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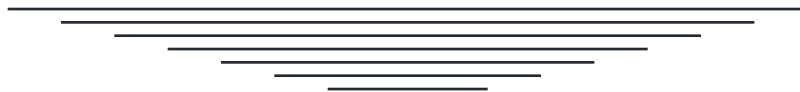
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Message:

Woke up to THE mail today

It's PPR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.

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Message:

God is too good

...Long post alert...

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Decision to Emigrate

The 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!

IELTS


My 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://ieltsonline-tests.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  hehehehe

As for the writing module, my job requires a lot of 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.

ECA

I 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 lfeoma' 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 Auntie 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'un

I 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-ITA

I took my sweet time in getting my application ready.

-Medicals


I used IOM for medicals and I've already written a very long post on this before.

-POF

POF 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

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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

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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 blabla

4. 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.

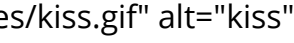
It's true what they say; no two applications are the same.

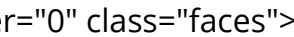
-Job Reference

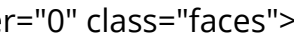
Job reference was in CIC format. Signed by my Boss, not HR. I added my offer letter and payslips.

There was a point when I was getting confused over which NOC fits my JD best so I jejeely carried myself to the therapy couch of the NOC Queen.

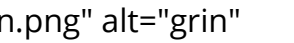


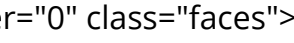
Thank you @Newmum0615

you are a rare gem.  border="0" class="faces">

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. Detailed descriptions of my duties, achievements, awards/promotions, character/personality/temperament, work ethic, supervisory/mentoring capabilities, weaknesses, yada yada yada. If I had submitted that reference to Trudeau, I'd probably not have needed Express Entry  border="0" class="faces">

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>  border="0" class="faces">

I used my reference like that joor, let IRCC agents know that ayam awesome  border="0" class="faces">



PS. Some weeks later, I was called to his office to give his relatives lecture/guidance on the EE process  border="0" class="faces">  border="0" class="faces">  border="0" class="faces">  border="0" class="faces"> Laslas we will leave only Buhari in Nigeria.

-International Passport(s) Upload

This 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. Shioor

NB. This is unnecessary, just upload the current/valid passport and forget the expired ones. Simpler is always better. I did mine out of ignorance.

-eApr Photo

I stood against the white walls in my office, used my phone and took a selfie. Cropped it and uploaded.

Thanks to @Happytbaby for this tip

No 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.

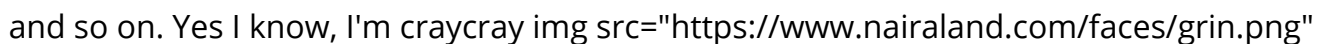
Now that PPR is here, I'm off to do that.

-Education



In addition to the ECA, IELTS TRF and MSc certificate, I added my (unaccessed) BSc certificate.

AOR

After 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-AOR

I 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!!!!!!

I 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 eh 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.

PPR

After 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.




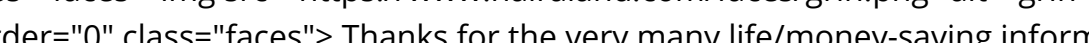
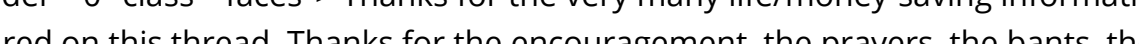
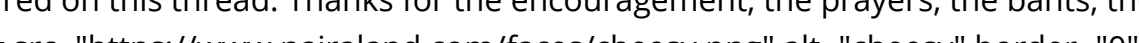
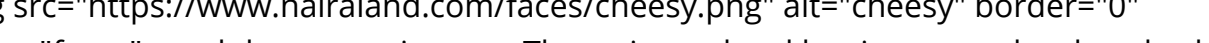
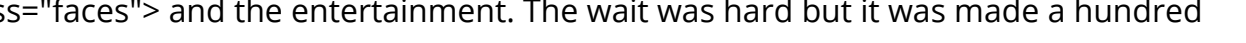

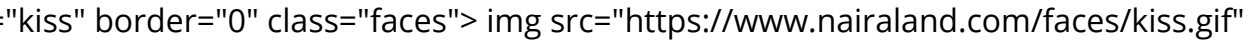
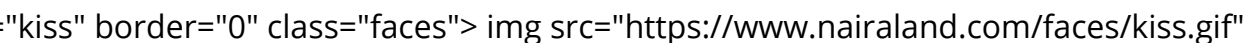

I'm still holding the phone...

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.

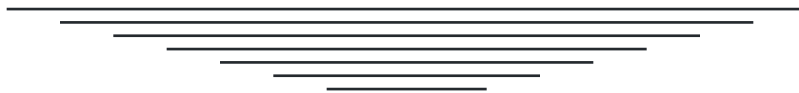
My people o, PPR is here o and I can't even describe how I feel right now, it's a cocktail of emotions, all of them intense, but predominantly; I feel blessed...so incredibly blessed... so overwhelmingly incredibly blessed!

To You, My e-Family

Thank 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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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7raphrulz

Posted (on page [127](#)) by:

raphrulz

4:26am On Mar 12

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Message:

span style="color:#000099;">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.

IELTS

First IELTS was written in May: Lost out in Listening as I had 7.5 (BC)

Second IELTS 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 Assessment

I 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 ITA

i. PCC

This 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 holder

ii. Passport photograph

This 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 documents

This was also scanned and attached to the relevant placeholder.

V. Medical Assessment

This 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 Letter

This 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.

I 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 AOR

I 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 - ITA

4 October 2018 - AOR

8 March 2019 - Ghost Update (Casper, the friendly ghost)

12 March 2019 - PPR

Single 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.

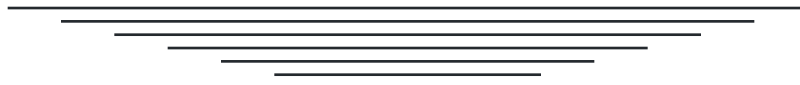
Above all, acknowledge God as the divine helper... "Nothing good comes except it's from above"

God bless you and thank you for reading my long post!

PS: Please, rate your Prof well ooooooooo!!!

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7wasseynewest

Posted (on page 291) by:

wasseynewest

6:46am On Apr 09

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Message:

Finally, It's PPR my people!!!!!! 🎉🎉🎉🎉🎉

Family size: 4

ECA: May 2018

IELTS: Oct. 27th 2018

ITA: Dec.19th '18

AOR: Dec.27th '18

MEP/BIL: Feb.7th '19

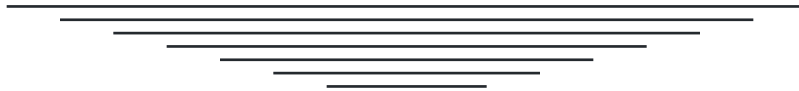
ADR: Feb.26th '19

PPR: April9th '19

Full gist coming soon. Madam is in charge of that one img

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Tojued

Posted (on page 54) by:

Tojued

9:55am On Feb 27

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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.

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Timeline

Family of 3, Ottawa VO

IELTS – 24/04/2018

ECA – 24/04/2018

ITA (CRS 454) – 24/04/2018

AOR – 30/06/2018

IP1 & ADR – 17/07/2018

Response to ADR – 23/07/2018

MEP – 27/07/2018

IP2 – 29/10/2018

PPR – 26/02/2019

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Learning Points

I 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. IELTS. 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

3. POF. 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 prior 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. Change of name. affidavit, newspaper and marriage certificate.

7. LOE that open university is part time/distance learning and I've been working fulltime while looking for their MBA.

8. PCC. 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.

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My story

Any 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 ielts 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).
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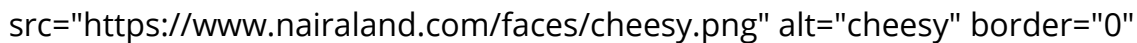
Na so the wait continue after I don type PPR story complete, it was raining on June applicants when I typed my story. Those days ehn, you'll get IP2 today, ghost tomorrow, PPR next tomorrow. But was that your sister's case? For where! Silence laik this.

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? Nooooooooo.

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 eh



. 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 pissed 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...


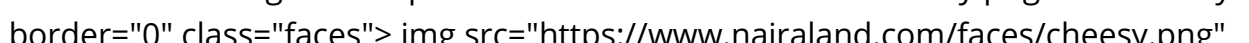
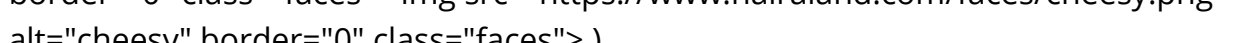
So I came up with a theory: my ghost means file has gone to Accra or for security lol. Time to start living my life. Relegate Canada to plan B. Paid my NOUN fees, make I complete this semester at least. Basically rerouted my annual plan in my head since I assumed the Canada is not God's will for me this 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 you are



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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.

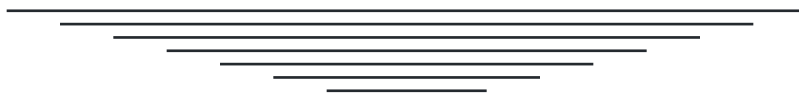
8 months wait is not beans and I doff my hat to all still waiting at different stages of this process. May your own story be one of speed. If it has been slow so far, may it change to a speedy tale.

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./blockquote>

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/span>..

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Ramj

Posted (on page 71) by:

Ramj

9:39pm On Feb 28

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Message:

blockquote>

Ramj:

Gather round Gather round

Something has landed

And 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 ready

Je m'appelle PPR/blockquote>

Tales by Moonlight – Episode PPR – Written by Ramj

s>In 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.

/s>

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 – whating src="/faces/huh.png" style="width:15px;height:22px;">?? 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 books



Decision to travel was January 2018 and immediately I got the go ahead WES registration straight.

IELTS

First IELTS Ramj MRs - May 12, 2018 Didn't go to script





8 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 translate

Nonetheless RamjMrs got seriously sick 2 weeks to exams was hospitalised but Glory to God

RamjMrs 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 18

God came through for us August 31 (RamjMrs) 8, 9, 7, 8.5 – LRWS.

CRS would then be proudly sitting at 448     but I didn't update, my monkey no fit chop banana because POF never dey kampe

My ECA was still in the pipeline but not needed (ECA released October 12, 2018)

The Gathering

Document 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 again

POF - 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) Plus Stanbic Reference letter - Money Market had some funds there got the reference seamlessly and added wifey's PFA from ARM as well.

Surprise Draw

After 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 RamjMrs say make we keep on, we braced on the say the rest is

Timeline

ITA October 15, 2018

AOR November 20, 2018

MEP/BIL December 27, 2018

Biometrics Done December 28, 2018

Raised CSE January and VO – Ottawa

RPRF 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 RamjMrs 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 near

Had 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.

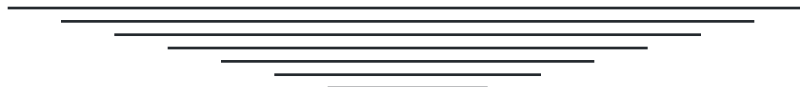
After I was moved it was all done within 45 minutes. (Guys make sure you tell them you are here for PPT)

Glory to Godddddd all submitted and now before moving to the next – I wanna celebrate this.

Thank you Jesus

Je m'appelle FillInTheBlankSpace

Number of likes: 151



Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Akpasomething

Posted (on page 77) by:

Akpasomething

8:38am On Mar 02

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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?

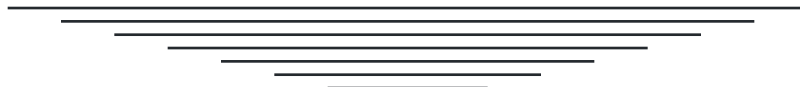
On the 28th of February, 2019. The last day of the gracious month of February. I got a notification of a message in my account.. I got scared again.. PPR comes through email. What notification are they sending me in my CIC Account. Only to log in and see the PPR letter as a message in my CIC account.

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..

Number of likes: 146



Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7 Dannyko

Posted (on page 171) by:

Dannyko

12:56pm On Mar 19

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Message:

VERY LONG POST ALERT

IT'S COPR

Sing along with me:

Unto the Lord be the Glory great things He hath done /2ce

Great things He hath done, greater things He will do

Unto 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" - (Matthew 21:42)

TIMELINE:

IELTS: November 1st 2018 (MOD IDP LAGOS) PA -5th Attempt LRWS-8.57.577.5

ITA: November 15th 2018 (CRS 455)

AOR: December 3rd 2018

MEDICAL PASSED/BIL: January 14th 2019

GHOST UPDATE: [b]January 15th 2019


BIOMETRICS DONE/COMPLETED: January 16th 2019

[b]RAISED CSE : On February 20th To Know My Visa Office

GOT A REPLY: On February 21st 2019- Ottawa VO

PPR: 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 )
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Family of 4

No ADR

NOC: 1228

TRAVEL HISTORY: Never travelled out of Nigeria

DECISION 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.

IELTS

1st : February 1st 2018 (BC) LRWS -7777

2nd : April 21st 2018 (BC) LRWS 86.56.57.5(Remark came back 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 7.5877

5th : November 1st 2018 (MOD) LRWS: 8.57.577.5

Hmmm! 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 ieltsionlinetests.com; I studied the MOD IELTS Masters course and I did the 3 tough practice tests at the end.

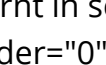
Reading: I solved few Academic Reading Tests; did several General Training Tests from Cambridge Books; and also on ieltsionlinetests.com; the MOD 30 Day Master's course was highly helpful– the tricks I learnt enabled me finish my test within 35 minutes during my 4th attempt. Although my last Reading 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) ( class="faces">)

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 only

Passports/Travel Documents : My Nigerian International Passport

Upfront Medicals(2 pages): I uploaded the print out given to me at IOM

Police Character Certificate (PCC): I merged the PCC and the long forms(3 pages 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:


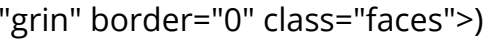
1. Letter of Consent from my hubby
2. Bank Letter in CIC Format
3. The Four Treasury Bills Certificates according to the dates of investments

Digital Photo: I uploaded the required passport specification

Employment Records (11 Pages): The documents were merged in the following order:




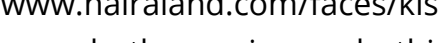

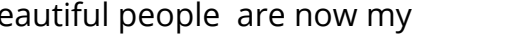
1. Letter of Introduction
2. Confirmation of Appointment
3. Promotion Letter
4. Revised Emolument Page
5. Staff Identity Card
6. Six Months Payslips (June-November 2018)

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 application
2. My Schedule A (5 Pages- I had an extra sheet(  alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">)
3. Hubby's Schedule A (4 pages)
4. USA 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   alt="kiss" border="0" class="faces">); @Bimsebony (  alt="kiss" border="0" class="faces">   alt="kiss" border="0" class="faces">) 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, @RamJ @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 YOU

TO GOD BE THE GLORY, NOW AND FOREVER MORE AMEN.

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7DrMrsCK

Posted (on page [3](#)) by:

DrMrsCK

10:19pm On Feb 18

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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,src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/cool.png" alt="cool" border="0" class="faces">, 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 quit 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 2018

3rd ielts attempt march 24 LRWS 6.5,7,6.5,7

4th attempt May 24 LRWS 7,7,7,7

Then I took 1 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 means

5th attempt June 30th LRWS 8,7,6,7

6th attempt July 7th LRWS 8.5,7,6.5,7

I 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 8.5,7.5,7,7.5

This was the turning point

I updated my profile on 2nd Oct my score rose to 470

ITA 3rd Oct

AOR 28th November

Passed medicals 7th Jan 19

Biometrics 10th Jan 19

PPR on 24th Jan 19

Submitted passport on 28th Jan 19

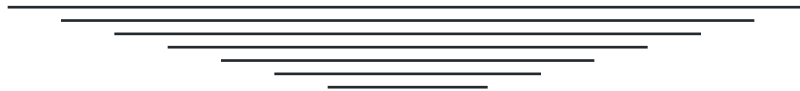
Passport ready on 16th Feb 19

Collected passport on 18th Feb

I 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..

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Livy2018

Posted (on page [267](#)) by:

Livy2018

3:22pm On Apr 04

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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 - 8.5/9/7/8.5

ECA: 11 June 2018 – WES / Spouse ECA – 21 June 2018

EE Profile Created: 22 June 2018 CRS 451[b]

ITA:[/b] 25 June 2018[b]

AOR:[/b] 27 July 2018

MEP/IP1: 18 Aug 2018

1st ADR: 19 Aug 2018 – clear copies of children's passports data page

Got 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 2018

From the Notes, file transferred to AVO – 30 Aug 2018 – workload distribution

2nd 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: Accra

Family 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 non-indebtedness 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 
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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 quarter.

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 today, I said a silent prayer again that God should remember me. I was not concentrating on the movie because it was cartoon.

Brethren, I immediately got an email to check my profile. Tears started dropping from my eyes, thank God the Cinema hall was dark. I opened my profile on my phone to see a request letter, thinking it was another ADR, I downloaded to see the PPR. Praise the Lorddddddddddddddddddd.

After 8 months and 8 days, it has ended in praise.

I want to thank everyone for the selfless contributions to the thread. The information on this thread is massive, even though I joined in maybe part 3 or 4 not sure anymore.

Did I say that we didn't finish the movie, lol. My daughter couldn't understand the emergency that made mummy run like that..

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7CanadasGOAT

Posted (on page 61) by:

CanadasGOAT

8:51pm On Feb 27

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Message:

Silent follower's post

Its PPR

My post is a little long and emotional for me but thank God it has ended in praise

Summary

1ST IELTS AUG 2017 LRWS 6.5,8,7,7.5

2ND IELTS SEPTEMBER 2018 LRWS 8.5,8.5,7,7.5

WES- JAN 2018

ITA - OCT 3 2018

AOR - OCT 24 2018

MEP/BIL - NOV 23 2018

Biometrics - DEC 5 2018

GHOST UPDATE - FEB 22 2019

PPR - FEB 25 2019

I 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 ielts 6.5, 8, 7, 7.5. meanwhile I started the visa process it was fairly straightforward as I have a foreign degree so no stress. That ielts result 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 visa 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 T-bills that covered the entire POF then added buffer with my account statement cos I did not know what exchange rate will be used. Got t-bills certificate and then letter from my bank in ircc format also added six months statement of account

Work reference: also that was easy for me to get in IRCC format I included my employment letter and my boss complimentary card

I 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.

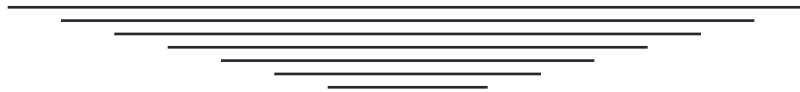
I want to thank people on this forum because you guys rock, words cannot be used to show my appreciation to those that started this thread.

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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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7gsade

Posted (on page [9](#)) by:

gsade

2:11pm On Feb 19

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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 2017

1st ECA PA – WES -APRIL 3, 2018

IELTS PA – APRIL 7, 2018 L8.5, S8, R9, W7

IELTS Spouse – APRIL 7, 2018 L6, S7.5, R6, W7

1st ITA – APRIL 25, 2018 -CRS at 442

1st ITA rejected – June, 2018

ECA Spouse -June, 2018

2nd ECA PA – IQAS – September 16, 2018

2nd ITA – September 19, 2018 - CRS at 450

AOR – October 5, 2018

Additional Medicals – October 12, 2018

BIL – November 5, 2018

Long Wait for Additional Medicals results

ADR for Medical Results – January 22, 2019

Results of Additional Medicals Uploaded by Consultant Practice- January 25, 2019

MEP – January 25, 2019

ADR Submitted – January 25, 2019

PPR – January 25, 2019

COPR – February 18, 2019

FAMILY of 4

ECA

This 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.

POF

POF 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.

PPR

Repeat X-ray 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.

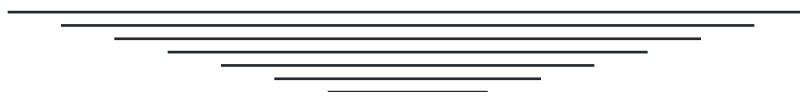
I travelled to Abuja for work the next day on January 25, 2019. So I was in Abuja when my spouse called to tell me that the results had been uploaded as promised. She decided to wait for my return before uploading the updated Upfront Medical Form she obtained from the hospital. My return to Lagos was 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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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7wasseynewest

Posted (on page 305) by:

wasseynewest

6:34pm On Apr 10

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Message:

LONGEST POST ALERT.....PPR GIST PART2


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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 xplomezee i tell youuuuuu!

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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 src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/cheesy.png" alt="cheesy" border="0" class="faces">.


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! #WinkedWorld


It 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 xplomezee src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/wink.png" alt="wink" border="0" class="faces">.

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 src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">.

Codedly & Calculatively, I began to re-strategise 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.

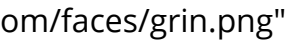

Fast forward to Feb. 2018, I was strolling on my FB page when I saw the status of my Surest BOSS from my former coy i had worked in 2016. He is "ebho" here on NL with the fastest PPR record ever liveth src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">(i believe) The 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 sharply. 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 LAND

ECA: 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 easy 'cos being a popular figure Faculty Treasurer(OND) and Faculty President(HND), I was still recognised and had a breeze src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/smiley.png" alt="smiley" border="0" class="faces">

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).

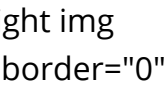
MEP/BIL: Came in on Feb.7th 2019 and was done on the same day at VFS Lekki. After this, we were becoming restless awaiting PPR.

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".

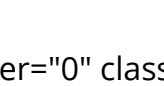
We logged into our account with SPEED and unfortunately, it was an ADR(lol). The request was for why there was a difference in my name on my Boys birth certs and that of my Credentials. My people, this ADR na because of WASIU(present in all my official docs.)and ABDUL WASIU(on my Sons birth certificate o). So please, let's be careful.

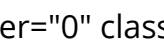
Na so my wifey sprang the surprise by bringing out our Wedding Invitation of five(5) yrs ago. My God! I fear women that day 'cos i never believed she kept that single copy all along.

Low & behold! My name was written Abdul Wasiu on it and na so we scanned and write few words join. We made it "back to sender" that same night src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/smiley.png" alt="smiley" border="0" class="faces">.

Adebbee 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 dey among them src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">.

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 src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">.

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.

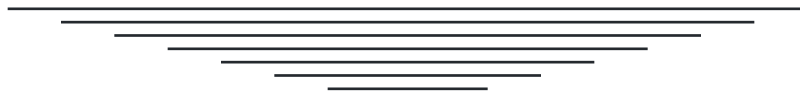
On April9th: It was around 4:15am when i go "weewee", na him i just said make i

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.....  alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">

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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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Eddy4400

Posted (on page 203) by:

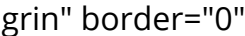
Eddy4400

12:33pm On Mar 23

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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 ( alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">), but more than determined to encourage someone with my story.

TIMELINE

ECA: 27 Aug 2018

IELTS: 18 Aug LRWS 8.5|8|7.5|8

EE profile created: 28 Oct 2018 (CRS 456)

ITA: 29 Oct 2018

AOR: 9 Dec 2018

MEP/BIL: 18 Jan 2019

1st ghost update: 16 Mar 2019


2nd ghost update: 20 Mar

PPR: 22 Mar 2019

VO: Ottawa


No ADRs, Single applicant

DECISION 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. 
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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 alllll the Canadian express entry threads from Part 1 and my journey began.

ECA

Used 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.

IELTS


I'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 what's 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 5 weeks.


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.

POF

Was 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 60 days 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 my own money. 

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Invested the total sum in TBills for 3 months, then duplicated @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 

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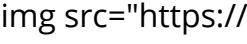
(hehe, this woman thinks I came to play in this Canada struggle).

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 REFERENCE

I 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.   class="faces">

No payslips, no employment letter, no nothing... Just that one beautiful letter in CIC format listing my roles in the company.

MEDICALS

Funny 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.

PCC

UK 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.

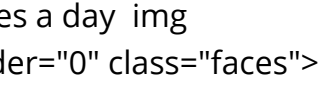
POST-AOR

Thankfully, I got busy settling into my new job, so forgot about my application throughout December. Said I wasn't 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.

PPR

Still 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...

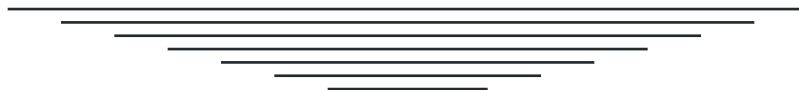
Thanks for contributing on a daily and answering all the stupid questions, saved me a whole lotta money! Did I mention I looked for an agent's trouble and was told to pay \$3000? I keep getting emails from them with varying discounts till date (if they like, they should discount till \$100)

@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  border="0" class="faces">

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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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Zutlin

Posted (on page [228](#)) by:

Zutlin

4:54pm On Mar 27

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Message:

MY PPR s>STORY/s> EPISTLE

ECA: 30th March, 2017

IELTS: 6th June, 2017 (LRWS – 8.5, 9, 7, 7.5)

CRS Score: 449

ITA: 25th April, 2018

AOR: 10th May, 2018

Medicals Passed: 24th May, 2018

Interview: 14th February, 2019

Remedicals Request: 14th February, 2019

PPR: 15th February, 2019

COPR: 26th March, 2019


Express Entry Awareness

I 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 advised 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 to 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.

ECA

After 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.

IELTS

I 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-Medicals

I 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!

Interview

My 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.

Remedicals


On 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  quickly went inbox to beg him for the slot and he graciously agreed.

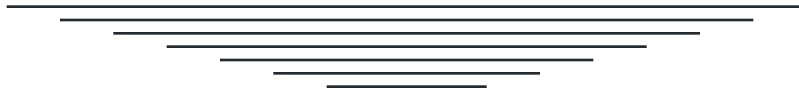
Once again, THANK YOU @Hobyno.

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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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7dokasia

Posted (on page [429](#)) by:

dokasia

12:37pm On May 02

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Message:

blockquote>

dokasia:

PART 7 SHALL NOT PASS ME BY. I DECLARE PPR WILL BE MINE IN PART

7./blockquote>

PPR STORY – NOW MY WATCH HAS ENDED

Okay, today is 28th January 2019, I don't know why I want to write this but the spirit

is telling me to write because I feel this is the week I get PPR. If it does, I would be so excited and might not write this.

SUMMARY

IELTS – AUGUST 19TH 2018 LRWS – 8.5/9.0/8.0/8.0

SPOUSE IELTS – SEPTEMBER 8TH LRWS – 7.5/6.0/5.5/6.0

ECA – APRIL 2018 – JUNE 2018

SPOUSE ECA – APRIL 2018 – OCTOBER 2018 (Did not claim points)

PROFILE CREATED – SEPTEMBER 25TH 2018

HOW TO FIND A JOB MAIL – SEPTEMBER 25TH 2018

ITA – OCTOBER 15TH 2018 (CRS 442)

PCC (ALAGBON) – OCTOBER 30TH 2018 (Police just dey rush us...)

MEDICALS (IOM) – NOVEMBER 1ST 2018

POF – 100% GIFT DEED (Where I see that millions for this economy?)

AOR – NOVEMBER 5TH

MEP/BIL – DECEMBER 6TH

BIOMETRICS COMPLETED – DECEMBER 10TH

CSE RAISED – JANUARY 19TH (To know VO)

VO – OTTAWA

PPR – When you read this, know I got PPR the day this was posted

DECISION TO TRAVEL

In 2017, I was single, I have a job that pays me poo compared to what I bring to the table. Worst of all is there is no growth structure. You do not know when you are due for promotion or a bonus. Anyway, sometime in April of 2017, my elder brother came up with plans to travel to Canada. He was discussing it with me but truthfully I wasn't understanding, my heard was just turnioniown. A senior Registrar, earning above 400k wants to leave Nigeria? Anyway, in June, he and his wife started the journey by visiting Enugu to write the IELTS, well the score wasn't what he needed apparently. That night, he decided to register for the exam again for July, well I registered too out of curiosity.

IELTS

July came, I only remembered 2days to the exam and logged into my British council account and practiced with the free 30hr materials. Result came out. LRWS – 7.5,8.0,7.5,7.5. we both needed to re-write. August 19th 2017 we wrote the exam, immediately after the exam, I flew to Lagos to see my GF and I proposed to her. Result came out, LRWS – 8.5/9.0/8.0/8.0 He too got same. We had gotten the required score.

WEDDING/ECA/ITA

I had a wedding to plan, I didn't want to start the application without my wife, I wasn't ready to take the spousal route thingy. My brother entered the pool, got ITA, Submitted application and got PPR 18days later. He and his family waited for my wedding in April. The night after my wedding, we used money people sprayed us at our wedding to pay for our ECA with WES. Then the problems started. We figured out issues with my wife's maiden name, there were a lot of inconsistencies with her names on her school certificates and documents. We had to go to Abuja to correct her international passport. Damn, we spent good money. My ECA was ready in June. She finished from IMSU, hers was an issue. While waiting for her ECA, she wrote IELTS in September and got LRWS – 7.5, 6.0, 5.5, 6.0. We couldn't wait for IMSU anymore, we claimed sibling point and our CRS score was 442 without her ECA. We dived into the pool. First draw was 443, we missed it. Second draw was 445, we missed it again. Then OCT 15, boom, 440. We got ITA.

MEDICALS

We booked at IOM, traveled to Lagos to my parent's house. We left early on the day of the medical by 5:30am, got there by 7am, took a tag and proceeded into a waiting room. We finished everything at around 2pm. On our way back, stopped to buy gala and coke at oshodi, na so local government people catch us. We paid 25k, story for another day.

POF

100% gift deed from my father. Properly signed and notarized. I got my statement of account scanned and submitted with a reference letter from Firstbank.

LOE

I explained a lot of things here. My wife's name inconsistencies, my gift deed, etc. can't even remember all

WORK REFERENCE LETTER

I have only worked in one company since graduation, March 14th 2019 makes it 5years. I had my regional coordinator draft out the letter with appropriate Job description. We used a seal on the document and he signed.

We submitted our application on the 5th of November 2018 (my brother created the profile, and uploaded all the documents. I didn't even know the password to the account till after submission)

POST SUBMISSION

I told myself I wouldn't check my profile like a lunatic. I was lying to myself. I became that lunatic. Naira land was my home. I joined more than 5 WhatsApp groups. Well the one created by Ramj still has a special place in my heart. We are favored on that group. Oh yes, did I tell you my wife is actually Ify on the group? Hahaha. Don't eat me guys.

After submission, MEP was December 7th 2018, that night we booked an appointment for Biometrics at VFS Abuja for the 10th of December. Arrived ABJ on the 9th. Used google maps to locate VFS the next day, the whole process took about 45mins and our profile was updated that same day.

The whole December; SILENCE. In January, group members with AORs younger than mine started getting PPR. I was happy for them but at the same time I was a bit worried. Is my file at Accra? People were raising CSE to know their VOs, a couple of them were at ACCRA. I summoned courage and raised CSE 16th January 2019 I received a reply on the 21st of January 2019 – (The initial assessment to ensure your application is complete has been finalized on December 20, 2018. Following this assessment, your application was transferred to the Ottawa, Canada office. The office will contact you if they need other documents from you.). Phew! That was close. At least I had been hearing good things about Ottawa, God is in control.

Oh well, I am sure by the time you read this, I must have gotten PPR mail sometime in the early hours of this morning, I must have screamed my lungs out of excitement and kissed my wife.

Well PPR didn't just show up at our doorstep after finding out VO was Ottawa. February 5th, we applied for GCMS notes and on the 8th of March, it was received. Eligibility recommended passed by the Case Analyst. Criminality was passed too but security was not started yet. My wife and I were happy everything was going smoothly expecting PPR.

Now our rent was expired, Landlord refused to be paid monthly, we took a leap of faith, we parked all our property to the village. My wife resigned and went to stay with my parents in Lagos, while I stayed back and worked. (Note I do not recommend this. This was done strictly by faith.)

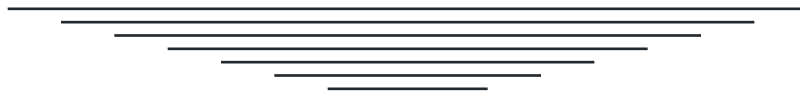
March passed and nothing happened. We became worried again, fasted and prayed and on the 9th of April, I got an email asking me to check my account. It was an ADR to proof my sibling relationship. I quickly phoned my brother and we provided our attestation of birth (to show same surname), his PR card, utility bills and his statement of account and submitted 2-3hours after the ADR. We all thought that was it. CIC Laughed and on the 11th of April, They shot us another ADR. This time they requested for Schedule A for my wife and I, Proof of work experience, Pay slips, Statement of

account. We submitted on the 16th of April. We knew it was getting close. We kept praying. On the 29th of April, I went to church in the evening and prayed. I told God I had committed everything I had into this project. I begged him to look with pity upon my wife and I, stood up and went back to where I was squatting. My brother called by 3am to tell me he logged in and saw that the Review of additional documents had changed to Not Applicable. I smiled. I knew God listened to my cry. Yesterday May 1st, I walked into Studio 24, Enugu, Told them to take my PR passport with the specification, they already knew it but I insisted and showed them the specification anyway. The guy looked at me and said 'Oga I know am, No be you be the first person, una plenty wey wan leave' He took the pic, I told them to send it to their Lagos office so my wife can print it from there. Since she's with my International passport, she'd take it to vfs, lekki. I never get PPR but I had faith. I came back, and slept. I had the urge to wee by 1am, woke up, searched for my phone to use as torchlight, unlocked it and saw a Gmail message notification, I Knew. I pulled it down and there it was, laying sweetly staring at me – Ready for Visa. 3days to Due date. Oluwa bu onye dying minute.

Thank you everyone on the Naija November AOR Group. Incredible people. I wish everyone good luck. No man left behind.

It has ended in praise!!!.

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[Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7](#)[Kemzyebony](#)

Posted (on page [40](#)) by:

[Kemzyebony](#)

2:48pm On Feb 23

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Message:

It's PPR / COPR ☐☐💎💎💎💎

Our 2 years Immigration story (Long post Alert)

lelts - Nov 11, 2017

Wes started - October 6, 2017
Wes completed - March 6, 2018
Entered pool - March 24
ITA - May 23, 2018
AOR - July 1st, 2018
Medicals Passed & IP1 - July 17, 2018
Ordered 1st Gcms notes - September 8th, never came till November 23rd
Informed CIC of marriage- September 11th, 2018
Sent a reminder - September 20th, 2018
ADR request - September 20th, 2018, some-hours after sending reminder
Submitted ADR - September 29th, 2018
Sent reminder - October 5th, 2018
Spouse UCI updated - October 11th, 2018
Sent mail to Ralph - October 23rd, 2018
IP2 - October 26th, that's when I saw it
File transferred from Ottawa to Accra - October 26th, according to 2nd gcms notes
Interview request - Jan 14, 2019
Interview date - Jan 28, 2019
PPR - Jan 29, 2019
Passport Submission - Jan 30, 2019
Application Approved on cic account - Feb 15, 2019
COPR - pickup - Feb 19, 2019

Appreciation: (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 @newmum0615 @mummyjaygirls
@cochtrane @happytbbaby @nusetron @threadstone @einstein0 @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 Reqs » 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 dey 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...hmm

The 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'd

Back 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 sigh

Hmm, 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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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7nnetayo

Posted (on page 354) by:

nnetayo

8:53pm On Apr 18

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Message:

Looonnnnggg 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...💎💎

I can't thank 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, S8

My IELTS- L8, S8.5, W7.5, S7.5

We 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 quit 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!

I 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 2018

AOR- August 17th 2018

1st ADR- September 14th 2018

2nd ADR- September 17th 2018

MEP- September 17th 2018

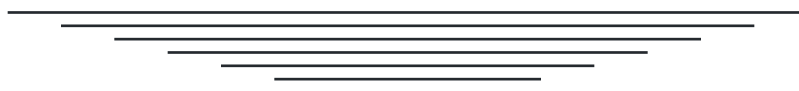
BIL- September 24th 2018

3rd ADR- March 8th 2019

PPR- Today 💎💎💎💎💎💎💎

Chai! This feeling is sweet...☺☺☺💎💎💎💎💎💎.

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7JesusBabyyy

Posted (on page [127](#)) by:

JesusBabyyy

11:30pm On Mar 11

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Message:

MY PPR STORY

First 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'll like to give back to the thread by sharing my journey.

PRE EXPRESS ENTRY

I 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 - 10/11/17

ECA - 16/11/17

AOR- 22/6/18

MEP- 6/7/18

IP2 -- late July

Got married in August

ADR to add spouse-- 15/8/18

Submitted spouse docs -- 13/9/18

spouse UCI -- 14/9/18
1st Ghost Update - 26/10/18
ADR 2--- 10/1/19
2nd Ghost Update -- 7/3/19
PPR -- 8/3/19

ECA—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, 2017

IELTS – 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 ielts Liz, ielts mini and ielts advantage. Also watched a lot of youtube videos. IELTS result came out on November 10, 2017 -- LRWS -8.5,8,7.5,7.5

By 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, 2018I 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 7years 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!

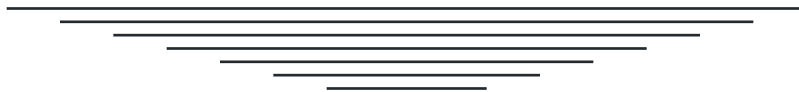
It Ended in Praise!!! Special thanks to the Almighty God for making my dream a reality!

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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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7njbybrthnly

Posted (on page 184) by:

njbybrthnly

8:57pm On Mar 20

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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 2018


IELTS: Feb 10, 2018 LRSW - 9 9 7.5 7.5

ECA: WES March 26, 2018 (Bachelors degree)

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




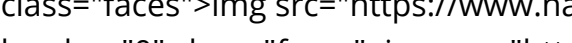
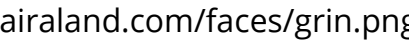

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Passports submitted: February 20, 2019 (via courier)

COPR received: March 20, 2019

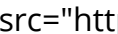


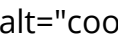
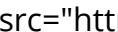
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PPR testimonies have always inspired me. I'm not one for many words but here goes:

blockquote>As my moniker implies src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">, 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!!! src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces"> src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces"> src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces"> src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces"> src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces"> src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces"> src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces"> src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">


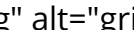



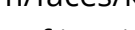
Luckily, while doing research on the process, I came across this thread, and y'all have been Godsent. Even though I may not have really asked many questions, I found most (if not all) my answers by going through the thread which I joined in Part 3. So, kudos to y'all!!! Na God go bless all of una!

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 @einsteinio 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.

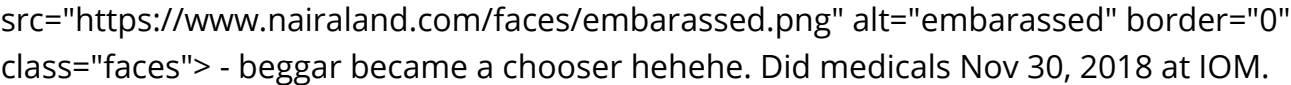
We also evaluated hubby's degree with WES (same school) and we got maximum points from his IELTS.

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!!!!

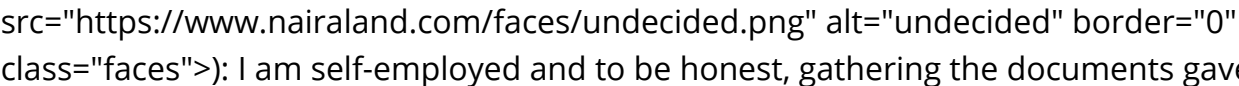
TEF: I have already outlined some tips to learn french easily and my experience on the exam day on the TEF thread. If you feel you can learn french, I highly recommend doing so. Besides the additional points you can get, it also gives you an edge in PNP from provinces like Ontario and Nova Scotia if 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.

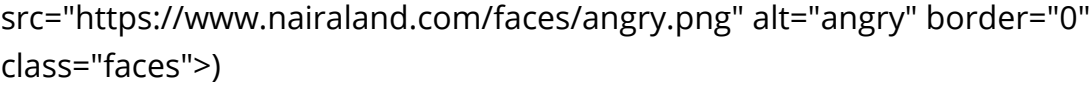
Medicals: After writing the TEF exam, we booked for medicals at Qlife just in case. We had to cancel it though, because when the TEF result came out, we then felt our appointment date in December was too far - beggar became a chooser hehehe. Did medicals Nov 30, 2018 at IOM. Did PCC same day as well at Alagbon. We just walked in.

We declared one US visa refusal 2 years ago.


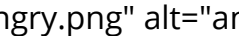
Work experience (gehn gehn gehn): I am self-employed and to be honest, gathering the documents gave me serious cause for concern. There's a lot of divergent information online (to me anyway) on which documents to submit for self-employed work experience. Choosing NOC alone was a problem, I changed it 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.

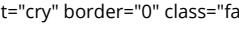

We keep knocking Indians here, but I've found that some of them really know their onions

So 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)*>*/span>
- 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!

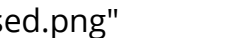

We also submitted reference letter in CIC format from hubby's place of employment. We know we didn't need it as his work experience wasn't Canadian but he was able to get it so...

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.

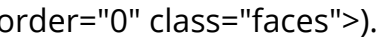
I should add here that my LOE was not a letter i.e there was no address, or signature or whatever. I just explained what I felt I needed to and submitted. (I was so worried when I saw as sample LOE was being shared on the Post ITA whatsapp group ...another headache again but thank God that's over *whew*)


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 self-employed work experience ). Hubby believes the french gave us an edge .

class="faces">. 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).
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Application was approved March 13, 2019.

Passports and COPR received from UPS, March 20,2019.

Voila, I'm officially a Canadian Permanent Resident!!!
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Flight tickets have been booked though...we can't wait again o!

I joined some whatsapp groups after I submitted my application but had to leave

them because the pressure was MEEEEGAAAAA. Some posts eh...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.

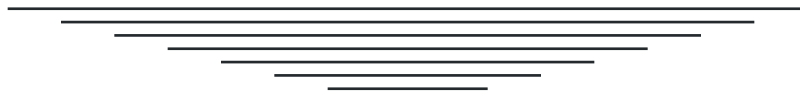
To everyone else here, most especially @Joo2018 and @lfeoma77 (you guys are selflessness personified...wow), thanks for ALL your help. May all your dreams come true.

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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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Bukzie

Posted (on page [56](#)) by:

Bukzie

1:24pm On Feb 27

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Message:

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span style="color:#000099;">@Zutlin and @Bukzie... Please, we are still waiting for your PPR scripts ooo

Pls help us mbok/span>

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OUR 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, 2016

IELTS (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 certificates

ECA (Spouse) – March 10, 2016 – August 11, 2016 – 2 or more certificates

1st EE Profile (PA) – August 2016

1st EE Profile (Spouse) – August 2016

2nd EE Profile (PA) – September 2017

2nd EE Profile (Spouse) – September 2017

1st EE SINP Application submitted – January 2017

1st EE SINP Application rejected – May 2017

2nd EE SINP Application submitted – October 26, 2017

SINP Letter of Request for Additional Information – February 7, 2018

Response to SINP Letter of Request for Additional Information – February 11, 2018

EE 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, 2018

PCC done and collected – April 9, 2018

ITA Received and Accepted – April 11, 2018

Medicals done – April 17, 2018

EE Application Submitted – April 23, 2018

AOR – April 23, 2018

Medicals Passed – April 27, 2018

Web 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, 2018

Joined NairaLand – December 6, 2018

2nd set of GCMS Notes – Ordered on January 8, 2019 and received on February 5, 2019

Sent 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, 2019

PPR received (We were yet to upload the ADR) – February 7, 2019

ADR uploaded via Web Form – February 7, 2019

Passports Submitted to VFS Lekki – February 11, 2019

Passports ready for pickup - March 11, 2019 (exactly 4 weeks)

Passports and COPR collected - March 13, 2019

PRE EXPRESS ENTRY

In 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.

IELTS

By 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 PROFILE

Immediately 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) NOMINATION

I 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.

PCC

We 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.

ITA

ITA came on April 11, 2018 (five days after SINP nomination) and it was another happy moment.

MEDICALS

I 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.

POF

We 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 REFERENCE

My 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.

AOR

We submitted our application on April 23, 2018 (7 days to the expiration of our IELTS reports). It was such a huge relief.

POST AOR

Medicals 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 Funds

On 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.

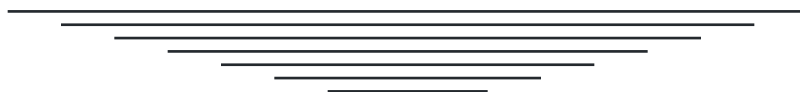
Once again, a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who have been very magnanimous with your time and wealth of knowledge on this platform. Rest assured that your labour of love will be greatly rewarded. Though I joined this platform long after we had submitted our application, I was encouraged and sometimes entertained 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 bless you all..

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7bammy2017

Posted (on page 179) by:

bammy2017

12:38pm On Mar 20

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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 2018

ECA: 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: 461

EE Profile submitted: April 9th 2018

ITA: April 11th 2018

AOR: June 27th 2018 (The hustle for PoF and baby's passport made submission linger till June 2018)

Meds Passed: July 12th 2018

IP1: June 13th 2018

IP2: October 30th 2018

PPR: February 26th 2018 (dated 25th March 2019)

Passport Submitted: Feb 27th 2019

Application Approved: [b]March 13th 2019

[b]COPR: [b]March 19th 2019

[b]Visa Office: Ottawa

Family composition: Family of 3


POF: 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 statement-just 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....lol

Reference 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 IELTS in 2017

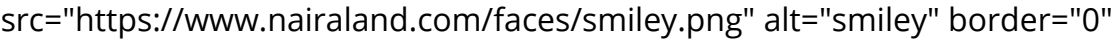
Travel History: Moderate.

GCMS: I applied on September 18th 2018, s>the notes never came/s>  src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/sad.png" alt="sad" border="0" class="faces"> 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

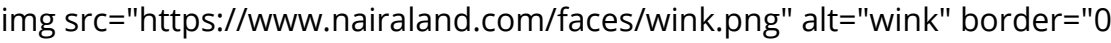


I must confess however that as the days to PPR stretched, my staying power waned- especially since IP2 to PPR took close to 4 months. I wasn't keen on analysing or even hoping. I realized that I depended more on past trends than I did on God and I needed to shift my focus. I decided to spend more time 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.

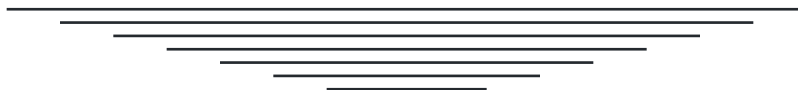
Finally, Thanks to @Tojued @19cannymum and @Ramj for being there when I needed to rant and for the constant check-ins. To everyone- thank you for keeping this thread alive. I wish everyone the very best. God bless!

Please overlook any grammatical errors...na beg I dey beg...IELTS is over...for now



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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7fizzile

Posted (on page 18) by:

fizzile

2:09pm On Feb 20

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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.

ECA

This 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.

MEDICALS

This 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..hahahahaha.

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 continued

In 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. Freesty, 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?

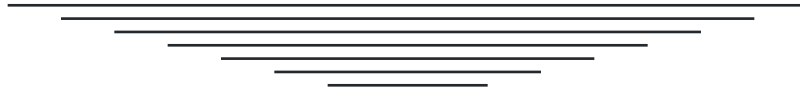
To the newbies or those in the process, stay strong, stay focused, asked questions, i repeat ask questions.. read...read...read too...this journey is one that requires even the smallest person beside u.. Throw away pride and ego, and be humble enough to seek information. It is key. ABOVE ALL, BE CLOSE 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, 2018
AOR: August 28, 2018.
1st ADR: September 20, 2018
MED passed/ BIL: September 24, 2018.
Biometrics submitted: October 9, 2018
RPRF Request: October 26, 2018
RPRF PAID: October 31, 2018
GHOST UPDATE: Feb 19th, 2019
PPR: Feb 20th, 2019
VO- Ottawa.

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Ramj

Posted (on page [66](#)) by:

Ramj

1:10pm On Feb 28

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Message:

Gather round Gather round

Something has landed

And to the Glory of God may I declare that it is PPR.

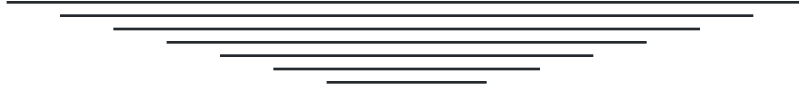
My people the Golden mail has landed

Thanks soo much for all the love and support.

Full story coming soon. Get ready

Je m'appelle PPR.

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7dialinn

Posted (on page 460) by:

dialinn

7:03pm On May 07

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Message:

To God be the glory. We are grateful.

Timeline:

Spouse (PA)

Me (accompanying spouse)

EE profile: 28 April 2018

IELTS (spouse): 27 October 2018

IELTS (mine): 2 June 2018

ECA IQAS (spouse): 25 September 2018

ECA IQAS (mine): 28 September 2018

CRS: 453

ITA: 15 November 2018

Medicals (Q-Life): 15 November 2018

PCC: 9 November 2018

AOR: 21 December 2018

RPRF & PR Fee: Paid upfront

BIL/MEP: 31 January 2019

BIL: 4 February 2019

CSE (To know VO): 5 March 2019

Ghost Update: 24 April 2019

PPR: 6 May 2019

No ADRs

No Interview

No questions

VO: Ottawa

AOR to PPR: 4 Months, 2 Weeks, 1 Day, 5 Hours, 46 Minutes and 39 Seconds

Background

Since 2014, a close friend of mine who had relocated to Calgary, Canada in 2013 had been telling me about getting on-board the Canadian relocation train but I consistently ignored him. This was because I was a firm believer in the Nigerian “dream” (if there is any such thing). Anytime, I spoke to my friend on the phone or anytime he visited naija, he consistently kept mentioning it and I consistently kept ignoring it. Sincerely, I felt my family and I were doing very well in naija to the glory of God and just didn’t see any reason why we should even think about relocating talk less of actually relocating.


While I continued to ignore my friend’s persistent relocation talk, I took serious note of the sharp decline in the living standard of naija as a whole . In my quiet moments, I seriously wondered. The nonsensical things (inclusive of the monumental stealing and looting of our common resources) and omissions by naija politicians also didn’t help matters at all.

Things reached a climax, when in June 2016, we lost our 22week old baby after trusting God for the fruit of the womb for five years+ . In our view, the loss was due to the unprofessional and negligent acts and omissions of one of the so-called big hospitals in Lagos . Unfortunately, our planned travel to the US for our baby’s birth was still a month and half away when the complications started. I had to change hospitals to save my baby. I was also hurriedly advised to move our flight to the US forward but lo

and behold, we had lost our baby before any step could be taken. My family and I were extremely devastated and at this point, I started conceiving the thought of creating a second option for my family and I.

Fast forward to April 2017, a lot of nonsense continued to happen in naija. I continued to observe with disdain and anger at the entire system, the lack of love and compassion amongst naija folks which I had since concluded was the MAJOR reason why naija was in a mess and the foundation of all our problems. In April 2017, we visited Canada for the first time i.e. Calgary, Alberta on vacation and stayed with the same friend who had always been trying to convince us to consider relocating to Canada. We enjoyed our stay in Calgary and actually loved the place. I recall making a comment that Calgary was like a "saner" version of the places we had been to in the US. We also visited Edmonton and enjoyed the experience as well. Our friends in Edmonton also lent their voice to the relocation call. In fact, every family friend or acquaintance we met or spoke to while in Canada had something to say about the benefits of creating that second option for our family. While in Calgary, spouse and I took advantage and opened joint bank accounts in TD Canada Trust and Scotiabank for the ease of doing international transactions if need be. Based on the planned commencement of EE, we knew that the bank accounts would come in handy should we eventually move to Canada. We also asked for credit cards but were denied on the basis that we had no history whatsoever in Canada. Eventually, our minds were fully made up and at the end of our stay, I told my friend that we would commence the process immediately upon return to naija.

IELTS, ECA and EE Pool

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Highlights are as follows:

LRWS

Spouse:


1st: 29 July 2017: 7, 6, 7, 7.5

2nd: 30 June 2018: 6.5, 7, 6, 8

3rd: 18 August 2018: 7, 6, 6, 8

4th: 8 September 2018: 7, 6, 7, 8

5th: 29 September 2018: 7.5, 8, 7, 8.5

6th: 27 October 2018: 8.5, 7.5, 7, 8 (Passed) 

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
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Mine:

1st: 24 June 2017 – LRWS: 7.5, 8, 7, 8

2nd: 2 June 2018 – LRWS: 8.5, 9, 7, 8 (passed)


ECA

True to my word, we registered for WES on 1 May 2017 after return to naija. Unknown  to me at the time (having not discovered nairaland), IQAS should have been the place to go as spouse and I are both lawyers. After all the stress with getting transcripts from UNILAG, Law School and OSU, all the expenditure, spouse got her WES ECA on 28 December 2017 while mine came in on 27 April 2018. An error was made on my WES ECA as my last name was wrongly spelt. A revised ECA was eventually issued on 19 October 2018. For refund of HST paid to WES, the Canadian bank account we opened came in handy as our refunds were processed straight into our Scotiabank account.

EE POOL

We entered the pool on 28 April 2018 with WES ECA and our CRS was 376. I was like [i]“na wah o!” after all the wahala. We were determined though and started thinking of ways to boost CRS and eventually decided to process IQAS based on the professional degree assessment for lawyers which rank equivalent with Masters degree. Kai, I felt I had dealt with WES for nothing sha and wasted money. Nothing spoil as we immediately initiated the IQAS process on 1 May 2018 and after another round of stress with UNILAG and OSU (Law School excluded this time), spouse ECA came on 25 September 2018 while mine came on 28 September 2018. With the IQAS ECA, our CRS was still lurking around 396 and by time I checked, we noticed that spouse’s IELTS was the problem. We both had to get the minimum LRWS (8777) in IELTS to enable us move

further ahead. While I had achieved this, spouse was yet to. To make sure spouse stood a better chance, I literally turned to an IELTS teacher coaching day after day and night after night plus weekend even after having long days at work. We even registered for two IELTS exams back to back. Eventually, after 7 attempts at IELTS, spouse eventually passed the 6th and 7th ones. Thank God. With the new IELTS result, CRS shot up to 453

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ITA

14 November 2018 was the expected draw date but for some reason, IRCC had other plans. The draw eventually took place on 15 November 2018 and we received ITA that day.

Medicals

With faith, we had booked with Q-life ahead of time for 15 November 2018 and had gone for medicals that same day. So we did our medicals same day we got ITA. 76k for 2 adults and a baby.

PCC

We got in touch with Inspector Fatai for this. We did everything on 9 November 2018 and received a few days later. Process was straight forward and simple. 4k each.

POST ITA

We gathered all our documents and uploaded same. It took us over a month to gather all documents:

Passports: uploaded my naija passport and that of my spouse. For our baby, we uploaded naija and US passports. Also uploaded all visa pages and stamped pages.

Work Experience: for me and spouse, uploaded reference letters in IRCC format. Spouse and I had experiences well in excess of 3 years each and worked in 2 different organisations each all our lives. Reference letters were easy to obtain even from our former places of employment.

Passport Photos: we used existing photos we had.

Medicals: uploaded the forms given to us at Q-Life

Education: Uploaded IQAS ECA, IELTS TRF and degree certificates.

Name change: uploaded marriage certificate and newspaper publication evidencing name change

POF: uploaded ARM Mutual funds letter in IRCC format

PR & RPRF & Biometrics Fee: paid in full for 2 adults and a baby. Canadian bank cards came in handy here too.


LOE: Provided Oanda currency converter information to show CAD equivalent of Naira with ARM, consent letter for access to POF and explanation of some transactions that led to POF

AOR

We submitted on 21 December 2018 and received acknowledgment same day.

Post AOR

BIL/MEP

The waiting game started. We knew BIL/MEP would most likely come first after 30 to 45 days post AOR based on the trend so didn't really pay attention to the process during this period. My family and I were in Kassel, Germany at the time when we received BIL and MEP on 31 January 2019 and were scheduled to travel a while through Europe. Since we were not scheduled to return to Naija until 18 February 2019, we decided to check and find a VFS office close by in Europe where we could do our biometrics. We eventually found one in Paris, France. Interestingly, the VFS in Paris was located very close to our hotel so on the morning of 4 February 2019, we simply strolled to the VFS office and waited for them to open shop. My people, even folks for France too, were taking off to Canny o . Before VFS Paris opened shop for that day, see as people don plenty outside dey wait for them to open all because of this Canny waka. I just whispered to spouse while waiting that "see you see say even Europeans dey into this Canny waka sha, how much more Naija peeps". In about an hour or so, we were done. By evening, profile had already been updated that biometrics was completed.

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Follow up Action


While we waited for PPR, I occasionally checked our account for any update but there was none. By faith, we knew that it was only a matter of time. Talking about faith again, since September 2018, we had scheduled an exploratory trip to Toronto in March 2019 even before PPR since this is where we want to settle down finally in Canada. So we landed in Toronto on 29 March 2019 for a couple of weeks. We toured different parts of Toronto and its suburbs and made a lot of enquiries in relation to our proposed settlement and career paths. Oh my word! the exploratory visit really really paid off based on the discoveries we made particularly with regard to my spouse's business venture. You see my spouse doesn't intend to work for anybody but wants to set up and run a business from Toronto as the base of operation.

While in Toronto, I decided to put a call through to IRCC and found out on 2 April 2019 that Eligibility Passed, Criminality and Security in progress. With this, I knew there was major progress. Towards the end of our stay, called IRCC again on 21 April 2019 and Eligibility passed reconfirmed, Criminality passed and Security in progress. With this latest update, I knew there was further progress. We returned to naija on 23 April 2019.


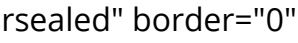
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



On 24 April 2019, I checked our account and saw application/profile updated. As usual, there was no change in application updates. With this, I knew PPR was close. Two days later on 26 April 2019, called IRCC and was informed that PPR mail had been sent via mail since 24 April 2019 (date I saw the ghost update). On 29 April, 2019, I sent Ottawa VO an email and raised CSE on the expected PPR. On 3 May 2019, called IRCC again and agent reconfirmed that PPR was sent on 24 April 2019. IRCC agent also advised that he would ask relevant office to resend PPR mail. CSE response came in advising that it was being worked on and should be expected on or before 2 June 2019. Eventually decided to wait till whenever we received it. In the midst of all this, we commenced process of renewing spouse's US visa via drop box and submitted passport to US Embassy via DHL.

PPR

Lo and behold, PPR mail dated 6 May 2019 was received today 7 May 2019 @ 12:44am while we busy snoring away src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">. We have raised CSE to notify IRCC that spouse's passport is currently with US Embassy

and requested for an extension of time within which to submit our passports. Also attached documentary evidence of this position.

By the way, in 2018, God wiped away our 2016 tears by blessing us with the most beautiful baby girl any parent could ever ask for. She and her siblings to come were also part of the reason why we became even more determined to achieve our Canny objective as the way naija is currently going, i really dont understand  class="faces">.

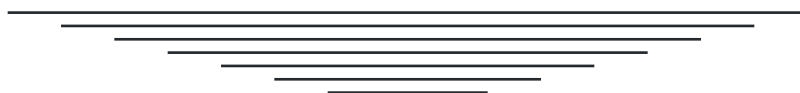
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May we achieve all our Canny objectives and much more now and in the future.

We appreciate

Bless!.

Number of likes: 115



Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7JustinTrudeau

Posted (on page 253) by:

JustinTrudeau

1:49pm On Apr 02

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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 star,i miss her ,mcstan18,threadstone,elfmann,cochtrane,erudite of our 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 withheld 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 run

Application date: 27/07/2017

Transcript sent: 04/09/2017

Acknowledgement by IQAS 11/10/2017

ECA completed: 09/11/2017

ECA received via courier 04/12/2017


Lo and behold my IELTS of 4months was delivered to my house 2 days after i received my ECA and it came out positive.

Listening: 8.5

Reading:8.5

Speaking: 7

Writing : 7

Come 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 lfeoma77 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 25
AOR :Sept 14,2018
Biometrics :Oct 10,2018
ADR IMM5406 Feb 19,2019
Ghost Update Mar 7,2019
PPR Mar 8,2019
COPR Mar 28,2019
Visa office: Ottawa
Single Applicant.

Few take away from my app
POF: 30% savings 70% gift deed
Merged 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.

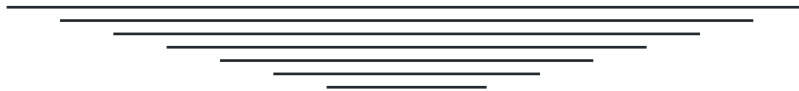
To every one on this thread that contributed to this success story,thanks a bunch.

Thats my PPR story what's yours?

Your PM

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Kods1900

Posted (on page [233](#)) by:

Kods1900

10:54am On Mar 28

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Message:

blockquote>

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. /blockquote>

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 8.5/8/7.5/8

ECA: 14 Aug 2018

Spouse IELTS: 21 Apr 2018 LRWS 6/4.5/5.5/6

Spouse WES: 28 Jun 2018

EE Profile Created: 14 Aug 2018 CRS 443

ITA: 22 Aug 2018

AOR: 19 Oct 2018

MEP/BIL: 21 Nov 2018

Ghost Update: 24 Mar 2019

PPR: 27 Mar 2019

VO: Ottawa

No ADR's

Family of 4

Decision 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.

IELTS

In 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.

ECA

Used WES, didn't know at the time that there were other evaluation bodies, only knew about BC for IELTS and WES for 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.

POF

I 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 REFERENCE

Used 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.

MEDICALS

I 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.

PCC

Used one inspector like that, paid 10k for my spouse and I and we were done with this in about an hour.

POST AOR

Shortly 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.

PPR

I 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.

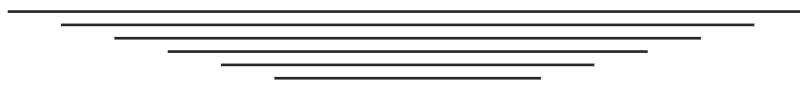
I want to thank everyone for the selfless contributions to the thread. I gained immensely from them even though I wasn't able to contribute a lot myself. I read all the threads from part 1 even though I joined in maybe part 3 or 4 not sure anymore.

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!!!!!!.

Number of likes: 114



Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7joo2018

Posted (on page [338](#)) by:

joo2018

7:26pm On Apr 16

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Message:

LONG VERSION

BEFORE 2018 - BACKGROUND

I was your average, not-very-passionate, 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 IMMIGRATE

Fast 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 UNACCOMPANIED

BC 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 W7

While 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 ACCOMPANIED

However, 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, 2018

Other 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: None

In 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 2019

I'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 eh. 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.

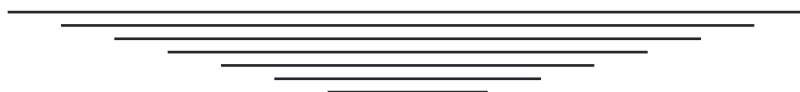
Sunday morning, April 14, I had an unusual urge to check my profile. I had not checked it on Sunday before. Checked and voila, it is IP2.

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..

Number of likes: 112



Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Supergirl1

Posted (on page 169) by:

Supergirl1

8:17am On Mar 19

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Message:

People of God, e don land at last oooo

Where I go start from?

Timeline:

Decision to travel: August 2017

IELTS: 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.

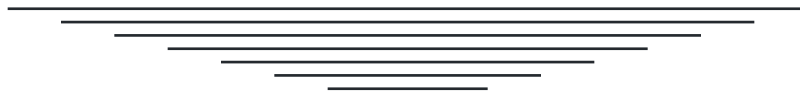
Ip2: March 18, 2019.

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 ☀ morning, we woke up to see PPR sitting pretty in our mail. Looking like a beauty queen.

And the fireworks went off.....

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7JesusBabyyy

Posted (on page 113) by:

JesusBabyyy

6:18pm On Mar 08

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Message:

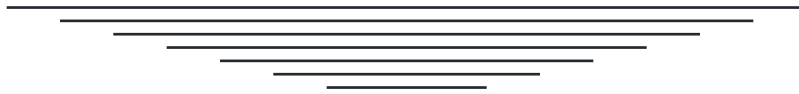
IT'S PPPRRR GUYYYSSSSSSS!!!!!!!!!!!!

God has done it!!!! 9months!!!!

The golden mail just dropped!

Will be back with more details let me go back to praising My God!.

Number of likes: 111



Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7wasseynewest

Posted (on page 463) by:

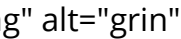
wasseynewest


12:07pm On May 08

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Message:

Good Morning o my people. Been quite an age but glad to inform us that your boy and famz has landed safely in the Maple Land.

My people, obodo oyibo sweet o. Na so my brain entered "factory reset" so tey I almost forgot the thread  border="0" class="faces">.

The cold is much but we dey enjoy am dey go as he dey sweet our body  border="0" class="faces">

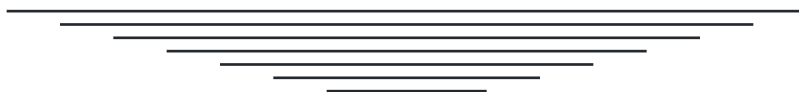
I congratulate all our latest IELTS smashers, ITArians, PPR holders and awaiting COPR landing soon.

And finally to my peeps still in the IELTS hurdle, I wouldn't be here with my family if i had given up the 1,2,3,4, 5 & 6th attempt.

Just this three word guys, NEVER GIVE UP!

One love and let's always keep the DREAM alive..

Number of likes: 110



Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Tojued

Posted (on page 53) by:

Tojued

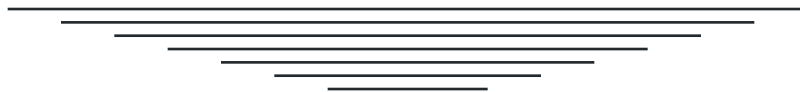
8:45am On Feb 27

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Message:

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

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7ObamaInCanada

Posted (on page 461) by:

ObamaInCanada

11:23pm On May 07

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Message:

My PRE-ITA to COPR story.....the eagle just landed

ITA: 29 October, 2018

AOR: 30 October, 2018

MED/BIL: 29 November, 2018

Biometrics: 29 November, 2018

Ghost update: 12 April, 2019

PPR: 13 April, 2019 (dated 12 April) (162 days post AOR)

COPR: 7 May, 2019

Single Applicant

VO: Ottawa

No ADR

Decision to Travel.

I had completed my masters in the United States as of May 2018 and was torn between coming back to Nigeria and remaining in the US. A lot was at stake remaining in the US, one of which was the “arrangee marriage” thing (if you know you know) which I was not interested in. For personal reasons, I couldn’t get myself to being part of such scheme. I had a promising job in Nigeria before travelling to the US for my masters thus after weighing the prospects and options available to me, I decided to return to Nigeria, Yes to Nigeria *winks

I was reabsorbed in my former work place but prior to returning I encountered an Indian who told me about the express entry stuff. I read up about it and told myself that I was going to give it a shot upon returning to Naija, so doing I can be working and waiting for a positive turn around.

Came into Nigeria and commenced work. Two months after, I told myself its time to strike...Nigeria is not for you. Infact, each time I went to work and came back, Lagos Traffic kept reminding me that we are finished in this country...run run run...Thus, the endeavor began.

WES

I registered for WES on 9th September 2018, paid WES fees, and sent my U.S. master’s transcript to WES (for no fee). Yankee good. I didn’t have to deal with the WAEC palava because I had foreign masters. I sent my certificate through Hellofax to WES. My evaluation report came out on the 16th of October 2018, thus missed the October 15 draw.

IELTS

Thanks to God, I was able to demolish IELTS in one sitting at Ikeja. Scored LSWR 8.5, 8.5, 7.0, 8.5 (I for ask for remark of writing but ka o di wa, I dash British Council). Picked up my result at the BC office, 20 Thompson Ave, Ikoyi, Lagos. I used internet sources for my preparation. Basically Youtube videos and simulated prep exams which I wrote and marked using the score sheet provided online.

Upfront Medicals

I did my upfront medical at Children’s Practice Ikoyi. Booked ahead of time and got a slot for October 3. The process was quite straight forward. However, Children Practice is no longer on the list of physicians who carry out upfront medicals in Nigeria thus I will not expound on the process. The process is however similar to others.

ITA

Everything was good to go save for the ECA report thus I was pained when I couldn’t enter the pool for the anticipated October 15, 2018 draw. The WES evaluation report finally came a day after the draw. All the same I created the profile, submitted and kept

waiting for a draw. On 29th October, 2018. God showed his mercy and I got an ITA.

AOR

AOR was October 30, 2018 the next day after the invite. (I no gree wait o, the journey was still a far one and I needed to start..lol)

Application Components

FBI PCC: I had been in the U.S for more than six months thus was required to submit an FBI PCC. I applied online and paid \$18 as the required fee for processing. For completion of the process, a finger print card was to be completed and sent using courier. I printed the card using A4 paper, visited Alagbon police station and had them assist me in taking my prints. I sent the printed card to FBI using DHL. It cost me 18k for the courier (more expensive than the processing fee I had to pay FBI...smh...issalrit).

Nigerian PCC: I used the opportunity of doing the FBI PCC to do the Naija PCC. At Alagon Police Staion. The entire process took about an hour thirty minutes and it cost me 6k (U got to shine your eyes, this guys can even collect 20k and behave like its normal)

Reference Letter: This was quite easy for me. Of course I adapted the "Whom It May Concern" format (am I a learner?). I explained to my employers that I needed a reference for something entirely different and requested that a particular format be adopted. They asked that I prepare a draft and send to the HR. I did using the CIC format and sent same to them. My reference letter came out that same day from HR signed by the authorized officer of the firm. I was really excited.

Digital Photo: I took the digital photo at studio 24 at Awolowo and paid about N2,400 for the hardcopy and soft copy.

Travel History: Had traveled to USA, Ireland and Dubai, thus had to scan all pages of my passport with visa stamp, entry and exit stamps.

Proof of Fund (POF): For POF, I had saved a reasonable sum, up to 50% of the entire sum required plus extra. I received the remaining 50% from my mother as a gift and had a Gift Deed drafted, executed and notarized. I submitted the following documents as POF:

1. Summary page of POF: This page contained a breakdown of my POF and the table of attachments in relation to the POF.

2. Reference Letter from Guaranty Trust Bank Plc. (GT Bank): Got this in CIC Format

at GT Bank , Awolowo branch, Ikoyi, Lagos

3. Letter of Non-Indebtedness from Guaranty Trust Bank Plc. (GT Bank)

4. Bank Statement of Account from Guaranty Trust Bank Plc. (GT Bank): I printed just four months jare

5. Snap shot from XE currency converter showing Canadian equivalence of available fund.

6. Notarized Gift Deed.

7. Evidence of Transfer of funds to my GT Bank Account from my Mother's Bank Account in pursuance of the Gift granted.

Payments

I paid upfront the required sum of about \$1040 CAD for the visa, biometrics, RPPF etc .

Post AOR

After my AOR, the wait started. The then trend was that medicals took 24 to 30 days to pass. Of course thought mine was going to be so fast. In my head I had arranged a powerful application that any VO will easily navigate and grant an approval. However, the ways of CIC are not the ways of men. I gave up and waited for 30 days.

On the 29th of November, 2018, I woke up to an email from CIC that medicals have been passed and a Biometrics letter requesting that I go to the VFS centre for Biometrics. I did that on the same day at VFS Lekki on my way to work. I went with my intl. passport, two photocopies of the intl. passport, the Biometric request letter and got Biometrics done. After about 3 to 4 hours, Biometrics got updated on my application platform on the CIC website as complete.

A feat achieved, I felt good that things were gradually progressing and taking shape. I believed I was going to get a passport request latest by December, 2018. Really and truly that didn't happen. I kept checking my application account to see if there are any changes, for where? I started studying trends on Immitracker, Candavisa and Nairaland and started making projections. Well over time I understood that there were just many variables which affected turn around times. Even some people with ghost update, who you would assume will get PPR immediately waited for almost a month.

I traveled to my hometown for the Xmas with expectations on the outlook of January 2019. The New Year commenced and the struggle intensified. I couldn't wait to resign my job. I became irritable by the slightest but I held my peace and always told myself....it's a matter of time.

Fast track to April 3, 2019 I called the CIC and the agent informed that my eligibility

was recommended passed and security noted started. All this while, I have always been told over the call that my security and eligibility was yet to start but that my criminality and medical had been passed.

After this good news, I just had the feeling that the hour was near. On 8th of April and 11th of April, 2019, I called CIC but my status remained the same since the last update. On the 12th of April, I got to work and randomly decided to check my profile. Gbam, I saw a ghost update.... (Application/profile updated will show but when you enter your dashboard, you see no changes). At this juncture, I knew as per the current trend that my application had been approved, I raised my hands there and then and said a thank you prayer to God. I am sure my colleagues didn't understand.

To satisfy my curiosity, on my way home, I called the CIC and the agent informed me that my file was worked on a day before and that my application was approved. He noted that the Visa Officer will reach out to me shortly on next steps. I smiled and thanked the agent. I knew from my extensive research here on Nairaland that PPR emails were usually sent at the early hours of the morning between 2am and 4am. I slept with one eye open waiting for the email to land. At 2pm, I woke up but no show. I slept back and finally at 2.30pm, I woke up, checked my phone and there was the email....Ready for Visa/Pret pour Visa from CPCO-FinalRequest.

My people, this was early Saturday. I just knelt down and began to bless the name of the Lord. (162 days post AOR)

Snapped my passport photo at Studio 24, Lekki

Submitted the PPR letter, Intl. passport and passport photo at the VFS center, Freedom way, Lekki on Monday 15, April, 2019. Paid N17, 798 for passport transmission.

PPR to COPR

It took 2 weeks from PPT submission to have my CIC account updated. It read approved on 30 April and stated the counterfoil number and expiration date of the immigrant visa. I received notification on 1st May, 2019 that the passport had been dispatched from Accra. I then received my visa cover letter via email from Accra on 3 May, 2019 and finally the notification via sms that my processed passport was ready for collection on 6 May, 2019. I picked up the white envelope containing my passport and COPR today being 7 May, 2019.

Miscellany

Indeed this is a journey for the patient and I can't thank my Nairaland family enough for the contributions made here. I make bold to say that there is hardly any query one may have that has not been answered in this forum. I read through thoroughly from

page 1 of part 6 where I joined. God is indeed faithful and may his name alone be praised. I encourage everyone to be strong whilst praying that your Canadian dreams come to fruition.

INDEED IT HAS ENDED IN PRAISE..

Number of likes: [108](#)



Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Adaoh

Posted (on page [51](#)) by:

Adaoh

6:38pm On Feb 26

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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 me scream again that PPR IS HERE!!

Whew! It's been a journey of immense 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 - 24/05/2018

IELTS with British Council, Lagos - 28/07/2018

LRSW - 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, 2018

AOR..... Sept 21, 2018

MEP & BIL..... Oct 18, 2018

Biometrics done... Oct 19, 2018

Ordered GCMS... Nov 2nd 2018 (Got it 34 days later with info saying that info sharing had started with other embassies.)

ADR & Interview... None

No Ghost update.

PPR..... Feb 19, 2019

Timeline - 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 Schengen. 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 2019

One 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! Amen

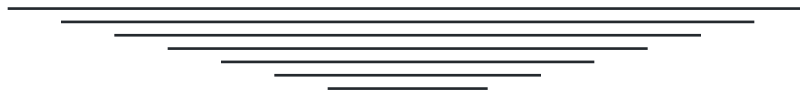
May it end in Praise for all of us in JESUS NAME! Amen!

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Adaoh:

PRAISE GOD! I finally got my PPR on the 19th Feb but i'll be back with all the full gist later on!!! /blockquote>.

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7synteeyahani



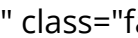










Posted (on page 33) by:

synteeyahani

12:43pm On Feb 22

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Message:

LADIES AND GENTS!!!!!!!! IT IS PPRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!!!! (Semi-Long Post Alert from a silent reader             

img src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/angry.png" alt="angry" border="0" class="faces"> img src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/angry.png" alt="angry" border="0" class="faces"> I was that desperate to leave Naija. I returned to Nigeria in January 2017, with a UK masters degree and was earning less than 100k as salary.

ECA: May/June 2018

Process 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, 2018

One 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, 2018

MEDICALS

This 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:

- >6-month 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 Letter

PCC:

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 PAYSLEIPS,

although I included 6 bank statements (on the day my salary was paid) (Payment from my company was highlighted again, with a highlighter).

ADRs: NONE

GCMS 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 arrive

TIMELINE:

ITA: August 08, 2018

AOR: September 23, 2018.

MED passed/ BIL: October 23, 2018.

Biometrics submitted: October 25, 2018

SILENCEEEEE     

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.

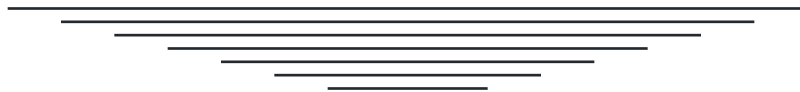
VO- Ottawa

Single 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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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7KunleSteel

Posted (on page [23](#)) by:

KunleSteel

10:17pm On Feb 20

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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 notarised 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 I

So my timeline...

IELTS: May 24, 2018

ECA: Aug 20, 2018. Dived into the pool same day.

ITA: Aug 22, 2018

AOR: Sep 26, 2018

MEP/BIL: Oct 25, 2018

Biometrics: Oct 30, 2018

ADR: Dec 14, 2018 (renewed passport, responded Dec 27)

GCMS_Ordered: Jan 9, 2019.

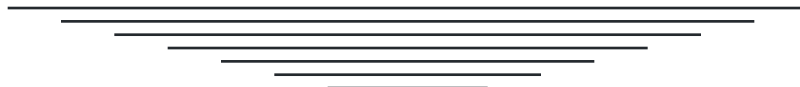
GCMS_Received: Feb 9, 2019.

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,.

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Pharmbb

Posted (on page [468](#)) by:

Pharmbb

6:23am On May 09

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Message:

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PPR Testimony !!!

New member (silent reader)

If I had ten thousand tongues, it still wouldn't be enough, NAREKELE MO.

Great is Thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see, all I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

God has remained faithful and gracious despite our short comings and unfaithfulness. He shows up at each our very point of need.

I never used to fancy relocating abroad particularly Canada cos of the weather, but my husband has always been open to it, and whenever he brings up the topic i always brush it aside without giving it any consideration, because we were comfortable so why will I want to put myself through unnecessary stress?

Sometimes late 2016, the company my husband was working with decided to leave Nigeria due to the economic recession and that was how the rug was pulled from under our feet. We were still managing well as we had opened a retail Pharmacy outlet just before the incident, but things kept getting tougher.

Never heard of Canadian Express Entry until June 2018 when my husband's friend and colleague told us they've gotten Canada PR through the Express Entry and were relocating. They explained the whole process and we realized that we also stand a chance. So i was like if they can do it then we too can.

So our journey begins, i was so gingered that i became the main champion of the

whole process, my husband was like POF is too much (about 7M for a family of 4) as we had eaten deep into our savings trying to expand our business but this time I was the reassuring him that we can do it.

I am the primary applicant due to age as we are both Pharmacist, I researched like i was doing a PhD thesis. Now if he asks how I'll cope with the cold (cos my tolerability to cold weather even AC is very low), my response now is people there don't have two heads , if they can survive the cold, i too will.

At every step of the way, it has been God. We started the whole process with shishi in our account, saved for my ECA with PEBC from my meager salary (civil servant) and the little profit from the new business. We both read like "tomorrow no dey" for IELTS cos we know how we struggled for every kobo.

We demolished IELTS like bulldozer and started rallying family and friends and within 1 week we raised about 4.5m. (A real miracle!). Due to worries that the value of Naira might crash the way it happened in 2015/2016, we opened a joint dorm a/c for the POF. I also added my PFA statement (25% of my RSA) as buffer, just in case.

By December my husband's ECA was ready and so also was the POF (40% gift deed and the rest was Deed of sale for some properties). Now my ECA (from PEBC) was all that's standing between me and creating profile. Got my ECA on January 1st and the next day, we dived into the pool with CRS 452 as previously calculated !

A summary of our timeline:

Decision to immigrate - June 2018

IELTS

L9,R8,W7,S7.5 - September 8th 2018 (1st and only attempt)

Spouse L7.5,R9,W7.5,S8 - September 8th 2018 (1st and only attempt)

ECA

Me (PEBC) - January 1st (Applied in July)

Spouse (WES) - December 17th (applied in August)

Created EE Profile - Jan 2nd 2019

CRS Score - 452

NOC 3131

ITA - Jan 10th 2019

AOR - Feb 15th 2019

MEP/BIL - Apr 2nd 2019

Biometrics Completed & Updated - Apr 4th 2019

IP1 (if there's still anything like that) - 7th May

(Golden mail) PPR - 8 May 2019

FSW Outland

VO - Accra

No ADR

Family of 4

No of days from AOR to PPR - 82days

Stumbled upon this thread not too long ago while looking some info can't remember what exactly but kept coming back as Guest (wasn't a member of nairaland until recently) to read through cos i was sure of getting new information I never knew I needed.

Thank you to everyone who asked question(s) and a special appreciation to ALL (not familiar with all the names) who took their time to answer and/or provided links.

And to the profs that grades ppr script, hope i tried 💎.

It has indeed ended in Praise.

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7cutieplum

Posted (on page [410](#)) by:

cutieplum

4:13am On Apr 29

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Message:

Hello fam, it's PPR!!!

TIMELINE:

IELTS (4th attempt): 7/7/2018

ITA: 3/10/2018 (CRS 462)

AOR: 8/10/2018

MED PASSED/BIL: 7/11/2018

DEFAULT IP2 REVERSAL TO 1P1: 22/11/2018

ADR: 21/3/2019

IP2: 18/4/2019

PPR: 23/4/19

FAMILY SIZE: 3

VO: Accra, AVO for short!


All the while, my spouse had been the one carrying this Canada matter on his head while I was simply tagging along and as such never bothered to make any detailed research. But things changed in 2017 when I went visiting in the US where I spent a couple of months. To be honest, I never wanted to return back to home, but on the other hand I never wanted to stay back illegally even though most persons there were advising me not to go back to Naija again. So while I was there, I started making some serious research about how to succeed in our Canadian PR journey. I had written IELTS in 2015 to add to my hubby's points for PNP, and to be honest, I just strolled into the exam hall with the mind set of 'no be English again'? Moreso, hubby had just told me that all I need was 'a 5' in all the modules to give him the required points for Nova Scotia's PNP. As a matter of fact we had paid David Cohen some cool cash to handle our application for us. These guys kept our application for two whole years without ever getting a chance to submit it whenever NS opened up their Category B stream. Chai! Infact on one occasion when the stream was open to take in the usual first and fastest 250 applicants, hubby ended up signing into the NS Portal before our so called immigration Consultants, there and then we gave ourselves sense and withdrew our application from them.

Fast forward to September 2017, I came back from my trip armed with all the information needed to launch my attack on EE. I had accidentally discovered that my hubby was a member of a closed group (Express Entry Law) on Facebook and I asked him to add me to the group. I followed every update on the group and all the PPR announcement there kept spurring me and firing me up. The group was created by Mark Holthe, an Immigration Lawyer and has mostly Indians in it and to be honest, they were quite selfless and kind with sharing informations as regards acing IELTS. I got to know about the Cambridge 1-13 practice materials for the first time in the group, and by the time I came back home, I gave hubby the assignment of printing the practice tests (1-13, General and academics) for me and told him that it was only condition on that I would attempt the exam again. Next step, I went in search of a job to in order to add one more year of work experience to my already existing 2years work experience. By November 2017, I had successfully secured an employment to the glory of God.

By February 2018, I commenced studies for IELTS test. My self and hubby booked the test with MOD (Meadow Hall, Lekki) for April 30th and I mapped out the strategy for studying for the exam since my job was a 9-6 one. Thankfully, my workplace was about 15minutes away from home, so immediately I closed from work at 6pm, I would make sure that I got home at exactly 6:20pm, take a shower and be seated on my study table by exactly 6:30pm. I had given an instruction to my Domestic help to ensure my 2yrs old daughter is completely locked in her room with with her before 6:30pm when I would be back home. She (my help) would feed her, bathe her and put her to sleep for the night while I was locked in my room studying till 11pm. The only time I spent with my daughter were only in the mornings when I would get her ready for school. It was so painful to be honest and sometimes I would get emotional about it but i had to find strength and courage from the success stories of those who had scaled through this process. 30th April came, and after my test, I had a mental assessment of my performance and started sensing I may not get the required scores, so I just got home and slept till morning. The results were eventually released and I was right. I had fallen short in listening. There and then, I asked hubby to book me for another test in June and still wrote with MOD but this time on the Lagos Mainland. Writing on the mainland was the worst decision i had made as i eventually learnt from a friend who had written in May that they had to use speakers for their Listening test. She advised i also practice without headphones just to avoid surprises. On the test date, we however got headphones but as the exams were about to commence, there were several technical faults and we were made to start with the reading, writing and then finally listening. I was livid, and I immediately started loosing faith. I eventually, lost concentration during the listening test and knew that I was coming back again for another test. As usual, I got home and went into my melancholic sleep and hubby seeing me in that state knew all didn't go well. That night, I woke up around 1am, and quietly reached out for my phone

and booked another test with MOD at Lekki (i had written there before and found the centre to be more organised as opposed to the mainland centre) for July 7th without even waiting for the results and i never bothered mentioning it to my hubby. It was the next day while I was trying to make payment that he knew what was going on and of course my results came in with all 3 modules maxed out while I was short of 1 point in the listening module again. Thankfully, the next exam as at the time my result was released was just a week away, so i focused my energy on that. Come 7th July, I wrote my final IELTS exam and Knew deep down, that it would certainly be my last. I fact when hubby picked me up, I was all smiles! He offered to take me to go eat out and I didn't object, (for previous attempts I'd say no to those offers and just head home to my melancholic sleep). So he immediately sensed i had done well in the test and by the time the results were released, I had successfully dumped IELTS for good. The feeling was outta this world!

ITA:

Next, I had to patiently wait for my work experience to clock 3 years, and while I was waiting, i thought to get some first hand experience from my fellow countrymen since the EE GROUP I belonged to on Facebook was dominated by Indians and that was when i remembered Nairaland. I recall joining the thread in part 5, but quickly went back to flip through part 4 and I couldn't stop reading till date. The thread is truly a goldmine, I just laid low like that US submarine that was in Naija for months undetected  I had gotten all the documents I needed to submit post ITA and was just waiting for October to get my complete points for 3 yrs work experience and by October 1st 2018, while Naija was celebrating their independence from Britain with nothing to show for it, me and my household were celebrating the extra 25 points that CIC gifted me for Independence day anniversary. Truly, it was my own independence day from Naija! Then 2 days after that, there was a draw, and voila, yours truly clinched her ITA and 5 days afterwards precisely on the 8th of October 2018, I turned in my application.

MEDICALS, PCC:

These were done on the same day. For Meds, it was at Children's practice and was quite a seamless process while Inspector Fatai sorted us out with PCC at 3.5k each.

ECA:


Hubby had once tried going the school route, so he had evaluated his results with WES and they were still valid while i had mine evaluated in 2016 for the PNP route he was initially going for. Mine being a Professional study, I got a Canadian equivalence of 6 years of professional study from my evaluation with WES.

POF:

For this, we sold one of our assets, prepared a deed of sale and submitted along side with title deed. The proceeds were paid into my account by the buyer and I highlighted the payment which came with a narration as well while the funds were fixed in a term deposit plus I had given an instruction for funds to be rolled over upon maturity. The rest of the funds came from hubby's dorm account while he wrote a consent letter giving his approval for me to use the funds for this journey. We also included part of his pension funds to act as a buffer in case of exchange fluctuations. Then we prepared a table to show all the funds and of course a screens shot of the day's exchange rate from Xe.com. I had asked question on the thread earlier about moving the fund from my Diamond bank account when I learnt about the merger with Access bank and got meaningful contributions from a lot of selfless individuals here. Infact someone told me moving the funds would mean that I was typing an application by myself asking for application to be sent to Accra. Hian! I had already moved the funds to my GTB account and raised a CSE in December 2018 to notify CIC about that only to get a reply that they had sent my enquiry to the Visa Office (Accra) handling my application. That was how and when I knew my application was in Accra. I later learnt from CIC call centre that my application was transferred to Accra on 29th November 2018 due to workload redistribution.

REFERENCE LETTERS:


I claimed work experiences from 3 different establishments; for internship, NYSC, and my present job. Thankfully, I had a good relationship and reliable contacts in my previous places of work as well as my present place of work, so all I did was to draft my JD and structure the letter in the CIC format, and then sent to them to type on the official letterhead paper. I was paid via bank in all these organizations, so I submitted bank statements showing salary deposits for all three work experiences.


Having learnt that my application was transfered to Accra, I started worrying about what I had done wrong. Infact, because of the earlier response I got from someone on the thread when I asked about moving funds, I nearly almost blamed my dear husband as he was the one that insisted that I move the funds from my Diamond bank to my GTBANK account. Thank God for the CIC agent whom I spoke to and who confirmed the date my file was transferred to Accra (which was way earlier than when I moved my funds) and the reason for the file transfer. I became a PH.d student afterwards on everything Accra VO. I would also like to say that Accra VO brought out the research spirit in my hubby too  because all the while, I was just the only one who was digging out alk the info about this process. Hubby only told me to involve him when there were cost implications, didn't like it but couldn't fight him either, lol. He was

the one that found the Accra VO whatsapp group and we got added to the group in December.

Life was a lot better in the AVO group as we saw we weren't alone. My information was updated on the group's spreadsheet and whenever I viewed the sheet and saw 2017 AOR still waiting, I would almost want to start crying! The group had different amazing personalities and there were always lots of permutations with different analogies of how Accra process applications. The very popular one being that AVO has a window period from January to March and with this we were hopeful. Fast forward to January and a few persons got ADRS and we all went ballistic, they were eventually followed by PPR mails and our joys knew no bounds. We were all fired up, while we looked forward to the next month hoping to see more applications approved. February came and they were still doing their thing at their pace, while we were still complaining, March came and it seemed like a drought had taken place in AVO as they were issuing more ADRS than PPR. Infact on a certain day, which was a Saturday (9th March 2019) one VO showed up to work and started sharing ADRS o! Sotey someone nicknamed them 'ADR Visa Office'... lol. The rain nor reach my side o, and I was believing God for a straight PPR without ADR. Eventually after two weeks when I didn't see my own share of ADR, I became worried. Different thoughts started crawling into my head. Abi dem no fit verify my previous work experiences? To make matters worse, I tried sending mails to the email addresses on my reference letters from my previous work experiences (trust our shabby so called Federal Government Hospitals) and they all came back with error messages! Ewo!! Ndia emee m ife finally!!! I started begging God for mercy. Then we proactively sent the famous 5 (an acronym the group had created to refer to the five documents that Accra usually requests for in their ADR) and also stylishly asked them for the status of my application on the 20th of March and they responded with their generic reply of "Dear client, be advised that your application is in queue for review". Chai, AVO, Infact eh, all of you that have your application in Ottawa can never understand what it means to be in AVO. This one that Ottawa would take their time to respond to your mails with details of every thing about your application, Accra can never be caught doing that for their applicants, their response never exceeds that one line I dropped above. However, to the glory of God, on the 21st of March, I got the groups 2nd most coveted mail in the form of ADR and I danced around like the golden mail had arrived. Since I had proactively submitted these earlier via CSE thinking it would hasten my application processing, I just fired it back again at them the next day, this time through the place holders provided for the ADRs .


In this month (April) the group has seen the highest number of PPR'S more than any other month and so while I was anxiously counting down to the 30days deadline before a decision is taken on my application, and at exactly 8th April, the day my

application clocked 6months, hubby got a response from one of the Calgary MP's he follows onTwitter and whom he had contacted in March about helping us make enquiries on our application. He sent a consent forms to my hubby asking us to fill it and send it back to him. For me, I was very reluctant because we had contacted Uncle Ralph in February and he told us that eligibility, criminality and security had not started. I reluctantly filled the former and sent back to the MP and in seconds he replied the mail stating that eligibility was 'recommend passed' and added that it meant that they could progress with Criminality and Security checks. All through that night we could not sleep cos we were overjoyed! By 2nd week of April, a lot of October AORS including my AOR mates were being issued PPR yet mine was no where to be seen. Onye ne'eme m ihe a bikonu?  My dear hubby, then decided to contact Uncle Ralph again and he

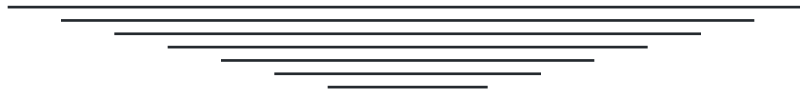
sent us back to oblivion by telling get us for the 2nd time that nothing had been initiated! Village people don finally make sure say they use my application paper take sell corn! I was livid! I talked to a close friend turned sister in the group and she told me to ignore Uncle Ralph's message and that I should rather believe the MP'S own, since he doesn't attend to volumes unlike Ralph who gets to give updates to a lot of people. For my sanity, I had to go with her submission, I stan you Kory. My people, on the 18th of April (The Thursday before Good Friday) at almost 5pm, I logged into my application and saw an update. I had to wipe my eyes again to be sure of what I saw, then I raced on and viewed my application and saw it had moved to IP2. I was happy all by myself and concluded that God would hand me my PPR after the holidays since it was already close of work at AVO. They only decided to give me something to hold on to during the long holidays. I proactively got all docs ready for submission, packaged them over the weekend and handed over to my hubby whose workplace is close to VFS Lekki to take along to work on Tuesday. Men and Brethren, on Tuesday 23rd April at exactly 9am, the sexiest mail on the planet touched my mailbox to the glory of God The Father!, God The Son!! and God The Holy Spirit!!! AVO simply resumed work with my application! I owe it to God to return here with this testimony. Words have totally failed me, that's why I don't mind staying up this late to share with you guys. I have been so busy at work lately and I do not want to keep postponing this goodnews any more. Forgive me for all the typos, for IT HAS ENDED IN PRAISE FOR ME! May it be same for everyone still waiting. Many thanks to everyone who constantly take their time to answer people's questions especially the selfless likes of Newmum0615, lfeoma77, Joo, Topsmamen, wassynewest, ladymarshall, mcstan, smslive, our own raphrulz of our what's app AOR group who I can call at anytime and be sure to get answers and a whole lot of you too numerous to mention. @lfeoma77, I'm finally going gong to that place you told me that generators would only exist in museums 

N/B: please there are speculations that histories of previous Visa denials is one of the reasons for file transfer to Accra. I and hubby both had Visa denials in the past, and we didn't submit a Schedule A upfront. I was told that I should have done that, but the truth is that there are people who submitted Schedule A forms with their applications and their files still landed in AVO. But then, you don't lose anything by submitting it upfront so you know you've cleared all your doubts.

Fact remains that AVO is a Visa office like every other Visa Office and as such applications would always be sent there to be processed. NOT ALL APPLICATIONS SENT TO AVO ARE COMPLEX.

Apologies for the long post, that was never intentional, I just couldn't stop writing
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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Utonne

Posted (on page 475) by:

Utonne

9:04pm On May 09

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Message:

PPR!!!!!!!!!!

IELTS- LWRS-9, 7, 7.5, 8.5

EE Profile Created-31 July

ITA- Aug 8 2018

AOR – Aug 24 2018

MEP/BIL- Sep 18 2018

BIL Completed- Sep 25 2018

IP1 & Job Mail - Oct 2 2018

IP2- Nov 22 2018

File transfer from Ottawa to Sydney- April 16 2019

Ghost Update- 06 May 2019

PPR-09 May 2019

Pre-ITA

Decision to travel has always been there. After my trip to America in 2012, I made up my mind that I was never gonna live and raise a family in Nigeria. Nigeria is unnecessarily hard. Tried DV lottery twice, but to no avail. In 2014, I went to England for my Post grad degree. Got my dream job right after my degree, but my for Nigerian passport. Basically, sponsoring my Tier 2 work visa became impossible. Even an opportunity for them to move me to an African country still didn't come through. It was such a painful experience that I am not sure I've fully gotten over it. Anyways I came back to Nigeria with as little optimism and met the recession. Now I'm gonna be totally honest, this was the worst period of my life. I stayed at home for 11 months because I couldn't get an appropriate job. I ended up settling for one in Dec 2016 and found myself in a weird toxic work environment. Anyways I became friends with a colleague who always encouraged me to give EE a shot. He started his process way back in 2014 and wasn't really conversant with how EE was. Never knew it was a DIY process and reached out to an agent and was asked to pay \$3500 and im like hell nah. How am I gonna afford that??

I was totally unhappy. Job was shitty, pay was even shittier. Work environment was toxic and sucked so bad. I needed a break. Decided to go on vacation in England and come back and resign. So, I travelled in December 2017. Living in a sane society for a month had me reassessing my life in Nigeria and my colleague brought up EE again and was able to convince me that it was a total DIY process. There and then, I decided I was gonna go for this. However, this meant going back to my shitty ass job because I needed an income and savings to run this process. I thought oh well, I'll be gone by the end of the year and I could stick it out. Hopped on Nairaland and came across the thread. Met the thread in part 4 and went all the way back to read Part 1. I just wanna point out that 95% of the information I got for this journey was gotten from this thread.

Now im gonna be totally honest I was confused at first, the acronyms and all but I just kept it moving. I got discouraged so many times but this thread gave succour. This thread gave me the much required information which I will always be grateful for. I took screenshots of different information not knowing when it would be relevant.

First step was degree evaluation. I used WES to assess my foreign Master's degree. It was pretty straightforward and I received my evaluation on April 09 2018. Being the queen of procrastination I delayed so much on taking IELTS. I was so scared of flunking it that I decided to give myself 4 months to study. At the end I only studied for a month and used a week for intense preparation. I got all the study materials from this invaluable thread. I majorly used Barrons, Cambridge 1-13, YouTube listening & speaking videos and IELTS Liz. I eventually registered for IELTS Jun 30 with MOD IDP. My greatest fear came true 2 weeks after and I had 6.5 in writing. Nairaland really came

clutch for me here; I never would have known that remarking was possible. I requested an EOR and followed up with Australia and my writing came back changed to 7. I was overjoyed.

Profile created Jul 31 2018. ITA Received Aug 08.

POST ITA

Created a folder for the different documents for upload just as someone said.

Medicals was done at Children's Practice Ikoyi. All the information required prior to this was gotten on here.

PCC UK was pretty simple. Ordered online and had it delivered to a friend's place to save cost and she scanned to me. PCC Nigeria was done at Alagbon with ASP Moshood. 5k

POF was 100% gift deed. My mum came through and transferred on 9th Aug. I attached a gift deed notarized, credit alert, statement of account, fixed deposit certificate and LOE.

Data page was uploaded with pages and visa stamps. Passport photographs were taken at Studio24. Soft & Hard copies were gotten. I didn't end up using the hard because my processing went beyond 6 months.

Education included BSC & MSC certificates, ECA & TRF. Proof of Work experience was reference letter gotten from my employer and pay stubs for the period points were claimed for.

Claimed 15 points through sibling. Proof of relationship was my sibling and I's birth certificates, LOE and one & same person affidavit. Affidavit was required because my middle name isn't included on my birth certificate. I also uploaded his PR card and utility bill.

Submitted on August 24. Prayed against Accra VO (LMAO) and for favour on my application. All was awesome and imagined at the most I was gonna be outta here in December. God must have had a real good laugh.

Post AOR

Medicals passed and received BIL on 18 September. Went in for biometrics the next day and village people (Lol, I learnt this phrase here and it really cracks me) struck. Network was down and I spent my entire day achieving nothing. Went back on the 25th and got it done eventually. All these while I had screenshots of PPR stories and would read them over the weekend to encourage myself. I never took screenshots of those with long processing times. I was projecting positivity putting it out there and expecting same. Lmao.

Oct 02 I received "how to find a job in Canada" mail and moved to IP1. Sent a mail to Ralph Oct 23 cos everyone on the Aug AOR group was doing so and I was quite curious what my VO was. VO was Ottawa. Eligibility was passed and security & criminality was yet to begin. I was overjoyed and expected PPR in another 2/3 months.

Signed up for Preparing for Canada and went for my session on Nov 6. I got the idea to attend this on this thread. It was super enlightening and I was 100% charged up and certain that I had made the best decision on relocating. This period I went through my MAP and read up on all the documents given.

Nov 22, I got a ghost update and moved to IP2. PPR was clearly near. I was elated. I started giving thanks to God every day that PPR was coming. I was singing Travis Greene's you made a way and Hillsongs Season gearing up.

The progress bar was introduced and was obviously no help. December came to an end and no PPR. Ehn, No wahala the 6 month mark had not been reached, we move. Moved into the New Year full of anticipation.

In Feb, i started getting frantic as the 6 month mark was fast aPPRoaching. I had abandoned my MAP and had no interest in all of that. Even applying for jobs and working with people on adjusting my resume were halted as morale come drop.

I decided to order GCMS on Feb 6. Made my first call on Feb 12 and was told eligibility met, criminality passed and security not started. 6 months passed no PPR. Chai. Unbelievable

Received my notes in March and everything was perfect. Only snag was security was still yet to begin. Meanwhile my file had been parked and untouched since Nov 23 which apparently from the notes showed that was when my criminality was passed. I eventually discovered when I was added to an "eligibility met" WhatsApp group, that there were tons of us with parked untouched files in Ottawa. Was also added to an Aug 23, 24, 25 group with all of us with similar issues. Groups were exhausting and hundreds of anxious people with several speculations. I became frantic as it was becoming obvious that my plan to zap out and start life in Canada in Q2 2019 was no longer visible.

After the 6 month mark, once a month I'd raise a CSE, mail Ottawa, call the center. I also mailed Minister Hussan and was told background checks in progress. Ottawa & CSEs were responding with their templates. It was freaking exhausting. I was losing it

It wasn't even easier with people with later AORs getting PPRs. The situation was real funny when people with RR and Eligibility not met (they got the info through GCMS and acted proactively addressing what the concerns) were getting PPRs. The race is not for the swift truly. All the kabashing against Accra VO, meanwhile people with my AOR in Accra got PPRs. People were already landing sharing their new lives in Canada and had even received their PR cards, meanwhile man still dey here dey wait PPR. Wawu

The wait was the absolute worst. I started to lose my mind around the 7th month. Tracking and voraciously reading up, analysing every detail, still PPR didn't come. I was so stressed. Never encountered stuff like this where I had absolutely no control. It was rather humbling. On the spiritual front, I prayed and even fasted. Not a catholic but even participated in the Novena to St Jude the Patron Saint of desperate and impossible

cause. I even developed the unhealthiest coping mechanism and eventually had to get a grip of myself. This journey was my life. I woke up every morning checking my mail, starting and ending my day reading the thread and canadavisa. I slept and dreamt Canada. It was a vicious cycle of tears, prayers, anger, inability to pray but just worship. I literally had no life outside this journey. I was saving 75% of my salary and using the 25% to meet my expenses. Last year's vacation would never have happened if I had this relocation in sight. It was so challenging. I couldn't give myself treats or hangout with friends. The focus was Canada. I couldn't even meet some family obligations due to all of this. I denied myself so many things. For a whole year and till now, I literally didn't splurge. All I did was SAVE, SAVE and SAVE some more. I was so darn frugal. It was that bad that it began to affect me mentally and I had to take a step back and reassess the situation.

It didn't help that I had the world's shittiest job in the worst toxic environment possibly. It was getting unbearable daily.

Easter holiday came around and I was like hell naw, im gonna have fun. I couldn't come and kill myself. Hung out with friends, attempted to learn how to Zanku & danced with a strange guy. Lol

Easter Sunday came and I asked God that the resurrection power of Christ be used to revive application. Someone also talked about matching action with faith, I decided to write my PPR story and take my passport photograph.

April 16, Files were redistributed to CIO Sydney Nova Scotia. Found out mine was also transferred. Status remained the same. The agent I spoke to even mentioned that express entry is no longer express that it's taking beyond a year and if I don't hear anything by September, (Lol) I should reach out to them again. Clearly Ottawa had some backlog. Decided at this point to move on with my life and keep it moving. Picked up a job offer on May and made a decision to forget about the entire process and immerse myself in the job.

May 6, Ghost update and I called. I was told that all assessments were passed, awaiting final decision and should expect the letter in a few weeks. Phewwww. Finally some good news.

May 9, at exactly 15:00hrs, there was a PPR storm in the group and I decided to check my mail and right there in my junk folder at 14:00hrs received the "Ready for Visa letter" sitting in my junk. I was numb. No excitement cos the wait wore me TF out. After 8 months, 2 weeks and 1 day of waiting, just like that it finally showed up. Im just grateful.

I just wanna say thank you Nairaland fam. You guys have been solid and invaluable throughout this journey. I could never have done it without this thread. I'm grateful.

It has finally ended in praise.

I took my time out to really write this out to encourage everyone on whatever part of the journey you're at. Please READ, READ, READ. Read everything you literally can get

your hands on. All the information needed is here and can be gotten through further research. It literally won't kill you to.

Be open-minded. Be flexible and adaptable to whatever situation you find yourself in. Anything can happen. CIC is a general unto itself

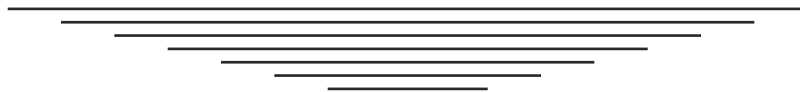
Have something healthy to keep you going. Gym, Dance, work whatever. Just to get your mind off all of this. It really is pertinent you do

Finally, if you feel strongly about this journey, GO FOR IT. Sometimes we get in the way of ourselves, we come up with excuses why and how not to. I delayed so much just by discouraging myself several times. It was either I was wondering where the funds were gonna come from or being mad that I wasn't in my career path while looking out for NOC. There's always gonna be something so you might as well just go for it. JUST DO IT. Don't delay. Help just popped everywhere. Wes was paid by a friend, IELTS was paid by my colleague who encouraged me at the start just to give me a head-start, POF was given to me by mum and my application fees were paid by my bro. I only paid for my PCCs, Medicals, Passports, Notarization of Gift deed.

The past 4 years have been the toughest and I'm really looking forward to a new life. I feel like this is my new lease on life and I'm seizing this opportunity to reinvent myself, go after my desired career path and dream job, making new friends and build new relationships.

Please keep pushing whatever stage you're at. God's got you. Every day is a step closer to your dreams.....x.

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Adeyemmy24

Posted (on page 287) by:

Adeyemmy24

4:03pm On Apr 08

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Message:

Ladies and gentlemen! It's PPR!!

Sorry, this is coming a bit late

Hmmm, where do I start, My God is gracious!

Prepare for long gist ooo

Time line

ITA- OCT 3

AOR- OCT 12

MEP and BIL- Nov 9

Gave Biometrics- Nov 9 (No dulling)

Dec 28:

Got to know that file has been transferred to Etobicoke and criminality passed

Dec-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- PPR

VO -Etobicoke

So, the journey started with my husband in 2015. I really wasn't 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, his IELTS was excellent but age and only bachelor's degree brought his CRS to 380 or so.

He 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 gets there, he will immediately apply for spouse work permit for me, then my self and the kids will join him in Canada before our 6 months 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..lols

Well, 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...lolsss

So 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 higher

So 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 ITA

We 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 PPR

We 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 US

Meanwhile 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.

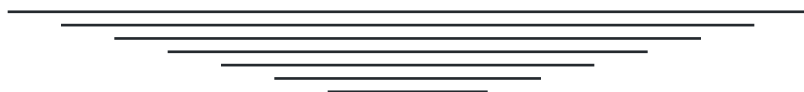
This PPR journey has ended in praise.

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 all

Let me go and continue monitoring passport return tracker closely src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/wink.png" alt="wink" border="0" class="faces">.

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7jjohndoe83

Posted (on page 356) by:

jjohndoe83

7:05am On Apr 19

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Message:

Gentlemen! The first breakthrough is here

Listening 8.5

Reading 8.5

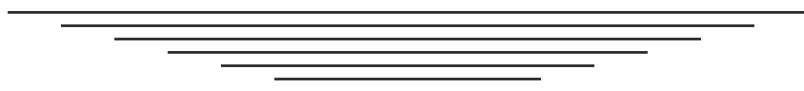
Writing 8.0

Speaking 8.5

First 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..

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7bronze25

Posted (on page [430](#)) by:

bronze25

4:39pm On May 02

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Message:

It's PPR guys

MY TESTIMONY (14th April 2019)

If you're reading this, know I have found favour before the Almighty God.

My journey started as far back as February 2016, then it was only an idea to do a masters in Canada.

In September 2016, I started gathering documents needed to secure admission in university of Saskatchewan. To cut the long story short, I applied & wasn't shortlisted.

In 2017, I got admission to another school, that's where the emotional saga started.

I applied for my first study visa in June, was refused in August reason was insufficient funds.

Applied for second visa in October, this time I paid tuition (\$7560), come December visa was refused.


Mind you, I had a friend who we applied for study visa together, he advised me not to apply the second time, rather I should use the money to prepare for IELTS. He told me I was qualified for EE. Desperate me didn't want to listen, my mind was already made up.

In December 2017, I applied again to Saskatchewan, (I'm sure you're wondering why I like this school. LLM students are entitled to funding of \$20,000 plus the tuition is cheap \$5,000)


In early March 2018, I got shortlisted, by the end of March, I got a letter of rejection & was advised to apply again with a waiver of application fee.


At that point, my brain had to reset for EE. Immediately I paid for transcript, by April transcript had gotten to IQAS.

While I was waiting a friend who started the Canada journey with me now in Germany added me to German student group. I got all the information, applied to a



couple of schools as plan B. Waited ooooo no admission letter came. I jeje registered for IELTS. Took the first test June (LRWS 8,6.5,7.5, )




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Second test July (8.5,6,6.5, ) [src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/cool.png"](https://www.nairaland.com/faces/cool.png) alt="cool" border="0" class="faces">

Remarked first IELTS but the result came out unchanged  my 46,124 just gbe like that.

Admission came from Germany, I couldn't secure a close date for interview. The date I was given was after my enrolment deadline. I was advised to cancel the interview & plan for summer intake.


At this point, I thought I had seen the worse  but guess what? My boss informed me on 24th July to tender my resignation because he was relocating to Canada 


Where do I start from? where will I get money to fund this canada waka   


The bible says let God be true & all men liars. I called two awesome friends who knew all I was going through. I jokingly told them I was going to set up a committee of friends to raise funds for me to write IELTS. My best friend said make me No.1 on the list. My other friend said give me till the end of the month. I cried eh, God what kind of love is this .

Bestie credit my account, my other friend did same, my dearly beloved only brother sent money (in his voice "don't fail this time"

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Third IELTS, I took the test in September. Result refused to come out on the stipulated date. This time depression set in, I just concluded that the delay meant I had failed again. I was contemplating the best possible way to vanish from planet earth 

I made it through that day when some of my friends noticed I had not come online. Calls started rolling in, words of encouragement came, strength came from above. Next day Tuesday 25th, a friend took me out to see a movie, after waiting for about an 1hr 30 mins, I told my friend I didn't want to see any movie, I just wanted to lie down. We went to her house & while she was cooking banga rice for me, I got a message from someone I wrote the test with that our results have been uploaded .

Time to check result, my hands started shaking, my brain shut down because I was not able to remember my passport number. Them boom  I remembered, I saw the most beautiful result in my entire life LRWS 8.5,7,7,8.

October 3rd I got ITA, I started gathering all the documents I needed. while this was going on, I got a call from a foreign number, It was for a job.

Few days later, I got another call to discuss the salary. Come October 26th immediately I submitted my application, I got a mail. It was an offer letter.

I swear this is really true, like I experience the hand of God all around me.

Then the wait began, I waited for medicals, my AOR mates started getting BIL & med pass from right, left, center, then my anxiety level increased💎. Finally the long awaited mail dropped November 29th, I did biometrics 30th.

At this point, I said God it's now your application. Nothing will shake me again because I was very sure of the Hand on my application💎💎

In January 2019, everybody started checking their VO. I join the multitude to check on January 3rd & 💎 AVO💎. What a way to start the new year, I felt very very weak. I had to talk myself out of the feeling, I reassured myself with God's words that He is with me.

Kept myself busy with work & started tutoring people on IELTS, that way I would have little on no time to stress my brain over my application.

While these was ongoing, my friends started getting PPR; people I tutored, those I helped put their application together. As they were getting PPR, they were sending me their passport to drop at VFS (my office is very close). Every time I get to VFS I always ask God a question "when will I come & submit my own passport? When will it get to my turn?"💎

Fast forward to March 9th when there was a down pour of ADR on a Saturday. That down pour got go me. I submitted March 16th.

April 12th I got another shocker of my life. An invitation for interview scheduled for 30th April💎. Trust me I cried like my life was over when I got the mail. I started doubting if it's the same God that I serve that everyone serves. I made a statement more than 10times "God has stretched me beyond my limit"

Interview preparation

I was added to an interview group on WhatsApp, asked of the silly questions possibly, did monitoring spirit to those that went of interview 💎

I travelled to get documents for my application. I took about 4 documents I have drafted, a court judgment showing my name, directory for lawyers in that state showing my profile & the firm I worked.

I called a friend to get a contact in Accra to help me find my way around but he offered to go on the trip with me. Despite not knowing what I was going to do in Accra, he could sense the fear & anxiety in me. My friend cleared his schedule for the period of time I was traveling, travelled all the way from Abuja to Lagos just to go with me to Accra.

Prayers started from all corners, rehearsal everyday, asking questions up and on the interview group💎. A day before I left for Accra (Sunday) I was prompted in my spirit to sow a divine mercy seed, I took this seed offering from the money I was suppose to travel with... the money pain me small (David said I would not give to my God that which cost me nothing) I held on to those works.

God showed up on the 29th just before I left for the airport, alerts started dropping like bomb 💎. In short my trip became an all expense paid trip, I even had extra money from it.

Interview proper

April 30th finally came. I woke up by 4am, went through all my documents again, finally got to the embassy by 8.23am. Dropped all documents at the reception, sat down quietly waiting for my turn. From the list, I was the first but this people didn't call me till the reception was completely empty. I just waka enter the convenience & started blasting in tongues, didn't care whether my voice was loud💎 I just wanted God to make everyone & everything work for my good. I was planning to ask the security lady for mat or monks/vita foam to put on the floor & sleep💎 (make I just kukuma rest till them ready)

The lady flung all my documents at me that I will hear from them. The interview didn't last more than 10mins just as I prayed & God heard me.

I took my tired self to the hotel, changed & went to enjoy a bowl of chicken at KFC💎. After spoiling myself, I checked my phone & saw that my golden mail has been there for over an hour & half.

Timeline

ITA --- Oct 3rd 2018

AOR --- Oct 26th

BIL -- Nov 29

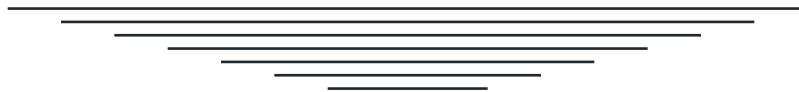
ADR -- March 9

Submitted- March 26

PPR-- April 30.

Special appreciation goes to everyone, for as many that are still waiting on God in one point or another, I pray the outstretched hand of God shows up on your case.

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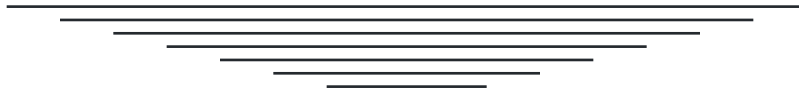
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This forum has been very helpful and I thank everyone. Your sojourn shall end in

praise.

Let the good life begin.....

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7fizzile

Posted (on page 14) by:

fizzile

7:17am On Feb 20

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Message:

Breaking News: IT IS PPR !!! IT IS PPR!!! IT IS PPR!!!

ITA: June 11th, 2018

AOR: August 28th

MEP: Sept 24th
















RPRF: 26th October

RPRF paid: 31st October

Ghost Update: Feb 19th

PPR: Feb 20th 💎💎

VO: Ottawa

Indeed, 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               

Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Xplorezee

Posted (on page 298) by:

Xplorezee

8:03pm On Apr 09

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Message:

** clears throat**

Sorry for the delay..... I need to add sauce to the gist ni jare.....

Guys!!!!!! It's PPRRRRR!!!!!!

Alhamdulillahx3ce, robil al'amin

Am so excited💎💎💎💎💎. You might be wondering who is this but it's your boy(wasseynewest) pppprrrrrrr.....yeeaaaahh

LOOONNNNNNGGGGG POST 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....so

My ECA. August 7

Hubby. 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 attempt

L 8.5, W7, R 7, 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.

REFERENCE 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....

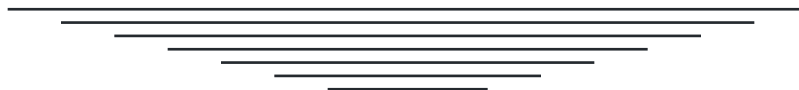
Our Timeline

IELTS PA	Oct 27
IELTS me.	June 30
ECA PA.....	Aug 28
ECA me...	Aug 7
ITA.	Dec 19
AOR.	Dec 27
MEP/BIL.	Feb 6
BIL completed.	Feb 7
ADR.	Feb 25
App approved.	MARCH 7th
PPR.	APRIL 9th

We 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 ABLE GOD..

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Ramj

Posted (on page [181](#)) by:

Ramj

2:53pm On Mar 20

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Message:

As the Bible says the End of a thing is better than the beginning thereof Ecclesiastes 7:8

Everyone 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 better

Je m'appelle COPR.

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7kriyobt

Posted (on page 365) by:

kriyobt

8:10pm On Apr 20

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Message:

Its PPR guys.

Decision to travel- February 2018

ECA- 28/6/2018

IELTS- 13/10/2018

CRS Score- 446

ITA- 29/10/2018. (Draw score) 442

AOR- 12/11/2018

MEP/BIL- 12/12/2018

Ghost Update- 13/12/2018

Biometrics Completed- 14/12/2018

ADR for RPRF- 16/01/2019 (Payment made same day)

Ordered for GCMS note- 14/02/2019

GCMS note received- 19/03/2019

PPR- 17/04/2019

Passport Transmitted- 18/04/2019

AOR to PPR- 156 days

VO: Ottawa


Single Applicant

I 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, 7.5

3) LRWS: 7.5, 8, 7, 8.5

4) 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, 8

7) LRWS: 8.5, 8.5, 7, 8

I 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 T bills 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 queen- 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 JD 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  src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/wink.png" alt="wink" border="0" class="faces"/>, 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.

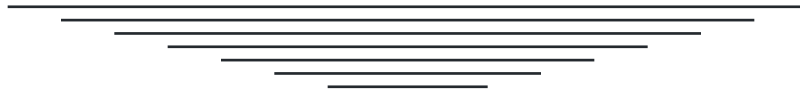
When the wait was becoming difficult to bear I resorted to one of my hobbies and graciously got a better job. At this point, I started checking my application once in a while.

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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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7ladymarshall

Posted (on page 33) by:

ladymarshall

12:34pm On Feb 22


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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, 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 panic or think about it.

Reading: Skimming and scanning are the keys. The 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. Make 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, cousin, 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, expatiate, 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..

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Temas

Posted (on page 74) by:

Temas

4:28pm On Mar 01

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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 timeline

PRE ITA

1ST IELTS PRINCIPAL APPLICANT (MY HUMBLE SELF)..... L/S/R/W... 7/7.5/7.5/6.5 FEB 10 2018

2ND IELTS PRINCIPAL APPLICANT... L/S/R/W... 8.5/8/7.5/6.5 JULY 07 2018 HAD TO REMARK

REMARK L/S/R/W... 8.5/8/7.5/7 AUGUST 2018

SPOUSE IELTS.. L/S/R/W... 6.5/7.5/6/6 JULY 7 2018

CRS SCORE 445

ECA PRINCIPAL APPLICANT.. SEPT 2017 TOOK ONE MONTH FOREIGN DEGREE WES (MSC)

ECA SPOUSE BSCJUNE 2018 TOOK 4MONTH THANKS TO LASU

TRNC PPC.... TOOK ALMOST ONE YEAR WITH UP TO 140K. SEE PAGE ONE FOR DETAILS

POST ITA/POST AOR

ITA SEPT 05

AOR...OCT 19

MEP/BIL...NOV 19 COMPLETED NOV 21

1ST ADR...RFRP FEB 07 2019

FEES PAID FEB 08 2019

1ST GHOST UPDATE ...FEB 16 2019

2ND ADR....UK VISAL REFUSAL LETTER...FEB 19 2019

ADR SUBMITTED SAME DAY

2ND GHOST UPDATE FEB 27 2019

PPR...FEB 28TH LETTER DATED 27 2019

VO..OTTAWA

PASSPORT SUBMITTED FEB 28 2019

This 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.

WES

Na 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)..

IELTS

We 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... Auntie 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 all

3M... PERSONAL SAVINGS

500K.. 25%PENSION FUND

2M 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).

Medical

Booked medical ahead since we were sure of ITA ..CRS stands @445 cut off was hovering around 440-442 then. We booked with qlife 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, PAYSIP (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 attached..

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Re: Canadian Express Entry/federal Skilled Workers Program - Connect Here Part 7Obi1conte

Posted (on page 338) by:

Obi1conte

6:58pm On Apr 16

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Message:

blockquote>

Obi1conte:

I got ppr this morning guys. I'm coming back with my story.

AOR 16TH OCT 2018

PPR 12TH APRIL 2019

Visa office Accra/blockquote>

When life throws you a curve ball you swing for the fences

Let 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.....kudos

Now 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 thump 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 "OYA WHERE DO WE START FROM" and we haven't looked back since.

EE PROFILE CREATED: 6TH APRIL 2018 with CRS 439

ITA: October 3rd 2018 with CRS 454

AOR: 16TH October 2018

IP2 (now known as IP0 came with AOR)

MED/BIL 14TH November 2018

IP1 19TH NOVEMBER 2018

IP2 9TH APRIL 2019

PPR 12TH APRIL 2019

VO: ACCRA

FAMILY OF 4

IELTS

PA LRWS 8.5, 8.5, 7.0, 7.5

Accompanying 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 3 months in early 2018, this cost us 5 points 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.

PCC

Mine 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.

POF

This 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 notarised 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.

OTHERS

I 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 WAIT

CHISUS!!!!

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 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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