That one pained me o. Then I went to EPS behind Ecobank to courier my photocopy of Certificate. I was given 2 prices..N1500 (5 weeks), N16000 (5 days). I thought it through; then went for the N1500. In like a moth, my Certificate was received, but transcript still pending. That how I started going to Unilag to push them to send my transcript. I was always busy, so couldn't be a regular. Then it was received, then verification came ....as August drew near, I started panicking and pushing my cousin to disturb them to verify. Anyways, God came through as usual.. I got a notification that it will be redy by 4th of September. I started my profile ahead and waited for the ITA.IELTS: In all honesty, I never really practiced. I had the notion that, it was just English, how difficult can it be? I had studied about the sections, what goes on where, how to talk, what to listen to....Most of the times, I read in the car, on my way to work, sample letters,

examples of speaking topics, what to say etc. My Speaking Test was topic was "CONCENTRATION". It wasn't funny at all. I stammered, and was confused why I will have a topic like that. Common...Who asks anyone "What's the effect of concentration on people in the City?" After the Test, I started hinting my Husband that it wasn't as I had expected it o. First, I was shocked to see an elderly black man as my Test giver. The man looked li a Ghanaian, and I know Naija and Ghana beef. I just prayed it was going to be okay. A day to the other exam, the only day I had to practice; I quickly went to deliver an errand at my In-law's place....that how I watched two movies (that I have watched before o) Got home around past 9, and went to bed. Woke up early, and glanced through my phone again for points and ideas. Centre was at Oregun, See crowd!! I was dumbfounded. As I only knew myself, I just faced my front, and was attentive throughout. Though the test was delayed for two hours, that part wasn't funny. Results came out to the Glory of God, 8,7,7,7! I had not come across this thread yet, and also never knew the way IELTS can humble someone, I can only assume that If I had known that IELTS is a fail able test; I would have failed out of panic. It was much later that my friend told me that I was lucky, that she wrote it 5 times, the last she had to go to Abeokuta as Lagos wasn't working for her. I thank God it went well. Immediately, I knew my score, as I had calculated with it. CRS 442. I apologize for those offended with my exceeding thanks to God, but in all things I give thanks to God.My Birthday is September 16th. I had calculated the forecast of ITAs to September 5. And was waiting for my ECA to drop since July 2018. With my Husband's ECA, it was 452. So I registered his. By then, Unilag has increased the transcript to 25k, and the postal to N2500. I didn't know about Hello fax by then. And up till now, Unilag cannot trace my Husband's result. So, my chances was to hope ECA drops before 5th, if not the next ITA will be 19th (Husband's birthday) and I would have lost 5 points down to 437. Then 440s was the real deal. I just turned to God and prayed. I have created a profile and submitted without the ECA, it made the profile ineligible. I had to create another, then waited. As God will have it, ECA dropped September 4, as promised....I dived into the pool @ 442!!!POST ITAThis is where I found nairaland. My friend had sent me a link, I cant remember what for, But I found myself on a page with so much information, I saved it on my phone home screen. That as how I knew what to do when I get to Children's Practice, gor ASP Moshood number, Knew places for passport photo, saw samples of reference letter. I started following up from when Mepconsultant got his PPR and people were arguing or so. Anyways, What annoys me while I read on to even this part is how basic questions that google can answer is being asked here. I got all the information form Page 1 of Part 5. Its appalling that one will claim to be a "graduate" who did "thesis" or "project" and also have above 3.5m, but cannot, I mean cannot research on a life changing journey; ;like as if One is being forced to go to Canada. ...Lemme not deviate.Reference Letters:I claimed 3 jobs. 1. Nysc in the North. I wrote my reference letter myself, and in the letter stated how Bauchi is volatile, and getting the letter there will be life threatening. Apologies to folks in Bauchi reading this...I am in Lagos, so that's the best I could come up with. I had a picture I took with one of the projects completed with other World Bank officials, I added it. Then went to GT( Allowie acc) and asked for statement of account from opening for the 1 year, then my discharge certificate.. 2. Worked here for 2 years, in Lagos. Unfortunately, they are no more in Nigeria, so I attached all the evidence I had that I worked there. I had the hard copies of pay slips, emails between clients and I, My offer letter, my wedding leave letter, my resignation letter, my acceptance of resignation letter etc. Then also stated that they can find my boss on Linked in if they want. 3. Current job as at then. No biggie, I typed this myself again in the CIC format but with some swag. Then gave to my boss, he printed it on the letter head paper and stamped on it. That was all. Just that reference letter. No payslips, No statement of account. Just that one letter.PPC/Medical: I called immediately ITA landed to booked, I was sad when CP told me 27th September as the closest date. I tried the other one (not IOM) said 8th of October; that how I fell back to CP. Meanwhile, I wasn't working full time, so I had most of the time. My Husband had taken leave for Sep 17th - 21st 2018. Had to wait till then. Called the weekend before, and ASP Moshood said we should come around 12 on Monday. So we were there around 1pm, met the man, did it in like 30mins, paid 10k...And that was crossed from the list. So we decided to go to CP as we were in the area, the Nurse gave us 28th Sept, and that I shouldn't be on my period, I checked my Calendar, It was a clear day. Hmmm, so we said ok, and walked out. Then I rushed back in and explained to the Nurse/receptionist, that we just have this week together, if there is any sot we can take. She asked us to come early tomorrow by 7 and wait, just in case some folks don't show up. So we arrived around 8:30am, and sha waited. Meanwhile, I had to see a Client by 11am in Lekki, I was just confused. I didn't believe when I got up and begged the lady again, that \i have to come out briefly and return. She was really nice, got back around 1. And was able to do the tests. We knew the whole things needed, so it was a breeze. .....By 4, we were out of there. And Yes! I got the contract from that Client. (My Application fees settled).In between; you won't believe that my period actually started on the 28th of Sep. I thank God for redirecting us to insist on another day. Passport PhotographsI used one at Bode Thomas, My friend referred me, she already has her PPR, and I needed somewhere I could trust. So we took our passports, and paid for both soft and hard copies, N3,000. That's not the normal price o.. But we got lucky. Will be using the Hard copies during the submission.POFDidn't know anything about gift deed prior to our submission. We had a gift cash transfer in July and August in my Husband's account. The intention was to use his account, so I was added as a signatory to his account. Printed the bank statement up till September 30, and waited for ITA. By the time ITA came, we had spent out of it, and checked the difference between treasury bills and money market. We decided to invest in money market. A friend of mine works in Mansard, and without even visiting the branch, my account was set after sending the requirements. I did a test run with N50k, interest was good. Then transferred 4m from Husband account. We needed 4.5m, so had to wait till month end for salary. The money market account was opened Oct 2nd or so. So we attached the statement of funds + transfer teller showing the transfer from Husband's account. That was all. So far, each month, the 4.5m yields 50k and liquidation is same day...so awesome. We always retain that 4.5m minimum to avoid stories. I am a filing person, so organising the docs was not a problem. We scanned all with our phones using camscanner. The instructions are just easy, just read and follow. We attached an LOE to explain my reference letters, and new account with Mansard. Was ready since Oct 2nd, but submitted Oct 5th after a lot of trials trying to pay for the application. I bought the black market price, someone used her \$CAD card to pay. POST AORThe wait was okay. Just had distractions, so I didn't feel it. Shebi they said within 6 months, So I paryed for 2 months...Instead it was my friend that got it DEC 5, was a win to me, felt like I still got it. Then I was on my own hustle, then a job came to me. So currently working since Jan 9. Less time for nairaland and stuffs. In February, with my rent due, I decided to use my Ralph card and send an email asking where my visa office is and to know the stage. I got an automatic response after 5 days. Resent it again, got another automatic response after 3 days. Sad, I decided to wait till March 5. March 5, nothing...Haba.Decided to use the web form to inquire about my visa office. In the message, I also mentioned my rent issues, that I need to plan accordingly, that please I need a response. Then I had to log in last Saturday when a lady said she felt a ghost update, I just saw my profile read 27 days more. I was just considering to raise a CSE even though I know its not required; that I have a new job, maybe that will remove whatever dust that want to grow on my file. Ada mentioned something like that, so it can't hurt trying.All Glory to God, who has been faithful to us.... Every Case is Different. Do the right thing and avoid shortcuts.See you in Canada before the Winter!!!!Claire18:......Ifeoma o!!!!! Ifeoma oooo!!!! Bring the sheke!!! .....PPR timeline loading soon!!!!.

Posted (on page 319) by:

#### **BYACHEM**

10:06pm On Apr 13

### Message:

A very Loooong Post Alert!!!!! It's not a "cherekambia" kind of read. It's a settle down, AC/fan on, leg on da stool, wine in the glass by the side- kind of read. For some reason I had always had a thing for Canada. No, I have never been there but something was almost taking me there some years back until...... Besides, comparing the country with the US from my perspective, it seemed calmer security-wise so it was a place I wouldn't have minded except for the cold (looll) which still scares me. Fast forward to early 2017, a family friend which I had lost touch with, contacted me on FB to ask what exactly I was still doing in our oh dear Naija! He told me of how they relocated albeit through PNP and encouraged me to take a look at the process. I actually did do that (take a look at the process, that is) but mehnnnn my score for the Province naw epp my situation. It was not encouraging at all based on those their parameters. However, I didn't let that deter me. I went online and found a link that sent me to nairaland by mistake. Now, I have been a nairaland person since tey tey cos I like Amebo (healthy ones sha oooo) In fact during annoying days at work or anywhere sef, nairaland in general is my go-to place. I just concentrate on the side where people run commentaries. The hilarious comments of some characters on here, heals my soul and brings the kind of laughter that makes tears roll down my eyes (Nigerians are something else). Sooooooo, as I was saying, I stumbled on the Zandora link (our Part 1 of this thread) which was on page 600 at that time. I read from page 1 to 100 first and I discovered I was hooked already. Left out page 101 to 599, then continued from pg 600 till date. It was like my daily bible. In fact, if my bible could talk, seeing the way I was reading this EE thread, it would say to me ——"this geh, you don't know yasef, no spiritual ambition...lollll" I went and I bought a book which I called my Maple Leaf and wrote out my plans and targets. Truth be told, after reading that thread, I was no longer interested in the Provincial kpakpa sef because I discovered the Federal route was way easier and cheaper too. I also played around with the CRS and knew what I needed to score for IELTS to help my score as age nor con too dey my side nau. I have a Masters but I had to max out my IELTS. These were even the days of the draws of 413, 415 etc... Meanwhile, all these while,

money nor too dey ooo. All the other costs and then that POF part was a part not to be thought of often for avoidance of hypertension...lol..yes o even as a single applicant. I decided then, to take it one step at a time, each day, starting with evaluation of my credentials with WES. ECA—This was done with WES in November, 2017. Time was of the essence cos I wasn't sure if Canada would change their mind all of a sudden so I decided to evaluate only my MSc. BSc to be evaluated at another time, just in case d BSc transcript became necessary in Cannyland. The only price with this style would be the additional cost. U.I. was pretty straightforward with their transcript process but NASU came knocking just after. This made it drag to May 2018. Thanks to @ Balogunsam, I had to contact someone who notified me the verification request had not been received and I wrote back to WES. I received my completed report though before May 7, 2018 without doing anything special.IELTS——-This one! Hmmmmm. Work didn't give me the opportunity to prepare like I would have wanted. Considering I had prepared to write the exams in early 2018, I only took some days off before the exams for this. Materials I used, Liz (concentrated mostly on her tips), Jay, ieltsonline, ieltsadvantage, miniielts...don't forget that I had to max out my scores. All the tips given here by our ancestors/elders, I noted. I first started practicing with academic tests. For Listening...I went to YouTube and practised with all the Cambridge test (3-12 practice tests) while assuming exam condition. I concentrated so much on Listening and Reading. I didn't really practice Writing except for few times 'cos I naw too like formal writing jare. It was like a bone in my throat. Even the speaking sef, it wasn't even as per confidence. In fact, anything exam, ah no just like Abeg!!! Trust me, even with the practice, it didn't stop me from having this nerve-induced diarrhea on the day of the exams (April 21, 2018). I consistently pooed until it was time to enter the hall. The kain tension wey hold an able-bodied nmadu. It was not a nice sometin at all. I discovered that, it's not as if person no go fit sabi this exam o but the fear tries to defeat you ist and it is nothing but that fear of not just wanting to fail, of not wanting to write more than once cos money no dey to dey dash BC and MOD. I even wrote with BC and then fees were going to change from 68k to 75k. Haba!!! So the tension was coming for different reasons. I truly and seriously respect all who have done this exam more than once. Lest, I forget, I'm catholic and yes I did say the prayer to St. Joseph too. Well, it was only in Writing that I didn't get my required score so instead of having a CRS of 443 with maxed out scores, I had a 440. See my result in PPR post above/below(not too sure of the direction). I entered the pool May 7 as soon as

everything was ready and the wait commenced. At that time too, instead of going down, Draw scores started going up, e no wan come dan. The only lucky 440s then, were people who had gone in the pool before me. Meanwhile, the almighty birthday was coming in Oct......chaiiii!!!!! I kept asking God to do His will cos me sef don con taya. I con dey think am say, maybe the relocation wasn't for me. Believe me I was ready to go try the PnP route, but somehow somehow, I just wanted that Federal 'cos to me, people wey dey get am no carry faya for head. Then came Oct ——ghen-ghen!!! At no point in this my life did I think I'll not look forward to my "baiday"...ahn-ahn! But on top this movement, I did - dreading the closeness of the date and hoping for a draw to find me. Chaii, CiC God is watching you...loooolll. I decided to take some time off work and travel to Lagos to have my Medicals done in faith.....Looool. There were about 2 Weds & 2 Mondays left before Oct 22nd. I kept the faith, even when my sister was saying I should just research PnPs nau, I told her starting to research PnP meant I was losing faith o and that I will start researching PnP after Oct 22. My spirit didn't just let me. Now, I'm not your spiritual-spiritual if you no what I mean, I'm just a normal person who tries to live and do right by Him but I believe in God, and I Trust Him wellla!So, I had my medicals done with IOM Lagos as I had earlier booked a slot when someone here mentioned that getting early and fast medical slots were now like finding eggs laid by Alligators. After the medicals with IOM, I decided to enjoy my leave na. I was jejely enjoying that my leave, when on Oct 15, a friend called me to say, "oh girl, e don land abi?" I say...wetin land? She said, today's draw is 440 and it covers your pool entry period...Ha!!!! I cut the call and went straight to the 'net and there it was, sitting pretty.....it felt like PPR aswear....7days to my birthday....sharply I called inspector Moshood and headed to Alagbon. Completed my PCC sharply and now settled down to complete my application. Every other documentation was ready since tey tey. I had scanned and created folders like GlitteringStar2 had advised. Proof of Work——- I got this since that 2017 oo when I decided to move. Thanks to @ onlineise who answered my first question on this thread regarding the implication of collecting the reference letter years before I was even ready. (@ Mummyjaygirls and 40manlappy, I still dey beef una sef cos Na una I first call for help as per elder tins that time...loooolll ����, dem no even send me...and no, that information was not on that thread's page 1.....loll). I had about 6+ years work experience from just one workplace so I used that. Also, you know everything revolves around 10 years and part of that my 6 years work experience was above the 10 years so I was really worried about it. I worried for nothing. I got the first

reference letter from HR thanks to my then boss. It wasn't an issue 'cos I had already left that workplace anyway. However, in 2018, I started feeling funny about my selected NOC so I reached out to GlitteringStar2 to help me review my JD as listed on the reference letter. She did and advised me to contact @ Newmum0615 to help me clean it up further which I did. To @ Newmum0615, the only thing I can say is that ——the Lord will never remove ear on anything that will benefit you positively. His Hand go always dey there. Amen! You know how our Nigerian work can be in some workplaces, one person will do the work of 50 people. My JD ran through two NOCs. She dissected my JD, sorted the deliverables fitting them to the best corresponding NOC and sent it to me with pieces of advise. I did as she advised and I had to go back to get another reference letter with the new compact JD which now balanced very well with one NOC. Few months after I collected the revised letter of reference, the Head of HR that signed the letter, left the company. This too was part of what I had to worry about. That if IRCC contacted for confirmation, hope there won't be issues. Again, I worried for nothing. I researched on it, found out there were loads of such cases and I relaxed. I'm saying these things 'cos in as much as every application isn't the same, these little pieces of information may still help someone someday. I merged the 2-paged reference letter with my last promotion letter from that company, my gratuity letter with a copy of the gratuity cheque issued which I kept. Ha! Ah naw wan hear story say na this one spoil tinz. POF———-This was the GodFather!!!! Considering my almost 10yrs of work experience....my dear, yes, it was a thing.....money naw too dey!!!!...(wonder and judge at your own peril). Anyway, I come from a very loving, close-knit nuclear family so I got a gift of over 75% of the settlement fund and had a gift deed done. I went for mutual funds. I actually got the gift immediately I passed my IELTS. I invested the funds immediately. So here, I uploaded my investment letters (ARM & Stanbic), bank statement cos I had some money in my accounts too with an LOE and screenshot from XE.com. One day on this thread, part 4 or 5, someone said CiC will wonder why someone with so much work experience will do gift deed of over 50%. I took that and added to my "worry bag" even before I entered the pool....loooolll, for every step of worry sha, if I see say, nothing again wey I fit do, I asked God to just sort it out. No, my worry no reach Osaze07 own or those Indians.....loool. It was all of this I uploaded to respective slots on the e-ApR. So, ITA was Oct 15 and I submitted on Oct 19 and received AOR on the 20th. I know it's said here that we get locked in on ITA but since person naw too understand CiC, I didn't want to take chances. I needed to submit my

application before my birthday. Who ask question naw dey loss.o. Even with all my research and reading on this thread, I still was asking questions during my application 'cos I didn't want any of all those stories that touch. Na around this time I con dey find @Ifeoma77 and Tojued. Recognizing them as people wey sabi...loooolllll. Dem no even answer person sef. Although that time @ Ifeoma77 was busy flirting with Topsmamen on the thread (IfyBekee, don't come for my head o, cos I still sha love you cos it's so obvious that you're kind and you always keep it real) so I'm sure she didn't see my question. But when I remember as how Canadianfly will remind us that it's nobody's job to answer us here, I jejely borrowed myself brain and just completed the application like that. @Wizean, my personal person also helped in answering. I tried to keep it simple but very honest. Had only two LOEs. One to explain one of my travels that developed k-leg. Two, my gift deed and relationship with the giver. I didn't even write the 2 LOEs well. Na only Dear Sir/Madam I remember to put, no formal closing....lol...tension tinz. I didn't pay for RPRF at this time.Post AOR—— I initially didn't want to join a group 'cos it's not funny, waking up in the morning and finding over a thousand unread whatsapp messages. But, umunnem na umunnam, I now had to, 'cos no man is an island on this journey o. I first joined the mixed whatsapp group...Indians and others but biko, my worry levels dey learn work for where those people own dey. Chineke meh!!! My MEP/BIL didn't come at exactly one month, it came a few days after and this group did not help me. Sometimes I will not just check the chat for sanity purposes. Now, when I got MEP, because I wasn't based in Lagos, I didn't go for Biometrics immediately. I went about 2 weeks after. (Dec 3). That went fine. Then "de-main, de-main" waiting commenced. I decided to use that time to process for a new Intl passport as my current was due to expire June of 2019. Heard there was scarcity of passport in Lagos but luckily there was none at my location so, had that done and raised a CSE uploading the new copy. CiC acknowledged. All this was in Dec 2018/Jan 2019. The wait continued and in Feb or so I raised CSE to know my visa office and discovered it was Ottawa. I decided I wasn't going to order notes or whatever but the silence was deafening. I joined our Nigerian/nairaland Oct whatsapp group through daks02 just to be sure say nobi only me waka come o. I appreciate members of that group and they have kept me company and increased my knowledge base further till date while cracking my ribs at times. By March 9, 2019, I decided to order my notes to know how far. Only the notes now arrived few days after I had received PPR. I didn't bother calling although I would have, if I had hit the 6-months mark. One sure thing was that, 3-4

days in every week after AOR, before commencing my office task, I logged on to check my profile....(SMH). Like a hawk, my eyes were following everything. Then from nowhere, April 2, I saw that application/profile updated (d ghost). Next day, April 3rd, RPRF request. I just dey happy for my spirit, then I go con calm down again when I remember say, this relocating matter is not for the faint hearted sha o- as per job hunt and all. I made the RPRF payment April 6. Logged in again April 8th and noticed another profile update (my 3rd ghost visitation). So I hurried quickly to my email and there again sitting confidently was my Ready for Visa Mail. I was numb!!! (Numb as par say, e don set o, shebi this thing wey u dey find, u don see am o, beginning of next phase) loooolllll....the happiness set in days later. You see, for me, everything about this whole process was mainly knowledge from only 2 places. 1) This Express Entry Thread and 2) The IRCC abi Na CiC website......That application checklist was my second bible after this thread—-The Parts 2,3 and 4 but 3 is the Baba. This my gist had to be long because I gained immensely from people's stories, tuppence and help even with the littlest of details. If Nigeria allowed some of the guys on this particular EE thread to hold positions in power/government, we probably would not be relocating. All manners of characters (looollll) but kind and intelligent. To the people who in one way or the other played a personal role to make this reality for me @Zandora (creating this thread), Onlineise, GlitteringStar2, Newmum0615, Balogunsam, Daks02, Wizean, the page 1 consolidation and consistent update Team (from Cochrane, Mcstan18 & co.), thank you all 'cos you made it so easy for me without my spending an extra kobo. If you're here and I reached out to you yet left you out somehow in these mentions, I lie down flat for ground, naw vex but to every single soul here contributing and dedicating their time, knowledge, whatever, I say a big thank you and I appreciate you cos even with the negatives, I learnt. @Ifeoma77, I must still commend you cos you're like the full package- I havnt seen you before, I don't know you, (mba ooo, I'm not a guy) but what is beauty without a kind heart? I'm just a sister appreciating another sister wey dey try cos if person dey do wetin you possibly no fit do, you go hail am!!!!). The key to it all is Determination, Focus, Thirst for research and hard work, with God (or whatever it is you believe in) as Foundation and bedrock. For all those, who left me congratulatory messages, thank you so much and forgive me for not responding one by one. I love you all. I pray for success for all on this thread, I hope to meet some of us one day in our new home. May joy never depart from our lives. Amen.Prof Ralph and Ladymarshall, I dey wait una review. Peace Out!!Selzsky:It's PPR family!!!!!IELTS April 21, 2018 (L=8.5, R=9, S=8, W=7—-BCECA - Ist week of MayCRS Score—440Entry into Pool: May 7, 2018ITA —-Oct 15, 2018(Draw Score 440)AOR —-Oct 20, 2018MEP——Nov 21/22 (not too sure again)Ghost update 1—-(2 days later)Biometrics (Dec 3)GCMS Order—-(March 8, 2019)—yet to receive it till date2nd Ghost update (April 2)RPRF request (April 3)RPRF paid (April 6)3rd Ghost/PPR (April No ADRsVisa Office —-OttawaSingle ApplicantMain gist——wait for it cos it's definitely coming !!! Meanwhile, congrats to all PPR clinchers at this time .

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