

# SUMMARY of Top Posts

<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/571#72795078> - (190 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/427#72134550> - (159 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/38#70113991> - (133 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/467#72359932> - (123 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/300#71397900> - (118 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/402#72010200> - (114 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/456#72243638> - (111 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/232#70956006> - (111 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/221#70915103> - (110 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/44#70123360> - (109 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/240#71008497> - (106 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/178#70610456> - (106 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/368#71795257> - (105 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/496#72525195> - (104 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/255#71118891> - (102 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/549#72719133> - (101 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/429#72138746> - (101 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/280#71301099> - (101 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/499#72533421> - (100 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/191#70719758> - (100 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/285#71338608> - (98 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/557#72742867> - (97 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/135#70413094> - (97 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/326#71550905> - (96 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/414#72080687> - (94 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/384#71932734> - (94 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/256#71129070> - (94 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/325#71546424> - (93 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/327#71552587> - (92 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/593#72848883> - (91 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/588#72829129> - (91 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/335#71602078> - (91 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/250#71096351> - (91 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/188#70698368> - (91 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/560#72760717> - (90 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/262#71159703> - (89 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/578#72809175> - (88 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/38#70113472> - (87 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/578#72809222> - (86 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/525#72620721> - (86 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/395#71980745> - (86 likes)

<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/307#71439900> - (86 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/292#71362790> - (85 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/230#70943715> - (85 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/53#70145838> - (85 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/292#71362731> - (84 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/241#71010189> - (84 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/423#72124938> - (83 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/412#72059593> - (83 likes)  
<https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled/252#71102632> - (83 likes)

# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5aworldcitizen

Posted (on page [572](#)) by:

**aworldcitizen**

4:29pm On Nov 08, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the king of creation!  
Gather round people, it's PPR!

Below is my timeline

Decision to travel August 2017.

Family of 5

Visa office: initially London, moved to kyiv in August.

IELTS: September 2017.

My IELTS was written once and was perfect 9,8,8,8.

Spouse IELTS 7.5,7.5,7,7

ECA: Masters Nov 2017

Entered the pool Dec.

ITA January

AOR January 17th 2018

Medical Passed Feb 11th 2018

IP1 Feb 12th 2018

IP2 Feb 27th 2018

Then silence. Not even a single ADR.

Ordered 1st GCMS notes April 2018 everything looked perfect.

Then complete silence.

Ordered 2nd GCMS notes July 2018, this never arrived

Wrote Ralph who confirmed Eligibility and Security not yet started.

More silence, not even a ghost update

October 3rd 2018 ordered 3rd set of GCMS notes. Arrived Nov. 1st. Still same as April notes. My file had not been touched since March 2018. Eligibility and Security not yet started.

Wrote a 3rd mail to Ralph on Nov 4th who was gracious enough to respond (Ralph responds only once). He confirmed that my eligibility and security was not yet started and my application cannot be expedited.

Nov 8th, like a dream ! my PPR!

Checked email and profile this morning and saw nothing.

By 2pm during my lunch break, I saw a mail notification, I wanted to ignore but decided to check.

I saw a mail from donotreply@cic.gc.ca that I have an update on my profile. I was excited, that finally I am getting a ghost update / adr.

I logged into my cic acct and saw my profile was updated. I was so excited, thinking it was just a ghost update and that finally my file was receiving attention. I wanted to log out but I felt the nudge to proceed and click on view complete application which I did.

Nothing seemed to have changed, my background check was still in process, I was about to log out again, when I felt that urge to scroll further down to the mail section.

I saw I had a new mail, titled request letter. I already concluded that it was an ADR for fresh bank statement. Love and behold, it was the almighty PPR.

I wasn't expecting it to come without an ADR for updated POF since my application had been pending for almost 10months. I lost appetite immediately, and was just screaming. I couldn't share the news with my colleagues, so I just lied to them that my husband got a new job!💎.

I am immensely grateful to God Almighty who did not put me to shame. Delay is not denial. Though it tarries, it must surely come.

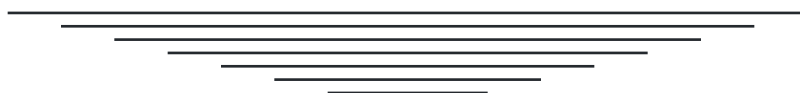
Thank you all for all the love and support.

Off to take my pictures and submit tomorrow.

This year has been so challenging. hubby and I lost our jobs, all our money tied at POF, we were feeding from Hand to mouth and struggled to pay school fees. Infact this September, we had to change their schools to a very cheap school.

God bless you all..

Number of likes: 190



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5dumprep

Posted (on page [428](#)) by:

**dumprep**

11:24am On Oct 16, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:

My great family. It has happened! The joy I feel right now cannot be described. My chest o!

I remember precisely on the 28th of September when;

iaatmguy said, "aswearoGod but i wonder why those announcing type short post and term it "LONG POST ALERT". Mods please lets enforce PPR announcement to be 1,000,000 words".

iaatmguy, i hope say you don fix that keyboard? Lol.

30 minutes later, lfeoma77 replied saying, "I second this motion jare! Every time I see "It's PPR, Long post alert", e dey sweet my belle. We want more".

Tojued (talking to Expectantbee) said, "Congratulations! Eagerly awaiting the full gist! Like was suggested today, please make it as long as possible".

So please, abeg, biko, ejo, make una permit me to sweet lfeoma belle, enforce iaatmguy's PPR-announcement-with-1-million-words policy and make it as long as possible for Tojued by declaring this announcement a #LONG FUNNY DRAMATIC POST. Enjoy!

Somewhere in Lag where I was jejely on my way to work this morning, I saw Broda Shaggi and McLively and this happened.....

Me: "Hello Broda Shaggi"

Broda Shaggi: "ah! Ore mi! Ow are you? Any queshun for d day? Oya.....hit me!"

Me: "Broda Shaggi! I got my PPR this morning!"

Broda Shaggi: "Shuo! Na queshun be dat? PRP? wetin be PRP?"

Me: "No Broda Shaggi. Not PRP. It is called PPR. The PPR is the email an applicant receives.....".

McLively: #interrupts rudely: "My friend! He ask you what PPR is and you have take

2-way flight to Ottawa and come back to Mushin. What is PPR? Simple question! PPR means Passport Request. It means....."

Me: "Oga. The question was not for you".

McLively: "Ehnnnn...but...but I choose to answer it".

Broda Shaggi: "LOL. LMAO. LIMFAO. Ogbeni! You neva answer my qeshun. I say wetin be PPR?!!"

Me: "PPR is Passport Request. Also commonly known as the Golden Email. It is an email an applicant receives which indicates that their Canadian Permanent Residence application is successfully approved and it notifies the applicant to submit their passport at the visa centre for onward processing. "

Broda Shaggi: "Golden wetin? Canada? So how me sef go take enter Canada? Becos dis naija no be country, na state and capital. As dis country dey like dis, dem suppose give dis country visa make e travel, make e go see e mates - Canada, Dubai, America, make e go see how dem dey do. Oya show me d Canada way na?"

Me: "Ok. The first step you need to take is to calculate your CRS, then do your ECA (with WES or IQAS), then write the IELTS, then....."

Broda Shaggi: "You dey smoke abi? E be like say ironic bomb dey your head abi? All dis acrimony wey you dey mention....."

Me: "No Broda Shaggi. It's called 'atomic bomb' and they are called 'Acronyms' not 'acrimony'. Also, you have to first do some research on Canada Express Entry. You can go to Nairaland for more info.....".

Broda Shaggi: "Nairaland? No be those pipu wey dey say make newcomers go read from Page 1? Their fada!"

Me: "Yes, they are good people. Also...."

Broda Shaggi: "Also kini? If dem born anybody well, make dem tell me say make i go read from page 1. E be like say fufu wey don spoil dey una belle."

Me: "But Broda Shaggi. If you want to be a permanent resident in Canada, Nairaland can help you achieve that. It is a great and wealthy source of information and inspiration. There are great and kind folks who are always willing and ready to help. We have GlitteringStar, NewMum0615, Ifeoma77, joo2018, Elfmannisback, einsteino, kontagious, Tojued, cochtrane, Hephgirl, iaatmguy, the ever-helpful-three-colored musketeers (>smslive2/</span>, >mcstan18/</span>, >sunvick/</span>), TEECANN, luffyhaki, ysteph, "je m'apelle Ramj", jholarharde, NanaF, radec, stonecoldcafe, guitarlife, bbaby84, tolf, happytbaby, CanadianBae and many other awesome people."

Broda Shaggi: "guitar wetin? Elfman is where? shey na people name be dat? People wey dey for dis our naija?"

Me: "No, it's not their names, it is their monikers".

Broda Shaggi: "Monica? No be woman name be dat? Dis Ifeoma77 wey u mention,

na woman abi?"

Me: "my broda, me sef no know if lfeoma77 na woman. lfeoma dey use our head play ludo".

Broda Shaggi: "so you don tell all these moniker your timetable?"

Me: "No Broda Shaggi. It is called Timeline, not timetable. My ITA was May 9, AOR was June 13, MEP/IP1 was June 26, IP2 was October 9, ADR (Updated Bank Statement) was October 10, ADR submitted same day, PPR mail came in at 4:17 AM today (October 16), Visa Office is Ottawa, AOR to PPR is 125 days, Single applicant".

Broda Shaggi: "Oyaaaa!!!! Tell dem! Because Oyinbo say what? A Express Entry is a game changer for the illegal immigrant for d moniker and the continent of Nigeria and the diaspora".....#doing the broda shaggi pose....."Taink u!"

Me: "illegal immigrant? I am not an illegal immi....."

Broda Shaggi: #interrupts and does the broda shaggi pose again. "i say.....taink u!"

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

LOL.....

Thanks guys for all the invaluable information, helpful tips and encouragements. I love the spirit here. Such an atmosphere of friendly and pleasant people with positive mindsets. The collaboration, support and eagerness at which everyone helps each other is amazing. God bless you all.

Most importantly, I thank God for seeing me through every step of this arduous albeit exciting and interesting journey.

My announcement would NEVER be complete if I don't pray to God to immeasurably bless my altruistic and selfless brother @Topsmamen whose constant encouragement piqued my interest to try Express Entry shortly after he sacrificed so much for me by paying my tuition fees to go for my Masters in the UK in 2015. Prior to that, Naija dealt me a heavy blow as I was going through harsh times at my place of work and I had lost so much weight and looking pale. I decided there and then that since I wasn't born to suffer, I needed to throw my punch back at Naija. My brother once saw a picture of me looking frail and malnourished and he was quite stunned like "Haba! This is too much na. We need to get you out of Naija. Let's try the UK". I was glad he read my mind but I had no idea how I could single-handedly leave the country and fend for myself (with a meagre salary and with not much to go on). The plan was that I

would do my best to settle in the UK because at the time, we presumed that my degree and experience in Health and Social Care would fetch me a job and I would settle in the UK (smh....how ignorant we were). Friends and family residing in the UK also encouraged me to try the UK with promises of helping me with a job and settle in the UK (I should have just 'yinmu-ed' at them but my desperation to leave Nigeria made me believe and swallow their story). After completing my Masters, village people somehow made me go back to Nigeria and the hustle continued. It got worse, I went into making cocktails and beads to survive. I eventually got a job at a hospital with a salary of 40k and to make matters worse, my salary was never paid on time. At this point, my brother was too broke to help the family as he had just spent his entire life savings on my Masters. Till today, I do not know how we managed, but God kept us.

Fast forward to 2017 and he came up with the Express Entry idea. His words were "why don't you try this too? You have a Masters degree, age is on your side, and all you need to do is write the IELTS and evaluate your Masters degree". I felt bad that he had spent a lot of money on me and we ended up not achieving our ultimate goal for me to settle in the UK so I told him I would wait till things got better as I could not put him through this again. He explained that my going to the UK was not a waste as I had achieved a Masters degree and that as a matter of fact, the Masters degree would help boost my CRS points and this made a lot of sense. We had no idea how we would get funds to start the process considering that a lot of money would be involved, I felt totally helpless but after several discussions with him, and knowing that he also had no idea where the money would come from, we held on to faith and we decided to take it one step at a time starting with WES. This decision was made on May 5, 2017. I remember that day vividly because that was the first time I learned of the province - "Saskatchewan". I took to the internet to do research on Express Entry and Canada, I looked at several internet images and read up about Canada and before i knew it, I was having a crush on Canada. Basically, plans for my life became Canada-focused. I spent a great deal of time reading about my new Country and the provinces/territories: their culture, history, employment, skill gaps and socio-economic development. My research was quite deep that I even got to learn that Nova Scotia is well known for their fish and lobsters....lol. I imagined myself in Canada already (Yes, I can dream not just for Africa, but the world too). In November 2017, I stumbled on the Part 2 of the Canada Express entry on Nairaland and page 1 caught my attention. God bless Zandora, 40manlappy and GlitteringStar for placing such detailed and vast information in a properly arranged manner. God bless you all. The infamous Page 1 is not a punishment as people think, it's actually quite an interesting read. The people who have created this life-changing threads have done tremendously well and deserve praise. I mean, it's a lot of work. I implore newbies to read as much as possible, this has been repeatedly advised by countless people and do not take it personally when you are referred to Mr Page 1. The



knowledge you gain by reading here can never be taken from you and will forever be yours to keep, so read up guys. None of us got here knowing all what we know now. Take a look at our beloved brother - >smslive2/span>, who was once a newcomer but now has over 2 million Nairaland followers and has built an empire in Nairaland City (Bro, no be shots fired this time o, na accolades fired. Lol. The calmness and patience you display in your responses to questions are laudable, please keep up the good work).

So my people, that was how he did everything (from my 'deciding-to-go-to-Canada' stage up till PPR). He prepared me for the IELTS and thankfully, my first and only attempt was LRWS: 9, 9, 8, 8.). He paid my WES fees, dived into the pool with me (I mean, he created and submitted my EE profile....lol). Together, we painstakingly spent several weeks in contact with each other to ensure that my former employer wrote the reference letter correctly and also to ensure that my bank statements, gift deed, LOEs and additional documents were in the required formats. He re-reviewed all my documents and ensured they were in good order, he deposited \$7,000 into my account as part of my gift deed (when he was barely managing his own finances and other obligations), he paid my RPRF fees and submitted my eAPR. He also paid for and ordered my GCMS notes.

I am utterly blessed to have him as my brother. He took the pain of constantly checking my profile and always told me, "Don't worry, your PPR will come soon". He basically took most of the pressure off me. I owe him a great deal of gratitude and God-willing, I will return the favour in a million fold. There are countless great things that he has done in my life that mentioning them here would make this my PPR announcement seem like an ABRIDGED GIST.....lol. Many thanks bro! You're a rare gem. God bless you in unimaginable ways. #MyRealMVP#MySuperHero#YouCameThroughForMe.

To my fellow sisters and brothers - dumsydsassy1, Tippex, wizean, vickyehi, doncorleone, ShininLite and other June AORS, I can't wait for your PPR announcements. I'm praying along and rooting for you guys.

For those who are on the verge of giving up on this journey, please do not despair. Divine help will definitely come your way.

For those in different stages of the application, let us keep being hopeful, the wait might be exhausting and stressful, but it will eventually happen. Last last, we would all meet in Canada someday and rejoice over our PR successes and laugh at the interesting drama and plenty fights here.

On my way now to submit my passport sharply as I owe my loving brother some

sweet 15 sibling points. The journey is not over until we both get our COPRs and land in Canada. It will surely end in praise. #DancingShakuShakuAway. I will keep you guys updated as events unfold. Thank you All.

Make I drop this phone and hold my dear passport tight because this bus conductor is looking at me like .....

Number of likes: 159



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5Kwado87

Posted (on page 39) by:

**Kwado87**

6:19am On Aug 09, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

GRACE FOUND ME

I will worship Him forever, Love Him forever, This God is too good oo (Nathaniel Bassey)

I discovered this family after I had already submitted my application.....

This journey started in earnest December 2017. FAMILY OF 4

Got the magic IELTS score April 21 sitting LSWR. 8.5,7.5,7,8.5. Updated my profile May 13th, CRS 466.

ITA... MAY 23RD

AOR.....JULY 3RD

MEP/IP1.....JULY 18TH

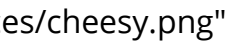
IP2..... AUGUST 7TH

PPR..... AUGUST 9TH

Before I submitted my application, I told God that my case MUST be different. What took others 6months will take me maximum 6 weeks( He even exceeded my

expectations) cos my rent expires in September.

I stood on Jeremiah 1:11- 12 (I see a speedy ppr, and He will hasten His word and perform it.) & Luke 18:27...(my desire is possible with God)..... Focused on praying for God's kingdom alone while believing...Matt 6:33..

Pardon my sermon  src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/cheesy.png" alt="cheesy" border="0" class="faces">.....but JESUS IS LORD

POF:- I used a notarized copy of deed of sale agreement only, bank statement and reference letter. An LOE explaining one of the huge payment into my account.....

WORK EXPERIENCE.....just used a general "to whom it may concern" reference letter from company not in "cic format". No payslip or any other document.

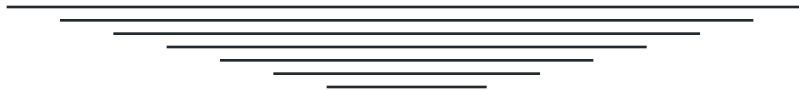
Lessons Learned...

1. FAITH WORKS!!
2. Make ur application as simple as possible
3. Your application is different.

GRACE FOUND ME!!

Pardon any typo..

Number of likes: [133](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5wizean

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

**wizean**

5:02am On Oct 24, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

For God is faithful and faithful shall He remain!

IT'S PEE PEE ARHHHHHGGGG GUYS !     

Decision to travel : September 2017

WES processing took 7months : May 10th (All thanks to NASU and the Nigerian bottlenecked system.

Spouse WES : 8 months: June 22 (Eventually didn't use it)

IELTS first attempt : Jan 6 (writing fall my hand and remark no pure.

IELTS Second attempt : Feb 1 (I pulled through)

Spouse IELTS : Jan 20 (she made it at the first sitting)

ITA : May 23

AOR: June 22

MED PASS: July 10

Ordered Gmcs : Sept 25 (Yet to get it)

IP2 : Oct 19

Ghost update : Oct 20

PPR : Oct 24 (Dated Oct 23)

I owe alot of people gratitude in this house and I just can't thank you guys enough.

@Selgzsy, gistwivkome, Balogunsam and everyone who came through for me during the WES madness, I am sincerely grateful.

@Newmum0165, thank you so much for pointing out that major flaw in my employment reference later. Men would stumble to favour you.

@Team May 23rd ITA and June AOR, trust me, we will all smile at last. Keep hanging on.

@Nairaland homies, thanks so much guys. You have alway been there for me since 2009 (My very major source of local info)

@Spouse, I know you will read this, I just wanna say I am so sorry for diving you so hard, forcing you to sit for IELTS with your big bump, forcing you to go after inspector moshood with that big bump, forcing you to take a 3days old baby to queue up at immigrations for passport. Believe me, I really do appreciate every of ur efforts and it

was just for our collective good. I love you to the moon !

Peace out !.

Number of likes: 123



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5mepconsultant

Posted (on page 301) by:

**mepconsultant**

3:15pm On Sep 21, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Darling Nairalanders, PPR News.

I have been thanking God since yesterday and couldn't still thank him enough. PPR has falling on me. All thanks to God.

My brief Timeline below.

IELTS = 5 times

ITA = 04/06/2018

AOR = 11/08/2018

MEP = 12/09/2018

BIL = 17/09/2018

PPR = 20/09/2018

3 days between Biometrics and PPR

8 days from MEP to PPR.

This could only have been God.

I'm actually a silent follower of this thread. Learnt a lot from here. IELTS oppressed me. I will by tomorrow highlight my experience and detailed timelines, for others to

learn from and not get neither weary nor discouraged.

Thank you all for your supports. I wish you all the very best. 1 Love.

Number of likes: [118](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5Sthill5

Posted (on page [403](#)) by:

**Sthill5**

9:22am On Oct 12, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

My people!!!

God decided to give me a hit back to back.

Officially started this EE journey in March 2018.

1st- LRWS- 7.5, 6.5, 7, 7.5 (BC)

2nd- LRWS- 7.5, 8.0, 6.5, 8.0(MOD)

3rd- LRWS- 8.5,7,6.5,8.5 MOD (remark came back unchanged)

September 29 was my 4th attempt (BC)

L-8.5

R-9.0

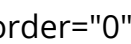
W-7

S-7.5

I've never written an exam this many times in my life

As soon as I saw it I told my husband "pack your bags, we are going to Canada" and i just cried

Please please if you are battling with IELTS. You CANNOT give up.

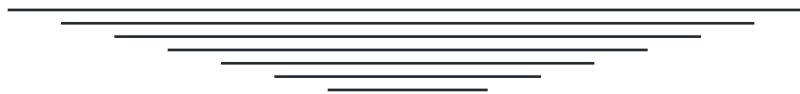
It may seem like an exaggeration but IELTS taught me a lot and I've made amazing friends on this platform. You know yourselves src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/smiley.png" alt="smiley" border="0" class="faces">

My WES and IELTS within 48 hours!!!

We now stand at 458!!!

Jehovah is not sleeping at all..he gives us what we need when we least expect..

Number of likes: [114](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5exceedinglory

Posted (on page [457](#)) by:

**exceedinglory**

11:38pm On Oct 19, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Onise Iyanu

You are the God of awesome wonders, I've tasted of your power

Onise Iyanu

You have shown me so much mercy, Much more than I deserve.....

Lord Jesus, before these wonderful people I declare that you are a merciful and loving father. I will serve you all the days of my life.

The Lord has done it again!

See my timeline below:

1st IELTS (BC): June 4 2016: LSRW : 5.5 7.0 8.5 6.0

2nd IELTS (BC): Aug 3 2017: LSRW : 8.0 7.5 6.5 7.0 (remark came back unchanged)

3rd IELTS (BC): Dec 2 2017: LSRW : 8.0. 7.0 7.0 7.0

Application for family of 5

CRS: 460 points

ITA: Jan 10 2018

AOR: Mar 06 2018

ADR (AUTHORITY TO RELEASE PERSONAL INFORMATION TO A DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL): Mar 14 2018 (ADR was submitted the same day)

Medical passed: Apr 12

FTD: Apr 13 2018

VO: London

Then the very long wait.....

1st GCMS note request: 22 May 2018

1st GCMS note received: 19 June 2018 (Eligibility, Security and Background check had not started. Everything looks fine from the notes, just that case processing agent's comments that review required for my settlement funds and police certificate got me worried.

I sent an email to LVO to request for status update on my application on the 2nd of Aug and LVO replied my email on the 5th day that I should raise CSE (but I do not want to rise CSE until after 180days post AOR).

2nd GCMS notes request: 14 Aug 2018

I sent an application status request email to Hon Ralph Goodale on the 4th of Sep, and he replied the same day that my Eligibility was under review, and that Security & background check were yet to be initiated.

I raised my 1st CSE on the 5th of Sep and got a response from LVO 6 days after that



my file was in the que awaiting review by an immigration officer.

2nd GCMS notes received: 13 Sep 2018 (Got to know that LVO visited my LinkedIn and Facebook profiles and that of my wife).

Request for Height and eye color: Sep 19 2018

IP 2: Sep 20 2018

Update / PPR mail: Sep 21 2018

Passport submission at vfs: Sep 24 2018

Update / Application approved: October 10 2018

Passport & COPR pickup: today, October 19 2018

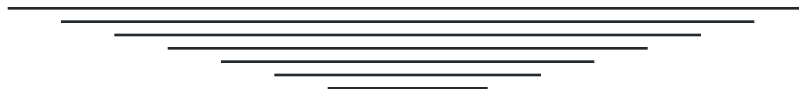
I got an admission for a master in Information Systems Security Management at Concordia university after my first IELTS, but my student visa application was refused (the VO was not convinced that I would return to Nigeria after my study).

This journey has taught me patience and ability to trust God more. Thanks to everyone that has supported me in one way or the other during this period, I am so grateful to you all.

Oya, make I continue singing I will worship Him forever enter Edmonton.....

I will worship Him forever, Love Him forever because  
This God is too good, oh  
I will worship Him forever, Love Him forever because  
This God is too good, oh.

Number of likes: 111



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 54wearegreat

Posted (on page 233) by:

**4wearegreat**

1:31pm On Sep 06, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:

How I battled with IELTS for a YEAR!!! - A long and boring story

1st attempt (29 July 2017) - LRWS - 7.5, 9, 7.5, 8 (BC)

2nd attempt (Nov) - LRWS - 8.5, 8.5, 6.5, 7.5 (BC)  
- Requested for remark in writing (no upgrade)

3rd attempt (Jan) - LRWS - 6, 7.5, 7.5, 8.5 (MOD)  
- Back then speakers were used for listening test

4th attempt (Mar) - LRWS- 8.5, 8, 6.5, 7.5 (BC) -  
Requested for remark in writing (no upgrade)

5th attempt (April) - LRWS - 7.5, 8, 6.5, 7.5 (MOD)

6th attempt (Jun) - LRWS - 9, 8, 7, N/A (MOD) - I missed my speaking test

7th attempt (28 July 2018) - LRWS - 9, 9, 6.5, 8.5(MOD) - I almost wept because I expected 9, 9, 8, 8


Despite testimonies on upgrade and words of encouragement/advice from friends (on nairaland and other platforms) I was reluctant to initiate an EOR because my experience with EOR hasn't been favorable and I was as broke as a church mouse.

A friend eventually lent me N100,000 but I was confused on how best to utilize it. I needed some money for my up-keep, so the balance would be for either EOR/another IELTS. Babe suggested re-writing IELTS but I was tired of rehearsing speaking sessions with her, listening to boring IELTS model listening test, reading model IELTS essay, writing IELTS letters and essay (wey nobody dey mark), so I opted for remark even though I wasn't really expecting an upgrade.

I got an email from MOD that my EOR is available for collection, I showed the email to one of my guys and he said "Baba dem no upgrade the writing oo." A frustrated me completely agreed with him maybe because I wasn't expecting an upgrade/because no reference was made to refund of the EOR fees/ because my friend had requested for

EOR thrice with MOD (so I kinda trust his judgement) or I was too frustrated to think straight).

However, I asked my sister to collect the TRF on my behalf (at least the score go increase my CRS marginally – who knows, tsunami fit make score drop significantly and the marginal increase could be all I need). Sis sent me the pic of the TRF and to my surprise - my writing was upgraded from 6.5 to 7. With this upgrade CRS go jump reach like 450.



### My 2 cent on how to prep for IELTS

#### General

- 1-Read page 0 abi na page 1 of this trend
- 2-Read and follow the instruction on the question paper (e.g not more than 2 words and/or number)
- 3-For reading and listening – don't leave any question unanswered.

#### Listening

- 1-Download various IELTS listening test from youtube (google "savefromnet")
- 2-Print screen and print the listening questions (so you have listening question papers)
- 3-Practice without headset (this will increase your concentration level especially for those who get distracted easily)
- 4-Don't review your answers until the end of the test, use the audio break to review the next set of questions
- 5-Identify your weak question types, and practice them more
- 6-For Maps, identify the starting point in the map (e.g the reception, entrance) before the commencement of the audio
- 7-Write on your question paper the north, east, west and south pole of the map – would help if the speaker says something like, the studio is at the north east of the reception
- 8-Blow with the speaker with the intention of identifying all the locations in the map (for instance the speaker could say the studio is beside the toilet. The questions required you to identify where the studio is but if you ignored the location of the toilet because it was not listed amongst the question, then you have jounze the location of the studio)
- 9-For matching questions – Instead of matching the answers to the questions

when the audio is being played, for each question, write out all the keywords stated by the speaker (use shorthand and abbreviation). At the end of the test, I used 2-3 minutes (out of the 10 minutes) to review the keyword stated for each question vis-à-vis the answer option (I hope this explanation is clear because matching question and maps use to be my problem until I adopted these strategies).

10-For multiple choice question with long sentence – when previewing the questions, underline the keyword, then listen for the keyword or its synonym or paraphrased

11-Write what you hear, not what you think

Reading (GT) – My area of core competence

1-For T/F/NG – True- the passage support the question, False- the passage negate/contradict the question, N/G - the passage states nothing about the question.

2-For section 1 & 2, don't read the passage first, read and underline keywords in question 1&2, scan through the passage for answers to both. If you spot the answer to question 2 first, there is a possibility that the answer to question 1 was in the preceding sentence or it is N/G (for T/F/NG type of questions).

3-Plan to conclude section 1 & 2 in 20 minutes

4-For section 3 – read each paragraph and summary in one sentence the core idea of the passage (5-10minutes depending on your reading speed) (e.g summary for paragraph A – discovery of white lions, summary for paragraph B – people's perception about white lion, summary for paragraph C – different studies on temperament of white lions.....summary for paragraph H - extinction of white lions)

5-Read each question (e.g a research conducted in the 19th century showed that white lion are \_\_\_\_), use your paragraph summary to identify the paragraph where the answer lies (See the words in bold, the answer to this question is most likely in paragraph C, so scan through paragraph C for words, synonyms or paraphrase for research, 19th century, white lion are).

6-In my opinion the key to high score in reading is not understanding the passage, rather it is about being able to identify the answers in the passage)

7-I score high in reading but the truth is I rarely.

Speaking

1-For first timers, watch model IELTS speaking video online

2-If possible, rehearse speaking test with someone

3-See samples of task 2 questions and have model answers/topic in mind e.g for any task 2 topic related to trip, holiday, picnic, school excursion etc – would speak about trip to Olumo Rock and adapt as appropriate (have never been to olumo rock before),

anything related to an item (gift from someone, gift to someone, item I admire, item I misplaced etc – I will speak about laptop)

4-Use the past, present, future and opinion techniques (you can search youtube for Jay video on this)

5-Die is possible, in fact tell plenty reasonable and coherent lies (the God you serve will understand and forgive you)

6-See the examiner as your gist/gossip mate, just feel free to yan your “apata”

Writing (I don't know wetin to write because me gat work on it, but few notes)

1-Watch IELTS videos on writing ( I used orisirisi videos)

2-Print out and study many IELTS model writing essay (the essay structure, use of linking words etc) this will enable you see the application of the skills you learnt from the videos

3-Use “Brighter grammar” or “Premier English”.....sha read to improve your writing

4-Attempt model IELTS writing test under exam condition and ask friends to review it (Big shout out to everyone who offered to review my essay)

[color=#000099][color]5-Practice writing using model IELTS writing answer booklet – to familiarize yourself with the answer booklet and to have an idea of the numbers of lines you need to write on to achieve the required word count

## MOD vs BC - My Opinion

Disclaimer: Please note that below are my personal opinions about MOD & BC at the moment (6/9/18), and not necessarily true or false in all instances.

### MOD's Edge over BC

1-Those who registered early were given to opportunity to choose their preferred speaking date and time

2-Responded to my emails within 24 hours

3-Spent less time trying to calling a customer care representative


4-Cheaper IELTS fees (MOD - NGN68,000 and BC – NGN75,000)

5-Was easy to book for an IELTS test within few days to the test date

6-Was easy to pay for IELTS test or EOR (e.g MOD does not require bank draft not need for EOR)

7-If you like low key parole, the probability that you would meet someone you know at MOD test center is small.

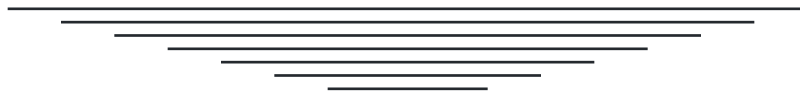
BC's Edge over MOD

- 1-Better organized on exam date (considering the crowd at both centers)
- 2-Cheaper EOR fees (MOD – NGN46,124 and BC – NGN15,000)
- 3-More flexible on speaking test date (if you arrive late or too early) –
- 4-MOD often use speakers in new center (I prefer headset to speaker)
- 5-If you like high key parole/you will like to identify frd into this EE stuff for guidance and direction), the probability that you would meet someone you know at BC test center is high
- 6- Gat centers in more states than MOD
- 7- More popular in Nigeria than MOD (but who da one help src="/faces/huh.png" style="width:15px;height:22px;">

Note: Based on my experience, your IELTS result is not dependent on whether you write with MOD or BC (except for speaking, where availability of headset could impact on candidate performance).

To everyone who encouraged/advised me - (in Davido's voice) Blessing fall on you  
To everyone still battling with IELTS - Fire your shot again. You remember the story of Abraham Lincoln?.

Number of likes: 111



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5Afro24

Posted (on page 222) by:

**Afro24**

8:17am On Sep 05, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

I had known about this immigration program since 2014 because I kept getting unsolicited emails from one of the canada immigration consultants, but I just did not think it was worth the trouble especially when I saw I had to pay a fee to be assessed.

The decision to immigrate was finally made in October 2017, so I proceeded with

WES evaluation in November and picked an exam date for IELTS. The result of IELTS was decent as I exceeded the 8777 requirement. Unfortunately, I could only achieve 413 as being grey, not having a masters degree and my ICAN certificate being almost worthless had depleted my score.

At this point, PNP was the way to go but sadly, Ontario decided to be the new CIC so I had to rule them out. I took up French classes all in a bid to improve CRS as the miracle of May 2017 was clearly not going to happen but oboi....that french thing is fun but no be beans oh.

Nova Scotia announced the opening of Category B stream for candidates without job offers on April 28th. Since my NOC was in demand, I grouped all my documents in folders and proactively waited for them.

I successfully applied after 5 exasperating hours of sitting on the floor and refreshing my browsers (Nova Scotia PNP is notorious for their website shutting down following the millions of candidates trying to win a spot and to make matters worse.....it's entirely free)

Thankfully, I was nominated 3 weeks after and as good mathematics students, you know what my CRS came to. Then the journey began.

ITA was received on May 30th ( This draw was unexpected).

AOR.....July 4th.

Medical was passed on 20th July( this date means alot).

IP2.....I really don't know the exact date because I stopped checking. It should be around August 14th.

Ready for Visa Email/PPR.....August 28th.

This is to encourage all those looking at improving their scores. Just keep at it and I think desperation in chasing the scores is everything. We will all succeed because I want to be able to eat "oporoko" in that country when I choose.

To those contributing positively on this thread.....you are everything.

Alright folks....je veux aller soumettre mon passeport..

Number of likes: [110](#)



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5Mapletins

Posted (on page 45) by:

**Mapletins**

11:48am On Aug 09, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:

Hello silent reader.

Submitted documents to WES 23rd March, Me and Spouse both UK universities Msc . Sent only Masters information received from this thread nairaland

IELTS 9th April . We took the exam once, thank God as spouse kept telling me no money for retake.

Primary applicant LSRW 9777

Spouse 8776.5

Used Jay and liz and tips from nairaland to take mock exams in exam condition with actual answer sheets in writing and listening

WES released May 14 took about 2 months

Medical was booked for Qlife appointment June 4. Spent 7hrs, 9am to 4pm it was a large family affair on that day, there was a family of 8 before us and we are also a family of five. The staff were so nice and friendly. Spouse had to carry out more tests because he had very high bp , and he disclosed he had heart surgery when he was 13years in Canada, 24years ago and has never gone back for check up. We were told he might be mailed to see a cardiologist but we thank God that never happened because of the cost that might have been involved.

ITA May 16. CRS 468 have a sibling in Canada

Proof of funds family of 5. 100% gift deed from my father and placed it in fixed deposit.

AOR June 23

Medical passed July 9. We thank God it was a huge relief

PPR 8th August thank you all for your valuable contributions to this blog.

A lot of travel history Usa, Canada, Uk and more

Spouse Usa, Uk and more

Refusals US 2006

Spouse refusals Canada, US and UK in 2005

Children 3 all US citizens.

I thank God for showing his divine favour on us all. God knows best congrats to all ITAs and PPRs, as you guys say it will end in praise. May God continue to favour us all on the next level of our journey..

Number of likes: [109](#)

---

---

---

---

---



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5Dizzy007

Posted (on page 241) by:

**Dizzy007**

9:22am On Sep 08, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:


\*\*\* Exits silent reader mode\*\*\*

Its a PPPPPPPRRRRRRRRR!!!!

Early to Mid 2017, I was facing some challenges, I jammed an old friend who told me this EE, and the links to here.. I started reading from part 2 till date.

Decision to migrate Oct 2017

IELTS Dec 2nd 2017, LRWS 8.5,7.5,7.5,7.5 Studied for two months. Gave my experience righthere

Started ECA in Nov 2017. Got it April 03 2018 (Thank you NASU Strike  src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/angry.png" alt="angry" border="0" class="faces">)

ITA 11 April

AOR 04 May

NA1 05 May

ADR 11th May schedule A

MEP 17th May

IP1 17th May

Ordered GCMS Notes 03 July. Everything was fine. VO:Ottawa

IP2 22nd August

Ghost update 06 Sept

PPR 07 Sept

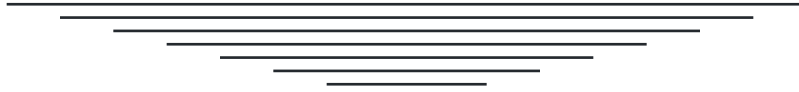
Single ooooo

Used gift deed 100%. Read @feygbe post and used same thing. Bank letter, Gift deed, Affidavit, transfer teller/receipt, SOA, and LOE

Changed NOC post ITA, Used NYSC experience for work, I started working there before NYSC, told the company to state i was paid in cash in Reference letter, Attached employment letter, then LOE about NOC change and that I don't have pay slips/stubs.

Special shoutout and accolades to @sleekysilk, the first person to respond to my PM on some clarifications, @Newmum0615 for NOC advice sometime last year, @Mcstan18 and @happytbaby, my guy sunvick I met during the planning for canada session, @glitteringstar and everyone here that responds to queries. You guys are the real MVP!!!!. God bless you guys immeasurably for the selfless work!!...

Number of likes: 106



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5Godisincontrol

Posted (on page 179) by:

**Godisincontrol**

10:24pm On Aug 25, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

The below may be useful as well:

Copied

As these queries keep coming repeatedly in this forum (& I get many PMs as well), I thought to summarize all into one thread. This post shall quench most of our doubts. I hope it helps...

#### REFERENCE THREADS:

Can we Land in Any City:

<http://www.canadavisa.com/canada-immigration-discussion-board/-t35499.0.html>

Which City to Land for Jobs:

<http://www.canadavisa.com/canada-immigration-discussion-board/-t31291.0.html>

Landing Forms:

<http://www.canadavisa.com/canada-immigration-discussion-board/-t30178.0.html>

Job's In Perspective:

<http://www.canadavisa.com/canada-immigration-discussion-board/-t31106.0.html>

WHEN SHOULD WE 'LAND':

After getting the PR visa, we are supposed to complete our 'record of landing', on or before the Visa Expiry Date [mentioned on the visa]. The visa Expiry Date is related to EITHER\*:

- a) 1yr. from the meds, or
- b) Passport expiry date of the PA or anyone of his/her accompanying Dependents

\*Whichever of the above 2 is earlier.

#### WHO SHOULD LAND FIRST:

It is the obligation of the PA to 'land' first. Which can be 'alongwith' one or more or all the accompanying family members. Let it be clear that the PA's dependents CANNOT land first.

#### PROCEDURE AT THE POE:

Irrespective of which city we chose to land, the 'landing' per se, is a simple process. Before debarking the a/craft we'll be provided with a 'Disembarkation Card/Form'. We take that form & first go to the 'Passport Control'.

#### At the Passport Control:

Here we need to inform the IO that we have come to do our 'landing'. The IO will check our Disembarkation Card and our passport/s & visa. S/he will then direct us to "Newly Landed Immigrants' Counter".

#### At the Immigration Counter:

The IO here will scrutinize our Passport/s & COPRs. He would [sometimes may not] ask to see our POF. Most of the times the officer will not count the 'actual' money & accept what we say. But, no false pretensions there. S/he will then fill some portions of the COPR & ask us to sign it, wherein it'll be attached on our passport. We'll be asked to fill-in the 'PR Card Application Form' & give an address where our PR cards will be forwarded within 3-6 weeks. Thereby, s/he would 'Welcome us to Canada' and direct us to another office.

#### At the Services Canada Office:

The Services Canada section is for assisting the Newcomers' settlement moves. Here we'll get lots of books/pamphlets, that'll provide all the crucial info on Canada and our Settlement plan here. From here will be directed to the CBSA counter.

#### At the CBSA [Customs] Office:

This is an important location. We are required to present (1) List of Items Accompanying; (2) List of Goods to Follow; (3) Currency Declaration [We'd have to 'declare' any amount of \$10K or more]. Lists-1 & 2 must be brought in 2 copies, one

would be retained by CBSA and the 2nd copy will be returned back to us. We'll need the 2nd copy when our shipments come-in.

Note: [1] If we are not bringing-in any goods later, we don't need the 'goods to follow list'. [2] At a random the CBSA might 'actually' check the POF here. Thus, no complacency is acceptable. [3] If there are 'jewelry' involved, do not forget to bring 'Printed Photographs' of the same (details later).

BTW: All the officers are extremely friendly, very understanding, cheerful and helpful. We'll encounter 'Welcome to Canada' many a times. If all the docs are pre-printed & available with us; and there is not much of a queue, we will be out of the a/port in 40mins-1hr. flat. Which includes the walk-distance, baggage collection etc.

#### FORMS REQUIRED FOR THE 'LANDING':

Even if you stay ONLY for a day at Canada, you will need the following:

1. Passport with stamped Visa. -off course
  2. COPR (IMM 5292B)
  3. POF. [for cases "without" AEO & family class] (details below)
  4. Passport size photos. -2 or 3 for PRC (may not be needed, but good to have)
  5. PR Card Application (IMM 5444E). -carry it filled pre-printed, for ease
  6. Goods to Follow List (Form B4 / B4A). -carry it filled pre-printed, for ease
  7. Goods Accompanying List. -as above, a table of things u r carrying on person (value & Totaled)
- Forms required later
8. SIN Card Apps Form (NAS 2120). -Not Needed at the A/port [later at Services Canada]
  9. Kids Immunization Record. -Not Needed at the A/port [later for School Admission]
  10. If you are Driving your Car. -read below

NOTE: The more you are organized before hand, the better 1st impression you deliver and the IO/CBSA officer shall be happier. (BTW: smooth & fast processing). U'll be out faster. Go to your accom & relax for the day, you had a long journey, haven't you?

#### SHORT STAY ACCOMMODATION:

For sure you must arrange a 'short-stay' accommodation prior to your landing. The necessity of which cannot be overemphasized more. If you have friends/relatives, they can be approached for the same, if you do not have anyone, the following is recommended:

Toronto:

1) <http://www.safehomestay.com/>

2) <http://www.staystudio6.com/>

\*Both provide a/port pick-up services. The places are used by many satisfactorily.

Calgary:

Not much such places are available. However, this ad by a service-provider caught my eye...

"Furnished rooms with high speed internet are available for newcomers & immigrants. Close to all amenities. Pick up & drop off services also available. Call Girish # 403-255-8582 [or email: [taradale@live.ca](mailto:taradale@live.ca)] for more info".

Source: <http://www.canadavisa.com/canada-immigration-discussion-board/shared-accommodation-in-calgary-ne-t31430.0.html>

Vancouver:

a) <http://www.budgetpathotel.bc.ca/>

b) <http://www.ywcahotel.com/>

Some other important sites on Vancouver are:

1) <http://www.welcomebc.ca>

2) <http://www.rentbc.com>

NOTE: Except for ppl with enough \$\$\$ to spend, avoid Hotels & Motels. They are far costlier. Also, if you must take a hotel, avoid the ones close to the A/port -for obvious reasons.

HOUSE RENTAL:

The best way to do house hunting [long-term accom.] is to land at Canada & then start searching. Word of mouth & Bulletin Boards are a great 'real-time' source. However, we cannot condone the importance of the web. Some of the good sites [there are many] could be:

a) <http://www.hometrader.ca> (Good site)

b) <http://www.capreit.com> (Property Management Services)

c) <http://www.kijiji.ca/> (Good Classifieds site)

d) <http://www.mls.ca> (Mother of all)

MONEY: PROOF OF LANDING FUNDS:

What Proofs Are Acceptable?

If you are carrying more than C\$10,000, tell a Canadian official when you arrive in

Canada. If you do not tell an official, you may be fined or put in prison. These funds could be in the form of:

- Cash
- Securities in bearer form (for eg, stocks, bonds, debentures, treasury bills) or
- Negotiable instruments in bearer form (for eg, B/drafts, Cheques, TCs or MOs).

Source: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/skilled/funds.asp>

#### How Much Funds Can I Carry?

There is no Max limit... we can take Millions, if we can prove its legitimate source & declare anything at/or more than \$10,000 [that's the CBSA regulation]. There is a Minimum limit though... we must carry at least or more than what CIC requirement states, vis-a-vis for the no. of pax in the family [accompanying].

#### Tax & Duties Component:

The funds we bring inside Canada are Non-Taxable. It is only the 'interest' earned on that which is taxed. The moment our funds start accruing interest [while lying in a Canadian Bank a/c] the bank will start deducting tax 'on source'. The same applies for any 'investment' in Canada that we make with these funds.

#### BANKING:

Though most international banks operate in Canada, the 3 main Canadian Banks are presumably the best, in terms of their presence, availability & location of ATM machines, branches etc.:

- 1) Scotiabank,
- 2) TD Bank, &
- 3) CIBC

Besides, you can also pre-open a Canadian Bank a/c from your home country [not all, Dubai, India etc.] thru Scotiabank, SBI & \*ICICI Bank. I have posted details about it earlier here:

<http://www.canadavisa.com/canada-immigration-discussion-board/-t34013.0.html>

\*ICICI Bank offers one of the cheapest a/c charges. But unfortunately, both ICICI & SBI have very limited presence in Canada.

#### AIRLINE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Usually BA & KLM change places frequently for their "lowest fares" to Canada. More often it'd be BA [especially from the UK, Dubai, Europe & the Gulf sector]. U can also ask your travel agent to select between multiple carriers to provide multiple-halt choices. But, from the UK actually that might not be required. Check BA today, it'll do the trick...

Dubai-Heathrow-Toronto : AED 3,860/pp return.

However, personal choice prevails. Sometimes other carriers place envious promotions too. Emirates has recently commenced the A380 [Dreamliner] service. And all their flights are 'long-haul' -Non Stop.

NOTE: If our \$\$\$ are a consideration, avoid 'non-stop' flights. They obviously are costlier. A single-stop flight is highly recommended. Also, we might avoid travel agents as well, the 'online' reservation of all the prominent carriers are absolutely good. I did mine thru BA & it was fantastic. Paid, printed and became an 'Executive Club' member -all thru the net. The e-ticket shall be delivered, on-the-spot, in your email in-box.

#### PR CARDS (PRC):

Your PR Card application (IMM 5444E) shall be done at the POE itself. It is part of the PR package [free] and the photos & details will be the same as you supplied for the PPR. Our PR Card/s come back to us via regular post mail, in 3-6 weeks, avg. 4 weeks. It is 'advisable' to stay in Canada for at least 45 days, collect our PRC and then return back [if you must].

If you leave the country before it arrives, u'll have to make arrangements for its collection & forward delivery to you, overseas, thru a friend/relative [Not a Recommended Action], however, done all the time by ppl. But there is a danger of losing it in transit. And if that happens, we'll have a tedious process to get new ones made.

#### How To Enter Canada W/Out A PR Card:

As per IATA & CBSA regulations, we cannot enter Canada w/out a PRC. However, if we are entering thru a Border Post by road, it doesn't matter -our COPR is enough for entry/exit. But, if we are travelling by an airline & boarding/entering thru an a/port we will Not be Permitted. At the embarkation port itself we will be Stopped by the airline staff.

The process in such cases is to apply for a 'PRTD-A31 (3)' [Temporary 'PR Travel Document'] at the local CHC [abroad]. It costs Ca\$50. Details of it is provided at the 'Manual for Permanent Resident Card' (ENF 27).

#### Procedure Of PR Card Application:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/kits/guides/5445E.PDF>

NOTE: The PRC is probably the 'most important' document after we are thru with

our PR application process. This is valid for 5 yrs. First time: Free; Renewals cost \$50/card.

#### SIN CARDS:

After 'landing' we'll have to visit the nearest Services Canada Office for the SIN Card. We get the SIN No. immediately as a 'print-out' -signed & stamped upon applying, the same day, the same time. That'd suffice for all our further actions in Canada, viz Job Search, Bank a/c, House Hunting etc. The card shall come to us in approx 3 weeks. For its collection -ditto applies as above, for the PR Cards.

NOTE: Remember, we don't need the SIN Card for anything. Only the SIN No. Which we'll get the same time as we apply for it. It'd be wise to visit Services Canada Office the very next day upon arrival.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

Both PR Card & SIN Cards are Federal documents. Meaning? One card for the entire nation -Canada.

#### HEALTH CARDS:

Health is a provincial matter. It is NOT FEDERAL. Thus, if you change provinces, u'll have to AGAIN get that province's Health Card. And again the waiting period\* shall apply. Off course, a previous province's health card remains valid for few days/months in another province, but not all benefits could be availed.

#### \*The Waiting Period:

As I know, Alberta [eg. Calgary, Edmonton etc] & Manitoba [eg. Winnipeg] are the Only provinces where there is NO WAITING period for the Health Insurance. Rest in all provinces there is some waiting time to get the Health Benifits. In Ontario [eg. Toronto, Ottawa etc.] it is 3 months.

#### Eg.: If Calgary Is My Destination Should I Get The H/Card In Toronto?

If Calgary is your Final Destination, but you are 'initially' landing in Toronto for a few days stay [Permitted action], I suggest you should first land in Calgary [get the health card] and then visit Toronto. Why? Mainly 'coz, you can get the Calgary health card immediately, but in Toronto you'll not. That Calgary health card will be valid in Toronto for a few days. Not the vice-versa. Secondly, if you land first in Toronto, you'll be staying w/out any health coverage.

#### Temp. Health Coverage:

It's wise to obtain a 'temporary' health coverage before you fly. Off course not



required if you are going to Alberta or Manitoba. That temp. coverage shall come in the way of "Travel Insurance", which you can obtain from ANY insurance company in your homeland. The costs depends on the length of coverage. Usually we should take it for 3-4 months, as that is the waiting time in all provinces.

NOTE: It'll be a good idea to obtain the Travel Insurance from home country. For 2 reasons: [1] You are covered from day-1 even before landing. [2] In Canada it will be costlier & you'll be covered only from the day you apply. What if you get to do it later, as you'll be busy in the initial days? What if something goes wrong in between?

#### DRIVING LICENSE:

There is a way to obtain at least the Ontario G2 Driving Lincense immediately, if not the G1. For that some pre-arranged actions are needed, before you fly. I've written in detail on it. Check out this link:

<http://www.canadavisa.com/canada-immigration-discussion-board/issue-with-ontario-drivers-licence-strike-t30236.0.html>

#### HOW TO BRING CARS INTO CANADA:

Firstly, it is Not wise to bring-in Cars from any other country into Canada. Why? Cars are quite compititively priced in Canada. It's only its maintenance & the cost of Gas that'll kill you. Secondly, Canadian models are made specifically to withstand the 'extreme' cold conditions there. Our imported cars might not [less the ones from European or similar countries].

Thirdly, there are laws for Tire, Radiator etc. modifications, before we can register it in Canada. Why would we like to take that trouble? Fourthly, the transportation costs? It might just not be worth to bring-in cars from far-flung countries.

#### Import Cars From The Us:

Yes, be free to bring your car/s from the US by all means. But 'remember', we need to first 'export' the car from the US and again 'import' it into Canada, after we get-in. Documentations... documentations... However, quite a good detail about it is provided in this website:

[http://www.auto-broker-magic.com/Canada\\_Import.html](http://www.auto-broker-magic.com/Canada_Import.html)

#### ITEMS TO CARRY FROM HOMELAND:

Very debatable... I would say, do your maths first. Is the extra baggage costs worth the effort? Most items are readily available in Canada, also at very reasonable price.

Ditto for Indian Food & Spices [Rice, Dal, Pickles, Papad (?) etc.] And ditto for Italian

[Pasta, Lasagna etc.], Japanese [Sushi, Tapanyaki, Teriyaki etc.], Tex-Mex, you name it.

Besides, many items are also not permitted entry. And there is otherwise a quality/quantity restriction as well. Check the CBSA website for those. Moreover, hiring a container full of goods? I'd say No... No. It may not be worthwhile at all.

What To Take? [Purely My Advise]:

1. Personal effects [for imdt use, large quantities... No]
2. General clothing [some warm ones also]
3. Laptop [no desk top, printer etc.]
4. Digicam / Camcorder
5. Heirlooms [heritage collections, murals, artifacts etc.] -Check CBSA rules.
6. Original Certificates / Documents
7. Prescription Medicines
8. Books & DVDs
9. Mobile Phone\* [non CDMA] -a NA charger will be needed

\*Only GSM850-1900MHz models [that's the Canadian frequency -not all countries have that]

What "Not" To Take? [Purely My Advise]:

1. Furniture [whatever, small or big]
2. TV [even if it's an LCD], Fridge, Washing machine etc.
3. Curtains, Bedspreads, Pillows & linens
4. Cars, Bikes etc.
5. Large-sized Toys of kids
6. Food [Perishable or Non-perishable] items
7. Over-the-Counter Medicines
8. Meat or Meat products [including Fowl, Fish etc.]

NOTE: Asian make electronic/electrical items won't work in Canada. [read 230 vs 110 Volts]

GOODS LISTS [FORM B4 / B4A]:

All goods that we carry, either 'on person' or 'following' needs to be 'listed' in form B4 / B4A, separately. These forms are available in the CBSA website, link given below:  
<http://www.cbsa.gc.ca/publications/forms-formulaires/b4-eng.pdf>

It is the same form for 'Goods Accompanying' & 'Goods to follow'. We should club similar items in groups [eg. DVDs: Qty-98, Books: Qty-42 etc.].

The entire list should be priced against each group & totalled in the end. We should carry 'original' invoices for high-end items [Diamonds -MUST]. Others can be broadly/generally priced, but appropriate.

Jewelry items MUST be listed [each item wise]; and should carry their "photographs". We should print-out the pics under similar groups [eg. Rings -all in one or more pages, Necklaces -in another page etc.]

We'll need 2 copies of each form, as one would be kept by the CBSA & one would be returned to us, for 'customs' clearance. This 2nd copy will be signed & stamped by the CBSA at the POE.

NOTE: All goods brought for 'landing' are non-taxed. If we were to bring-in goods 'later', either by personal carriage or thru a transporter, this list MUST be stamped on the 1st Landing. Else, they will be 'dutiabale'. No compromise on that is possible. That's the law.

#### ABOUT KID's SCHOOLING:

Canada has 2 types of schools -the 'Public Schools' & the 'Catholic Schools'. There are some 'ethnic' schools as well, but not for regular education. Most of our kids [say 70%] go to the Public Schools -this education is FREE. The Catholic Schools are Fee-Paid [payable by us].

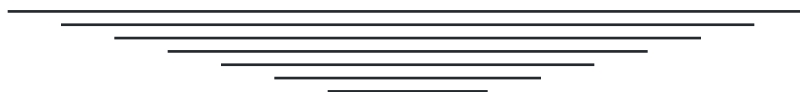
Usually, our kids will be accepted imdtly into the \*neighborhood school, whether we arrive mid-term or during a new session. There can be an 'entry test', but that's not for rejection -but for assessment of the extra care that the school need to provide to a kid.

Even if our kids are not very good in either of the 2 Canadian official languages -English &/or French, by law a school is required to provide admission to our kids.

\*Each neighborhood will

have their own Public School/s; and our kids are required to ONLY be admitted there. We have no choice on that..

Number of likes: 106



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5armstead

Posted (on page [369](#)) by:

**armstead**

6:28am On Oct 05, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:

blockquote>

armstead:

To corroborate your point above, I applied for GCMS in August in order to specifically check if my pension fund was considered as the PF is the only source of additional fund to complete my POF requirement. To my amusement, I received my GCMS notes today; lo and behold my Pension fund statement with LeadwayPensure was accepted and considered without any review required. Please see screenshot attached./blockquote>

Very Short Post Alert

In another news!!!

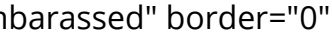
Apologies this is coming late. It's PPR!!!!

Started this journey in October 2017 after we made a decision to relocate.

IELTS showed me pepper as I had to take it three times:

1st - 10 February 2018 LRWS 6,8,8,7.5

2nd - 24 March 2018 LRWS 7.5,8,6.5,8, when I saw this result midnight of 6 April, I quickly registered for the following day's test without much preparation.

3rd - 7 April 2018 LRWS 8.5,8.5,7,8. As a result of this third IELTS result, our CRS jumped to 450 from 3hundred and sth(don't ask me questions  src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/embarassed.png" alt="embarassed" border="0" class="faces">). I would say please don't give up on this journey because I was almost losing confidence in myself after my second IELTS result as I rarely fail exams. I also got encouragement on this forum seeing some people gave (as our Indian brothers will say)

IELTS up to 7 times and now in Canada. Hence, I had to quickly re-take the test to avoid losing momentum.

## Timeline

Minimum invited CRS 441

CRS 450

FSWO

NOC 1111

ITA 25 April

AOR 5 June

MEP 18 June

IP1 19 June


GCMS note request 30 August (had to request as I was scared after reading some comments here about Pension fund not being considered by CIC for POF)

IP2 27 September

Ghost update 2 October

Received GCMS 2 October (everything looks fine and I remember sharing here my PF was considered as POF as minimum required fund was marked met)

Then the long awaited golden mail arrived!!!!

PPR 3 October 2018 at exactly 3:39am, can't remember the seconds    
src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/grin.png" alt="grin" border="0" class="faces">

No ADR


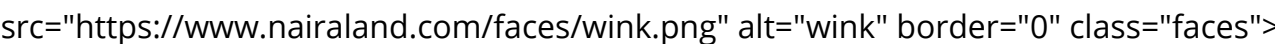
Family size 3

Ottawa VO

ECA - I used WES but those guys plus our regular naija strike stressed me Walahi; I sha got the completed reports for spouse and myself after 6 months.

PCC - Got for U.K. and Nigeria. U.K PCC is pretty easy to get once you follow instructions on their site. For Nigeria PCC, used inspector Moshood for spouse and myself. He charged us N17,000 because we couldn't go to Alagbon as all correspondence with him was via email. However, I sent a friend to pick the original certificates from him and scan to me. Contrary to what I have read here, I decided to exclude from my eApr the Alagbon stamped fingerprints papers accompanying the PCC because I felt it wasn't relevant since CIC only requested for PCC; so I only uploaded the Police certificates with our application. Thank God there was no issue with it. Although, I wanted to take style avoid implicating myself as I was in the U.K. when I submitted my


application and the procedure for getting fingerprints done was expensive for me and stressful; so I bought ink pad from one shop and did the stuff in my room, then scanned to inspector Moshood. I felt if I had included the fingerprints with my application, any inquisitive VO may flag that "how did he get PCC as the fingerprints were not certified or stamped by U.K. police &/or Nigeria High commission". Just my thinking though.

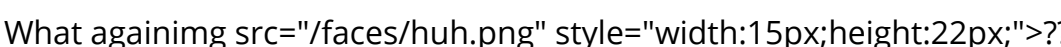
POF - Hmmm, I had to patch this one o; I used Treasury bills from Stanbic as 55% of POF (didn't include any bank statements), cash in Dom account with a foreign bank was 28% (only submitted stamped bank statements and a letter from the bank stating when the account was opened as I intentionally didn't want to get the format letter requested by CIC because I have credit card debt with the bank which I wasn't sure may affect my POF; God had mercy sha) while my PF was the remaining 17% of POF. I prayed o for them to consider this PF as it was my last resort and only hope at that time as I don't have anybody that can gift me money. Can't remember the last time I got money gift  again, maybe childhood. As advised on this thread, I prepared a table for the POF and explained each, particularly the PF section, very well as I had initially withdrawn some voluntary contributions in 2017 and this reflected on the Pension statements. Had to let them know the withdrawn amount was a voluntary contribution and does not constitute part of the accessible 25% o before somebody will start running around for money way no loss upon ADR for the balance. 

Work experience - got over 3 years work experience and getting reference letter was pretty easy. God bless my employer. Although, not necessary, I submitted work experience letter for my wife too since we had it readily available.

Medicals - Everything was fine for 3 of us other than the Dr recommending me for a further test because he sighted protein in my urine. God forbid!!! But thank God all was well after the further test although he still included protein something which my Jesus had taken away.

Travel history - just US and UK and no Visa refusal history

Criminal history - None by His grace other than childhood stealing of pencils and biros; and beating traffic lights in Lagos; which Nigeria PCC did not capture. 

What again???

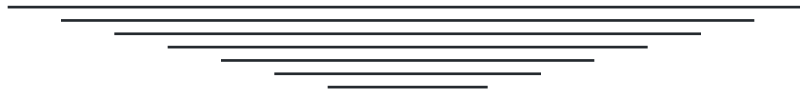
Ok lest I forget, I got 15 points for sibling in Canada 🎯🎯 so provided Copies of her PR card, utility bills within 3 months of eApr, marriage certificates and birth certificates showing names of both parents. I included sibling's marriage certificate and newspaper publication for change of name as sibling is married and utility bill carries husband's name.

My prayer for all still waiting for IELTS, ECA, ITA, POF and PPR is that it will surely come speedily in Jesus' name. Amen

This thread is very informative and is got selfless people always willing to share. May God bless you all.

Armstead.

Number of likes: 105



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5Luce

Posted (on page 497) by:

Luce

7:38am On Oct 30, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

PPR!!!!!!!!!!

Decision to migrate Feb 14

Ielts April 7

ITA June 13

AOR June 23

Request for further medical tests July 5

IP1 July 10

ADR (updated passport bio data page) Aug 1

ADR sent Aug 9

Gcms notes Ordered Aug 23  
Received Sep 25 - everything good  
Additional medicals result sent 27 Sep  
MEP Oct 2 (when I noticed)  
2nd gcms notes ordered Oct 18  
IP2 Oct 23  
Ghost Update Oct 24  
PPR October 30 dated yesterday

Typing out this PPR announcement by faith today Oct 24 and hoping I get to post it before the week runs out.

IELTS : one attempt maxed out

WES : Took 3 whole months; felt like a mini PPR the day I got my report

Work experience : one year of housemanship

CRS : 456 ... the week I got my ITA, I had been so sure of it because it had been hovering in the 440s around that time but surprise of all surprises, that week it was 451! Couldn't believe how close I had come to not getting it that week. Lol.

Did both medicals and PCC even before opening an express entry profile cos I thought it was so sure for me.

PCC : inspector moshood; the lady told me 7000, immediately I said "ahh that's not what they said on the Canada group o", the price changed to 4000. So make sure to state that's how much you were told and how much you brought.

Medicals : Very nerve wracking experience; got a mail from CIC's Regional Medical Office on July 5 that I needed additional medical tests. Went to Children's practice and was told I needed to do sputum tests and a repeat X-ray that would take about 3 months and over 75k extra to complete. Thought it would completely stall my process so I was sad af! Cried my eyes out that day. But then a few days later, I got to IP1 so I heaved a sigh of relief knowing that my processing was still being carried out.

After IP1 the only other update I got was an ADR for a new passport since the old one was expiring in less than 5 months, quickly ran to ikoyi and the process took 8 days of calling and smiling with the man (as if I dint pay complete money o).

POF : About 65% gift deed from my mum. GCMS noted signed gift deed on file. Submitted GTB letter in CIC format and 6 months SOA, car sale docs and proof of ownership.

Read @wizean's PPR announcement and decided to go and check my account too since CIC had refused to send me mail updates, saw an update. Had to log out and log in again to make sure it wasn't a glitch that had made it permanent since yesterday. Lol.

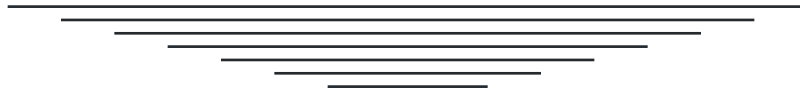
Well obviously I dint get to post it last week Lool but it's just as wonderful this week.

Grateful to God and everyone here; always used to be baffled when people knew



next to nothing about the process then I remember most of the things I know were literally from reading page 1 of part 4 of this thread..

Number of likes: [104](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5ddshow

Posted (on page [256](#)) by:

**ddshow**

1:17am On Sep 12, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

At a point in our lives, we go through a period of anguish when our hopes in this life is at rock bottom. I was in such period between this year and last, but eventually, it's ended in praise.

Family of 4

ECA | NOV 2017 |

ECA(spouse) | JAN 2018 |

IELTS LSRW 9, 8, 9, 8.5 | APR 7 |

IELTS(spouse) 8, 8.5, 9, 7 | MAY12 |

CRS 456

ITA | MAY 23 |

AOR | JUL 16 |

MEP/IP1 | AUG 10 |

IP2 | AUG 28 |

PPR | SEP 11 |

POF | Joint Account/Personal savings |

My family eventually didn't have to travel with me in June. I informed cic via mail about the fact they were on holiday and asked if they could have their medical in the states which was permitted.

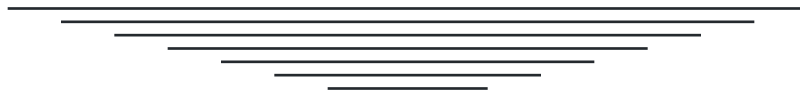
Medical for them was at Stat medical clinic, FL.

The love here is extraordinary. I got the best advice from total strangers. I am indeed grateful.

Happytubby, thanks so much. Your written words made a huge impact in my life.

May all our dreams come true..

Number of likes: [102](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5extraterrestrial

Posted (on page [550](#)) by:

**extraterrestrial**

6:05am On Nov 06, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

PPR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I am so excited because I really wanted to announce ppr in this thread 5..it's been a long journey since I joined in thread 3...Back to the main gist;

Decision to travel: January 2018

IELTS (first Attempt) : LWSR-8|8.5|8|6.5 I requested a remark on writing and listening and my scores for both changed by .5 after 12 long weeks thanks to BC

Within this period ECA came through. I evaluated just my Masters degree.

ITA : May 23

Was heavily pregnant by this time so waited for baby's arrival before Applying.

AOR : July 7

Not sure when I passed medicals but was on IP1 till last week (29th October).

ADR: IMM5475 form ..completed and sent that back next day.

And then I woke up to the golden mail.

The wait is worth all the excitement.

Thank you thank you thank you to all my helpers here. Special thanks to those that gave their PPR stories..that kept me going. Good luck to those still in the race. We shall unite in canny land.

Number of likes: 101



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5ITABABE

Posted (on page 430) by:

ITABABE

1:52pm On Oct 16, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

So I know I have to do this now . Many of you might not know my "moniker" but I have been in this race since 2016.All my mates here in Nairaland have all landed sef. Now I want you to look at my timeline carefully and note the year.

IELTS: January 2016-9 8.5 7.5 7

ITA: April something can't remember 2017

AOR: may 25 2017

MP: July 1 2017

IP2 : August 1 or 3 2017

Then

Silence.....  
.....We entered 2018

Ordered GCMS Feb 2018. No flags notes. Mails said application was still under processing. Wrote Prime Minister sef . Same story. Then Silence again.....

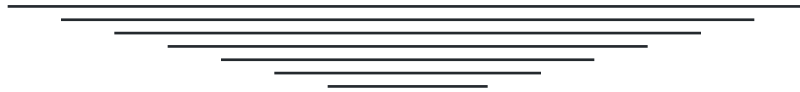
..... I had to stop commenting on Nairaland as I neither belonged to this thread nor did I belong to the threAd of those who had already landed . I was sha in between

An update came late August for another set of Medicals as the one previously done had expired. We finally got a date in October.

Let's just say PPR landed this morning, Oct 16th 2018;[/b]10 days after the second Medicals and [b]17 months after AOR. Thank you to @glitteringstar and @chinne4Jesus for still checking on me from time to time.

Keep the support on this page ongoing . May Canada favor us all..

Number of likes: 101



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5grammy010

Posted (on page 281) by:

**grammy010**

10:30am On Sep 18, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Hello Fam,

So I brought a certain issue here sometimes ago where a friend had mistakenly filled in 3 years as his work experience whereas he had just 2 years and 10 months. I made it clear that such mistake occurred while he was filling his questionnaires and was also carried over when he submitted his application.

Advices and contributions came in from many people on this thread and I must say that every contributions were helpful. Thank you all. However, I would like to point our attentions to something I noticed generally on this thread, while just few of the people that contributed to this issues looked at it from the angle of possible mistake that it was and suggested a likely way out, many people already castigated the applicant and concluded it was just an attempt to cheat the system and therefore said we can only expect automatic rejection and a possible ban.

Interestingly, such mindset is not something that is only peculiar to this thread or website, but something that we see and experience every other day as Nigerians. We see one another as potential criminals, we do not give ourselves any benefit of doubt before we run into conclusion about people's integrity or personality. I think we can definitely do better in that regards, let always remember that not everyone is a criminal, not everyone want to cheat the system, not everyone want to "scam" us.

Anyways back to the issue, so almost everyone suggested the best we could do was to withdraw the application since we already saw on his GCMS file that the analyst had stated that with 2 years & 8 months, his CRS points had dropped below the required point for ITA and would therefore required a further review, but I still felt withdrawal won't be the best thing. So at the end of the day, we immediately raised a case enquiry to explain everything and then order another GCMS file about a month later (around July) which hasn't come out btw. We didnt hear anything from them since that time.

Lo and behold, we woke up to a PPR mail yesterday and it was one of the greatest news. My friend at a point wanted to withdraw at all cost but I still firmly disagreed and I'm sure he had only obliged because he probably feel I can only wish him well after all.

So in conclusion, what I learned from this whole thing is that PATIENCE IS VIRTUE all the times.

ITA: Dec 2017

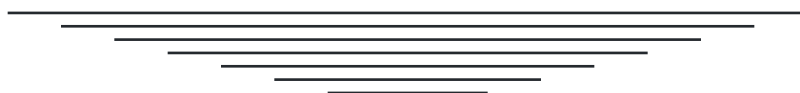
AOR: Jan 31

IP1: Feb 12

PPR Sept 17

Thank you all..

Number of likes: [101](#)



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5deesmama

Posted (on page 500) by:

**deesmama**

12:35pm On Oct 30, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:

.....ITS PPR .....

My people!! Gather round.. it's finally my turn ooo. woke up to the Golden mail.. came in 4am this morning..

Ielts dealt with Hubby and i... since 2015 and seven attempts between us..

Ordered GCMS notes from GCMSBUDDY 17th August.. i still never see am.. This journey has been an emotional rollercoaster.

Timeline:

CRS: 441

WES: OCTOBER 31ST 2017

IELTS: APRIL 21ST LRSW (8.5, 9, 7.5, 7) MOD IDP

ITA: MAY 23 2018

AOR: JULY 01 2018

MEP: JULY 17 2018

IP1: JULY 18 2018

IP2: OCTOBER 26 2018

PPR: OCTOBER 29 2018


No ghost update, LOE or ADR.


Travel History -Ghana

COPR: ... November 2018

CPC OTTAWA-120 Days

GOD HAS INDEED BEEN FAITHFUL TO US.

My appreciation goes out to every single one of you here..y'all are the real MVP's..the persistence is..Thank you Newmum for coming through with NOC as usual(wink wink).. God bless you. Kemzy darling you know now..its coming pretty soon I appreciate you my darling, thanks for the love.. My Friends on the MAY 23 ITA clinchers group and all who are expectant..yours is coming pretty soon Lagbara Olorun..and it will shock you like it did me..Thanks guys..i no sabi talk plenty(my hinglish e yaf comma) make wuna helep me manage this one like this. @RALPH don't gimme a score I already know wetin I get.tainkyu.i kent biliv it

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

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

class="faces">.

Number of likes: 100



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5mimumum

Posted (on page 192) by:

mimumum

2:40pm On Aug 29, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Hello people,

London has released me! It's PPR!!!

209 days shaaaaaaa, but God did it finally.


I don't know how to write epistle too much. No vex. My timeline is below:

ITA: January 24th CRS 449

AOR: February 1st

MEP: Feb 17th

Can't remember the other stages. I stopped checking my status regularly a long time ago.

ADR: June 14th (I think say PPR don dey near but London had other plans  src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/lipsrsealed.png" alt="lipsrsealed" border="0" class="faces">). It was for me to provide updated POF documents. POF was 40% gift deed. So make una kiaful abeg.

Ghost update: August 17th (Ope o! London don wake up)

PPR: August 29th. Mail dropped 11.47am today.

I disturbed LVO with mails once I clocked 180 days in the process. Dem still no gree.  
img src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/cry.gif" alt="cry" border="0" class="faces">

I bless God for His faithfulness. He is and will always be the author and finisher of everything.

Big shout-out to everyone for their help and guidance on the thread: @Glitteringstar @mcstan18 @happytbaby, everyone!

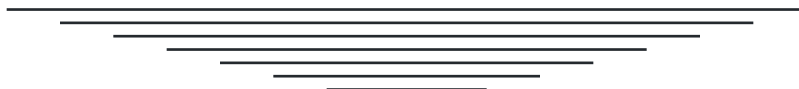
This space is reserved for you @Newmum0615. I don't know what to type that will be enough. You are one amazing lady. I don't why or how you do all you do, but you do it selflessly and without complains. You have been away from the thread for a while but I want to thank you here for all the support, encouragement, my NOC you corrected, the LOEs you took your time to write for me, the follow-up. I can't type everything here. I am not even an ardent follower or member of the thread but that didn't stop you from going out of your way for me. May God bless and reward you beyond whatever you have ever desired of Him

Thank You everyone. God will do it for all of us. I can't contain my joy.

Passport submission loading tomorrow.

See you all at the top..

Number of likes: 100





Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-  
Connect Here Part 5jelmusboy

Posted (on page 286) by:

jelmusboy

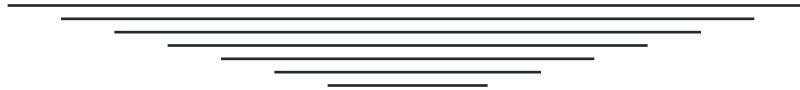
3:22pm On Sep 19, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

Message:

It is PPRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR.

Number of likes: 98



Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-  
Connect Here Part 5amdman

Posted (on page 558) by:

amdman

8:35pm On Nov 06, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

Message:

Its PPR!!!! What sweet relief on a day I got to work totally upset! Thanks to God that made all the crooked paths straight and to this great family of helpers. We should host a get-together in Canny soon.

So here's my timeline:

IELTS: L S R W – 8.5, 8, 9, 7 - March 25, 2017. I did this test when I learnt of EE via the earlier versions of this thread.

ECA: February 16, 2018 IQAS (evaluated only LL.B). This was actually paid for in May 2017, but I was no longer eager about immigrating. Eventually sent docs to IQAS in January 2018 when I asked myself whether na so we go dey dey?!.

ITA: April 11 – chose the unaccompanying spouse option to boost CRS scores as wifey was not in a position to evaluate her degrees and write IELTS at the time. Will be going the spouse sponsorship route in the days ahead so watch out for more info on that.

AOR: July 9

IP1/MEP: July 26 – Na there I dey o..... until I open my mail this morning and saw  
READY FOR VISA...

PPR: Nov 5

Visa office – Unknown

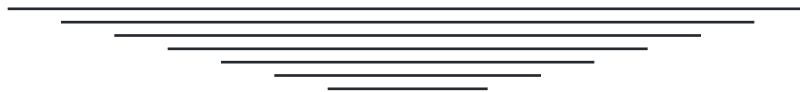
Work History – No employer reference letter. Instead, I used reference letter from ex-colleague stating duties (not notarized) with company ID attached, appointment letter, promotion letter, salary review letters, resignation letter, payslips for last six months

POF: Stanbic IBTC Mutual Funds Letter only! No bank reference or statement included. A few days ago (Oct 30), I liquidated the investment and moved the funds to a Bank as FD. On Nov 2, I raised CSE and submitted FD Certificate and LOE explaining the liquidation (no bank statement or reference included)

God did the rest.

Best wishes to all of us that are still in various stages. Na only time e go take... if you persist, you will get to the Promised Land..

Number of likes: 97



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5anaxagoras

Posted (on page 136) by:

**anaxagoras**

10:10am On Aug 19, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Still can't beleive it. It's PPR Guys!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I had composed a long write up but for some reason, it didn't go through.

I'll just state my timeline however.

Ist IELTS

1st attempt. JAN. L7.5R8S7.5W7.5 (Didn't make it because of Listening)

2nd attempt. FEB. L9R8.5S8W6.5(Requested for a remark)

3rd attempt. MAR. L9R9S7.5W7 (used this to create my EE profile)

Remark came out in May and the writing module was upgraded to a whopping 8

eAOR - APRIL 20TH

IP1 - APRIL 25TH

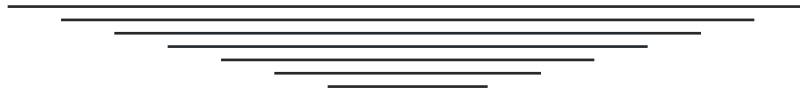
IP2 - AUGUST 16TH

PPR - AUGUST 17TH (Dropped at 3am in the morning )

This forum has really been helpful and insightful.

God that has done this for me will do it for you all IJN..

Number of likes: 97



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5casecasr

Posted (on page 327) by:

**casecasr**

6:07pm On Sep 26, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Long Post Alert!!! (Thought someone might learn one or two)

Alhamdulillahi, it's PPR!!!

Came in when i least expected. It's been God all the way.

Timeline.

ITA : 25th July

AOR: 12th August

Med Passed: 12th September

Biometric Captured: 14th September

PPR: Dated 25th September (got it this Morning @ 1.34 am)

May God reward the moderators of this forum. Sincerely, only God Can reward them.

I thought about this journey about this period last year and gambled with ielts (4th Oct, 2017) with BC. To God's glory I passed at first attempt, L,S,W, R - 8, 7, 7, 8.5. Then i evaluated my first and 2nd degree Cert with WES, hubby was also pushed to write IELTS hoping to get @ least 441 but she had 6.5 in IELTS with listening being 5.5. CRS was 438. I entered the pool on 14th February. As ITA no gree drop, we had to get her master's certificate evaluated as well WITH WES, NASU strike caused a lot of delay + UNILAG postponement of convocation early this year (WES evaluation was done with Statement of Result as certificate wasn't available then, also nah standard posting I do for her oo, no much difference from Courier in terms of timeline). WES Evaluation was completed on 15th July, I updated my profile sharply and CRS jumped to 448. We got ITA that same day.

Did my medical @ Q-life (being the cheapest for the kids) on 19th of July, same day was the PCC( I just walked in to Alagbon and negotiated 5k with the officer{not the popular inspector in the house}).

I had collected my work reference letter since June as well as my pay stub. Wife's work reference letter was collected few days to application (this wasn't reqd but dont know why the system insisted i submit it, I stated it in LOE that her work experience doesn't add up scores for us)

I have a bit of Travelling experience across europe, my 1st Application to UK was denied (I stated reasons for denial in my LOE), and also showed that my subsequent application was approved. My Application was quite simple not perfect but God has perfected it for me.

POF was 100% TBILLS of two tranches, first was 25% of POF which has been in TBILL since May, 2nd Tranch of 75% was gift deed (notarised) has just been placed in t-bill in less than a week to my application. I submitted both my savings and current account Statement and stated in LOe that my current account is basically for card payment while my Savings is used for my salary and other transaction, this is really the case. I also had other voluminous transaction which i never talked about as e no concern dem,

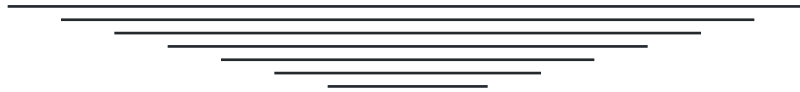
however, I stated that my POF is from the TBILLS which i attached the certificates.

I didnt rush to apply, i made sure everything was thorough and detailed. My family have 4 members.

For awaiting applicants, ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS refer to page one of this trend. It was more than helpful in my Application.

Wishing us all best of luck!!!.

Number of likes: 96



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5einsteinio

Posted (on page [415](#)) by:

**einsteinio**

3:25pm On Oct 14, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Here is my story so far, decided to make it detailed in case there is a thing or two someone else may benefit from.

DECISION TO TRAVEL: In the words of Jill Scott, "Do not stop dreaming just because you had a nightmare'.

I started the pursuit of escape velocity in 2014, looked at Aussie Study visa, tried Aussie PR, and even applied for a Canadian TRV, the refusal would later sentence me to purgatory [LVO]

IELTS: first wrote Academic for Canada study visa in 2014, GT for Aussie PR in 2016, GT for Canada PR in 2017.

ECA: Oct 11 2017

ITA: Oct 18 2017 (cutoff:438, my CRS:441)

AOR: Nov 23 2017

MEP: Dec 7 2017

NA2: Dec 11 2017

Received GCMS: Jan 29 2018

File Transferred to LVO: Jan 10 2018

IP2: Feb 27 2018 (Mass IP2 crew)

ADR (Employment & POF): April 11 2018

Submitted ADR: April 19 2018

Received GCMS: April 23 2018

Received GCMS: June 22 2018. from this I noticed CIO Recommended Interview! contacted DJM and i was replied with "...there maybe need to interview you."

GU: July 11 2018.. with this I inferred there has been a new activity on my file, I mailed an MP pleading he gets in touch with IRCC and lets me in on the update. Replied

blockquote>Eligibility passed June 29, 2018.

Criminality passed Dec 11 11, 2017.

Security checks passed July 8, 2018./blockquote> with this I heaved a sigh of relief.

ADR(Eye & Height and Passport Travel Doc):

Received GCMS: July 26 2018 ... Actually the MP's mail had more recent info than the gcms, I noticed LVO reviewed my ADR after CIO recommended Interview, was convinced andd passed my eligibility. Another thing I learnt from this my 4th GCMS was the fact that there is a 3week lag in gcms delivery. I reviewed all 4 GCMS I had received so far, and the activities that meaning it only shows you the info contained in your file as at when you applied for your GCMS not when it was sent to you.

Same day, few hours later...ADR(Passport Travel Doc) & PPR (I think they came together)

Submitted Passport: July 27 2018

Application Approved: August 8 2018

PUM: August 13 2018

VOH: August 14 2018

Landed: Yesterday (13 October 2018)

what is interesting is how we start this journey with eyes on only one thing, PR! little is said of the great bonus it brings, and it isn't the utopia of life in Canada, rather it is the many beautiful souls it has brought into my life; people I have come to know in this pursuit. I am eternally grateful to Bimpsy99, sweetri, feygbe, nekdre, kayla10, 40manlappy, ugoiyke, kontagious, newmum0615, glitteringstar, inshort everyone here.

It hasn't been a smooth journey, I certainly wouldn't have been able to see this arduous task through without you guys, the checkups, the counsel and the support. I am thankful for the uncertainties that made this worth celebrating..

Number of likes: 94



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5

Posted (on page 385) by:

purplerain

5:16pm On Oct 09, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Hi All.

Long post alert!

Its PPR guys. Yes o, after 7 months, London VO has freed me.

AOR: 4 March 2018

MEP: 13 March 2018

ADR 1: 19 Sep 2018

ADR 2: 2 Oct 2018

RPRF : 5 Oct 2018

IP2 : 9 Oct 2018

PPR: 9 Oct 2018.

In January 2018, Hubs and I decided to apply for Canadian PPR. I am the primary applicant, and I have a foreign masters degree, so WES evaluation was pretty easy.

A day after we entered the pool, we received our ITA.

I always knew our application would get sent to London. It was a feeling i couldnt shake.

On 21-Mar 2018, i got a "how to get a job in canada email".

Chai, i knew we had entered 1 chance img

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

I called hubby and told him my worst fears had come true. But he was still trying to give me hope. The email is not a guarantee of transfer to London. I said ok o..make we dey see.

In May 2018, we called IRCC, and they confirmed that in deed on that day, our file was transferred to LVO.

July 2018, i sent LVO an email, asking for an update on my application, their response was i was in a queue waiting review.

Sept 4 2018, exactly 6 months after AOR, i sent Ralph an email. Asking for an update. He responded that although my file was initially reviewed on 7-Aug, nothing had been started.

Chai!!!! 6 months, nothing. I wont lie, I cried.

19-Sep-18: LVO sent me 8 ADR requests. Yes, O, 8!!!!

We compiled and submitted everything on 25 of Sept.

2 of Oct, another ADR. This time, 1 year bank statement for my salary account.

We submitted the one i generated from mobile app, including reference letter from the bank, 12 months payslip, and updated POF. (the last 3 were to be sure they had everything o).

On 5-Oct, we received RPRF request. That day, i knew it was only a matter of time. Family members were already dancing and jubilating o..Hubs and I were still waiting for PPR, before we dance sha.

12pm today, it came o....

Finally!!!!

Please help me thank God o. He has been in charge from the get go.

Did i mention that the second ADR came from Lagos office.. Yes o, Lagos immigration.



Only God knows how and when Lagos became involved in my case.

It sha ended in praise!!!!..

Number of likes: 94



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5MissMoroti

Posted (on page 257) by:

**MissMoroti**

11:48am On Sep 12, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

SILENT READER HERE! CLEAR ROAD PLS!! PARDON THE LATE AND LONG POST!

Single applicant here!

My first IELTS was September, 2017. Speaking was fine but on the day of LRW, my village people sat by the bonfire and stirred the pot well. Guess what? I woke up 10am! I did not bother to go again, just went online to book another date in december. Till today, I still wonder how I didn't hear my alarm ring. But petty IELTS had the guts to courier my result to me ..average of 2.0 smh! lol

Anyway, second attempt results came out December 15th, I maxed out the scores LSWR (8.5,8.0,7.5,8.5) and entered pool same day with CRS score 441. Every fortnight, my heart will beat fast but tie-breaking rule didn't want me to be great. So I used that opportunity to gather docs, got my office reference letter, opened an investment account with my bank cos i planned to use 100percent gift deed.

After 5months, I got ITA in May 23, 2018. Went for medicals in June, Oga moshood to d rescue for PCC. Submitted July 6th.

Timeline:

Submission and AOR - July 6th

MEP: July 21 (on a saturday fa) ...No mail o, I just make sure I log in once everyday

ADR: August 6th (My intl passport had 5months left on it so they requested for a new one)

The rush for a new passport carried me to ogun state and I got it within 24hours.

ADR submitted August 8th

ADR changed to N/A the same day

Background check started processing: August 11th

No ghost update oh, Just pret pour visa mail PPR: August 15th.

Submitted pp at Vfs: August 17th

Picked up pp at Vfs: September 12th

Thought it was a scam, HOW CAN ONE GET PPR IN 38DAYS, na so I send am give my besty, she confirmed it was ppr fa.

My cic profile just got updated to "approved" last thursday with the counterfoil and still no mail to alert me...lol.

Docs Submitted:

- \* IELTS (BC didn't include my middle name, people suggested I get affidavit, I never did) cos I honestly didn't think it would cause issue...it didn't!

- \* ECA and Degree certificate

- \* Bank reference letter and investment account (NO ACCOUNT statement was submitted)

- \* Work reference letter and I.D card (People also insisted I submit pay slips, I DID NOT!...Keep it simple guys)

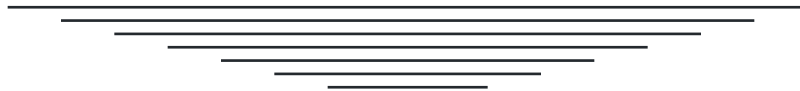
- \* PCC

- \* Medicals form.

- \* NO LOE to explain the names o.

@dvash thanks for the moral support from my drop off to pick up. lol! This thread has helped me a lot!! I'm very grateful! God is great!.

Number of likes: 94



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5Estac

Posted (on page [326](#)) by:

**Estac**

3:20pm On Sep 26, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

My Darling Nairalanders,

It is with great pleasure I dance in to announce the arrival of my PPR!

Here is the short version.

Timeline:

AOR - July 14

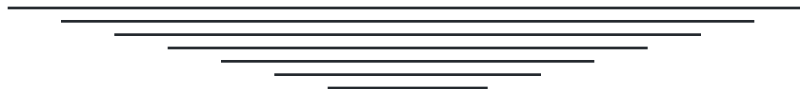
MEP/IP1 – August 1

IP2 - September 21

PPR – September 25 (received 1.35am this morning).

I wish everyone a successful outcome on this journey. God bless us all.

Number of likes: [93](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5Estac

Posted (on page [328](#)) by:

**Estac**

7:15pm On Sep 26, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

blockquote>

Estac:

My Darling Nairalanders,

It is with great pleasure I dance in to announce the arrival of my PPR!

Here is the short version.

Timeline:

AOR - July 14

MEP/IP1 – August 1

IP2 - September 21

PPR – September 25 (received 1.35am this morning).

I wish everyone a successful outcome on this journey. God bless us all/blockquote>

READER-ALERT: VEEERYYYY LOOONGGG EPISTLE

NOW FOR THE EPISTLE

I am sharing this long version to underscore the importance of proper research in this journey and to encourage newbies not to despair when they are referred to 1 for information.

I wrote IELTS on August 19, 2017 and results L 8.5, R 9, S 8, W 7.5 (maxed out at first attempt). I did not know the value of this result at the time because I was aiming for Australian PR and my target was minimum of all round 8. While I was weeping and lamenting my Writing score, a friend advised me to also consider migrating to Canada. I spoke to another a friend in Canada who advised me to use IQAS for my ECA because IQAS will assess my “law degree” as equivalent to Masters degree. In ignorance, I thought law degree meant law school degree. I did not know that law school transcript was not necessary for IQAS.

Rush rush in September 2017, I paid IQAS, I sent University transcript and wasted over 2 months chasing for law school transcript. IQAS sent back ECA on Dec 21, with a “disappointing” email that it does not assess vocational certificates (or something like that). I checked my ECA report for the phrase “master degree” but forwhia!? The thing no de dia. They only wrote that is it "equivalent to LLB or first professional degree ... " blab la bla. I started chasing IQAS with emails insisting that they may have made a mistake, that I have been told that my degree will be equivalent to “masters”. (Gosh I was so ignorant!). IQAS sha refused to budge. And without masters, I did not even near 420 CRS.

No so I flung ECA report and IELTS results for one yeye corner since December and I started chasing post graduate admissions in Canada upanddan! (Jesus is Lord). It is not book that was hungrying me o. I was just looking for an exit strategy from Naija. That is how I wasted January –March plus plenty yeye university application fees, plus numerous transcript processing fees (for admission). I was just roaming in the wilderness while my ECA and IELTS were gathering dust where I flung them.

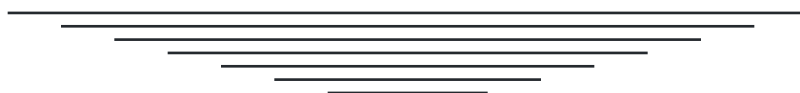
Na so, April land with my birthday (minus 5 points). God's mercy found me 3 days after my birthday. My colleague, who had codedly been processing EE stumbled on one of my university applications. The bros pitied me, called me to one corner to advise me about EE instead of student visa route. My people, I started boasting o- "I sabi EE, I have done IELTS and ECA since last year but I no qualify cos my points no reach, bla bla bla". OK na, bros calmed me down and explained the meaning of "first professional degree..." in my ECA. WHAT??!!.. ADONBLIVIT. Bros recalculated my CRS. CHINEKE! And I have been wasting time in the wilderness when I could actually be on 452 CRS?

Immediately, that very day. I did 4 things. (1) created a profile with 424, (2) registered hubby for the next available IELTS on May 24, (3) paid for hubby's ECA with WES, (4) decided that my #mumudondo and was determined to research the EE process to the tiniest detail. I needed to make up for lost time.

Na so I discovered this precious Nairaland thread PT 4. Nairaland, Canada-dot-ca and Canadavisa became my daily companion. I referred myself to page 0 (as it then was (my learned colleagues will get this phrase) while waiting for hubbys IELTS and ECA. Thankfully, by June, I was ready for ITA. I was anxiously waiting for the next Wednesday's draw when IRCC almost give me heart-attack. ITA casually strolled into my inbox ON A MONDAY (June 25). The rest as you now know is history.

Thanks to the wealth of information on this thread, my application was well thought-out and put-together. (Before nko? I had thoroughly learnt my lesson o!) The information here is worth more than gold o my people. The God-factor now iced the cake with a speedy PPR. So I hope I have been able to convince you of the importance of visiting page 1 and researching thoroughly for yourself. Me I have even researched even up to my first 5 years in Canny sef. No more dulling!.

Number of likes: [92](#)



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5cutieplum

Posted (on page 594) by:

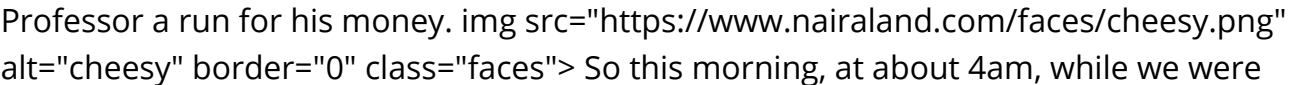
cutieplum

3:43pm On Nov 10, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:

A very silent reader with a testimony; not PPR though.

I honestly want to thank God for his faithfulness in my family's life today. It's really true that when your hour of decoration is very close, the devil will try in diverse ways to cut your joy. I've been on this journey for years, don't even want to go into those intricate details till my full announcement is complete. For sure I'd give our PPR Professor a run for his money.  So this morning, at about 4am, while we were still asleep my husband suddenly woke up and opened the window, and behold all we saw was a reflection of an inferno from the Generator house! Immediately we started hearing Neighbour's exclaiming 'Fire! Fire oooo!!!' As I looked out of my window, behold the whole generator house was in thick flames. I froze at the sight and my husband raced downstairs with his nephew with a full pack of detergent and buckets to get water downstairs. When the fire was eventually put off, it was traced to the 'I beta pass my generator' that we had bought last year to save us the cost of fuelling our big generator which was rather too expensive to use all night while we slept. Moreso, this was one out of the austerity measures we had taken in the orhustle to secure POF. To make matters worse, the generator that caused this incident was on till about 4am as I recall that was the time that the light went off in my house, but it was shortly after that we started hearing the screams from Neighbours. So it then implies that this ill-fated generator was giving light to my house while it was burning! I still can't comprehend this even as I write this. We did loose our big generator and 2 others belonging to my neighbours. I'm I sad? Yes I am cos my hubby's mood at home nor be here! This is so not the time to acquire properties as we have even earmarked the ones we have for sale as soon as we get our PPR by God's grace. Will I continue to grieve? NO, God forbid that! No life was lost and God knows why this is coming now. I still don't know my fate with my neighbour's whose generators were burnt beyond recognition as I speak. But what I know is that this country has so failed it's citizens. Imagine me paying 13k monthly for NEPA and still have to worry about generating my own light, and yet some folks still try to argue Canada versus Naija. It is well o! I've prayed to God and told Him to use today's incident as a catalyst to grant us a speedy PPR in no distant time and I know IT IS DONE. I honestly do feel better now. Sorry guys for this long epistle, it wasn't the initial plan. I may not be able to reply comments ASAP as my phone battery is

almost out too. 'There's no hope of getting a new generator' is the stern warning I keep getting from hubby. \*sighs\* see you all at 7pm when NEPA would give me light to charge my phone.

It will surely end in praise!.

Number of likes: 91



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5Stonebreaker01

Posted (on page 589) by:

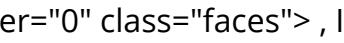
Stonebreaker01

8:25pm On Nov 09, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Finally, the Eagle has landed!  
it's PPR!

Hubby and I can finally have a fantastic night's rest , I had a strong belief that part 5 will not end without my PPR testimony and it didn't.

Timeline below

Decision to travel March 2017 ( Was single then)

IELTS with BC April 2017

IELTS was passed at first attempt 9,8,8,7.5

ECA took about 6 months between NASU strike and IQAS

Got married in Dec 2017 and joined the pool as a couple with me being the PA

Hubby was on the journey before we met, had IELTS and ECA already

CRS score 477

ITA was JAN 5

AOR March 29

Proof of fund was FD which was maturing in 2 months and the balance was from my savings account.

Med passed April 12  
Then the wait began .....

Ordered 3 GCMS notes in between... 3rd yet to arrive  
1st and 2nd had similar info note, one of my job references wasn't used so points dropped to 452 but was still good, so I didn't bother about CSE.  
Visa office: initially London, moved to Kyiv in August.

Started raising CSE and sending mails to Kyiv after 180 days post AOR and didn't really get very helpful feedback except to keep checking profile.

1st Ghost Update 16th Oct


2nd Nov, Kyiv contacted my office to confirm my employment status, HR replied same day.

5th Nov, status changed to NA

6th Nov, changed back to IP1

2nd Ghost update 8th Nov at about 2pm

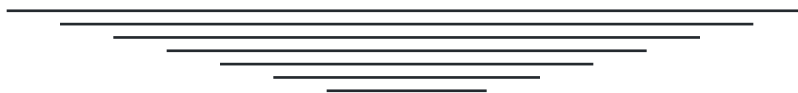
9th Nov, status changed to IP2 about 2pm

Then at 3:45pm I got an email from CIC, opened my account and behold Passport Request Message, I was alone at the time, I didn't even know how to behave  `img src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/cheesy.png" alt="cheesy" border="0" class="faces">`

We have been under a lot of pressure to get PPR so we can land in Canny before our baby who is on the way arrives or airline refuse to carry me lol. I just want to say a big thank you to God who makes all things beautiful in its time and a big thank you to everyone who has contributed to this thread. I discovered this thread about 3 months after applying and every PPR testimony shared really encouraged me to be hopeful.

God bless you all..

Number of likes: 91





# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5doppler06

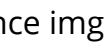
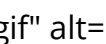
Posted (on page [336](#)) by:

**doppler06**

11:34am On Sep 28, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:

Thank you Nairaland for all your assistance . The journey that started from Part 3 of this thread has been concluded in Part 5

IELTS: 3 Mar 18 LRSW 9988

WES: 17 Apr 18 Masters

CRS: 481

ITA: 25 Apr 18

AOR: 29 May 18

MEP: 8 Jun 18

IP1: Same day as MEP

IP2: 20 Sept 18

PPR: 25 Sept 18 (mail came in 1:34am Sept 26)

AOR to PPR: 117 days (approx. 4 months)

Passport transmitted: 26 Sept 18

Visa office: Ottawa. Single applicant

No ADRs, 1 US Visa refusal, and I didn't complete the Schedule A (it was just too much work then... thank God they didn't want it)

Immediately I saw the PPR mail on 26th morning, I just called in sick at work. It was raining that day but submit passport I must..... Went back to the same work I called in sick to (but stayed on a different floor) and printed and filled all I needed to fill and made all the copies I needed to make.

I had filled the IMM0008 and IMM5406 Additional Family forms because I didn't have power to shout. The form is not that hard to fill esp if you are single with no dependents.

I then headed down to Studio 24 with my ruler and copy of photo specifications to measure the picture I'll take. The lady there laughed at my ruler but she still helped me measure it. She stamped and signed and dated, but requirement said put full address

also... I told madam to biko put full address. By the time she finished, there was no space to put my name and DOB but I squeezed it in there.

The rain helped because when I got to VFS Canada floor around 11am, it was empty. Just a handful of people. Everything was done on the 1st floor (collect PPT paper from security, wait, submit documents to the guy at till 1 when called, he will package inside envelope and you go and pay at till 5 or so, then hand over to the person at till 8 or 9 and shikena). Spent just 15mins for everything that day..... it was that empty

I had posted my appreciation post in the part 3 of this thread. That was when I discovered the thread and realized I was wasting time and money chasing my bsc transcript (I had already paid 45k, it was sent and was said it was incomplete and had to be resent. The school was now telling me to pay again.... TF). Nd the msc was already accepted oh... Nobody told me to tell was to delete the bsc

I just went to the first page of part 3, got a jotter and went to work and the rest is history.

All in all, my application was fairly straightforward. Decision to travel to PPR = 9 months. I really didn't encounter any delays (asides my bsc matter) getting any of the documents and I thank God for that. Single NOC, Work ref was how CIC wanted it + payslips, POF was money in 2 mutual fund accounts (GCMS said they did not include my pension) + my salary and personal account, Medicals at QLife, PCC - ASP Mosh + UK PCC which I sent to a friend to scan down.

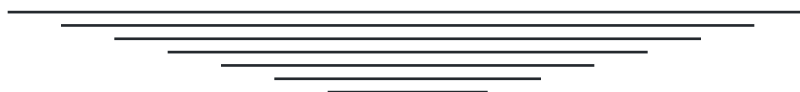
I kept it simple and had only 2 LOEs (1 was under the additional document place where I explained the visa refusal and the 2nd was where I aggregated my POFs in a summary table and showed CAD equivalent and exchange rate).

Thanks to this page and all those that responded the few times I had questions - I remember when 1 of the statutory questions was confusing me and Nairaland came to my rescue. Muchos Gracias

On to the next phase..... btw, who else is completely overwhelmed by the amount of info from that MAP document + the many FPPs that are reaching out. This 24 hours in a day is not long enough.

I wish everybody success in every phase they are at..... All the best.

Number of likes: 91



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5mzjennypher

Posted (on page [251](#)) by:

**mzjennypher**

9:43am On Sep 11, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:

My people oo PPR has landed oooooo

I wouldn't want to bore you guys with ielts wahala abeg those people humbled me o.chai journey I officially started April 2017 wrote ielts 5times

5th ielts 7th April 2018

ITA: 25th April 2018

AOR: 5th May 2018

IP1/MEP: 16th May 2018

GCMS REQUEST: 9th July it came 9th August everything was fine.

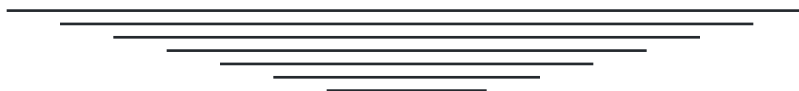
IP2: 23rd Aug (in my mind I was expecting it next day, yimu for me)

PPR : 11th sept (2:32am) saw it 5am.

I really want to thank everyone here on thread for answering all my numerous questions and I even made new friends.thank you all else agent for don use me build house.

To everyone expecting favourable ielts score,ita,ppr,eca God would make it come to pass soonest..

Number of likes: [91](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5Java47

Posted (on page [189](#)) by:

**Java47**

8:50pm On Aug 28, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Just a brief word of encouragement.

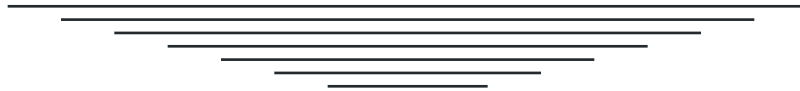
I got into Canada November 2017. Was quite concerned about how my fiance would join me, all options looked quite long. We settled for her to follow the EE route, she wrote IELTS in January, ITA in February, Submitted in March. Finally got PR August.

I'm so grateful to God as it's ending with praise.

NB: Wedding is in November. 2019 is going to be a great year for us.

Don't give up guys. Lots of opportunities here..

Number of likes: [91](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5dumprep


Posted (on page [561](#)) by:

**dumprep**

1:22pm On Nov 07, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Hello fam  `img src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/smiley.png" alt="smiley" border="0" class="faces">`

Yay! COPR in s>the bag/s> hand!!

Timeline

Passport Submitted at VFS Lekki: October 18

Visa Approved: October 31

Pick Up Mail (PUM): November 5  
Received Passport with COPR: November 7  
Landing: December 9

#Thankful#Overjoyed.

Number of likes: 90



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5Kwado87

Posted (on page 263) by:

**Kwado87**

12:13pm On Sep 13, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

COPR & VISAS IN THE BAG!!!

Timeline :

DECISION TO TRAVEL: DECEMBER 2017

IELTS: DEC 2ND, JANUARY 5TH, APRIL 21

ITA :- May 23rd

FAMILY OF 4

AOR:- JULY 3RD

IP1/MEP:- JULY 17TH

IP2 :- AUGUST 7TH

PPR : AUGUST 8TH

PASSPORT RECIEVED @ VFS:- AUGUST 14TH

PASSPORT SENT BACK VIA DHL:- SEPTEMBER 10H

PASSPORT & COPR RECIEVED :- SEPTEMBER 13TH (MY BIRTHDAY)

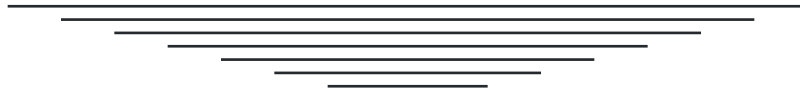
LEAVING NAIJA.....THIS MONTH END

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

THANK YOU ALL. IT WILL END IN PRAISE FOR EVERYONE

GRACE FOUND ME.....

Number of likes: 89



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5gook

Posted (on page 579) by:

**gook**

7:48am On Nov 09, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

blockquote>

Fabmummy:

It's PPR

The journey that started with so much uncertainty has ended with praise. Thank you Jesus.

1st IELTS LRSW 7.5,6,7,7

2nd IELTS LRSW 7,6.5,7,7

3rd IELTS LRSW 7.5,7.5,7,7.5

4th IELTS LRSW 8.5,8,7,6.5

5th IELTS LRSW 9,8.5,7.5,6.5

I asked for a remark on the 4th attempt, speaking got upgraded to 7.5 and writing also got upgrade to 7.

EOR came after 8weeks, just 2 days after I checked the 5th result.

NOC 1228 - reference letter + 6 months payslips

1 UK visa refusal- didn't fill schedule A upfront and it wasn't requested, Only answered the statutory questions and stated the month and year I was refused and a sentence on why I was refused.

NO TRAVEL HISTORY

SPOUSE:

IELTS -LRSW 7.5,8,7,7

UK travel history....provided UK PCC

No ECA for spouse

POF: We submitted 2 FD letters, generic GTB reference letter and statements of the days spouse transferred money to my account and the days bank debited me for the FD.

CRS 459

ITA..... 25/4/18

AOR..... 29/6/18

MEP..... 14/7/18

IP1.....14/7/18

ADR 1.....08/08/18- RPRF

ADR (Submitted ) 08/08/18

09/10/18- SENT email to OVO to notify them of our newborn

ADR 2..... 09/10/18- documents to add newborn

ADR (submitted) 16/10/18 . Also sent a mail to my vo that ADR has been uploaded ( being over proactive lol)

Additional documents (17/10/18)- changed to NA

NEWBORN ADDED-17/10/18

MEDICAL(18/10/18)- Changed to we are reviewing your medical results.

MEP..... 24/10/18

IP2.....25/10/18

ADR 3..... 26/10/18 - FORM IMM 5406 FOR SPOUSE

ADR (submitted ) 27/10/2018. Also sent a mail to my vo that ADR has been uploaded

Additional documents (28/10/18)- changed to NA

ADR 4..... 01/11/18 - FORM IMM 5406 FOR SPOUSE( to fill an updated one)

ADR (submitted ) 02/11/2018. Also sent a mail to my vo that ADR has been uploaded

Additional documents (03/11/18)- changed to NA

GHOST UPDATE..... 08/11/18

PPR..... 09/11/18 dated 08/11/18

Mail came in 4.39am

Family of 4

Ottawa visa office

Thank God for the golden mail. I stopped looking forward to weekends because of this journey... But am thankful it has ended in praise./blockquote>

Spouse here....God has blessed your hand work lyawo.I remember being skeptical when she came up with the whole dream.Before I knew it she paid for ECA and got it done..Paid for my IETLS & so on...After a while, I woke up and we started chasing the dream together.From NL, We learnt and understood the entire process.For those still



waiting for IETLS,ECA,ITA,PPR, God has done it already for you,just be thanking him already. God bless everyone here IJN.Yesterday was our 4th wedding anniversary and PPR was God's gift to us. Gracias.

Number of likes: 88



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5Kwado87

Posted (on page 39) by:

**Kwado87**

5:26am On Aug 09, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

OK all... PPR is here...

Timeline..

AOR.....JULY 3RD

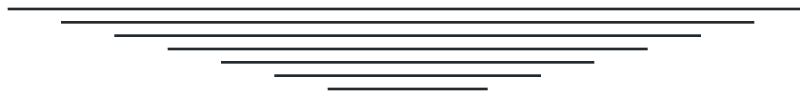
MEP/IP1.....JULY 18TH

IP2..... AUGUST 7TH

PPR..... AUGUST 9TH...

GRACE FOUND ME..... FULL GIST SOON.

Number of likes: 87



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5wasseynewest

Posted (on page 579) by:

**wasseynewest**

7:49am On Nov 09, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:

Alas!SUCCESS!!!

My people, like play like play, myself & wifey began this journey. We started with WES and IELTS simultaneously. Of course knowing fully well we needed to score d 8,777.

MAY IELTS(BC) : LRWS: 7,6,6,7 AND 7,5.5,6,7

JUNE IELTS(BC): LRWS: 7,6,6,7 AND 7.5,7,6,7

JULY IELTS(BC): LRWS: 7.5, 6.5,6,7.5 AND 8,7.5,6.5,7.5.

Around this time, d outcome of our WES came out & surprisingly, my Evaluation was 2 or more certs(HND), while wifey's B.sc was d normal B.sc. That was how we see say am more suitable as PA with anticipated CRS of 441-450 depending on IELTS. Although, I wasn't too serious with d IELTS thing initially as I knew even 6,6,6,6 would be enough for me as Sec.Applicant then.

To play it safe, I enrolled myself and wifey for a 4th IELTS(with BC) in August, our scores this time were LRWS: 8,7,6,Abs. & 8,7.5,6.5,7

I decided to call for remark for my wifey's writing of both July & Aug hoping to at least be at 400+ if successful and jejely await nomination. Unfortunately, both EOR came out without increase. At this point, I have spent almost 1M combined, including our WES and Hotel bookings during exams.

A friend of mine introduced me to IDP MOD & I decided to register with MOD. This time i registered alone for Sept29th test. Result came out LRWS: 8,6,7,7. I was terribly downhrted cos I can't remember when last I have studied that much. I bet u there is no material I nvr used(with 85% concentration on LIZ), funnily, the reading module was my favourite cos in d practice tests I did prior to the exam I have been scoring 36&37 conveniently, even the reading module was the simplest for me during d exam & was expecting minimum of 8.5. These made me request for EOR(46K) and at the same time registered again with MOD Oct 27th exam. The EOR came out after 11days with d result unchanged. This time I have already sat for Oct27th awaiting the result. Trust me in btw there are times I felt completely drained and exhausted, I fasted & prayed and in all sincerity I cried at times.

Low & behold!! Result is out o!! LRWS: 8.5,7,7,7. Now at 444(CRS), I don siddon berekete for pool like landlord against Mon/Tuesday draw.

To all those thinking abt giving up? Abeg iffa hear?? We die there mehn!!! Cos Truth

is, if my Oct 27th hadn't been fruitful, I would have enrolled for Nov10th again.

& did I hear u say "start gathering documents"(in Ifeoma's tone)?, I bet they are all almost ready.....lol.

Number of likes: 86



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5xtosync

Posted (on page 526) by:

**xtosync**

1:03pm On Nov 02, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

The Wait!

9ja to Canny

So Close yet it seems so far

Nne ke'maka ije Obodo Onyibo? How far?

Mute. But with smile, I replied, "Nne, not so far"

Today, excited and chattery 'cos' of the awaiting prospect

Yesterday, sad and gloomy 'cos' of the unending aspect

How much longer, Oh my PPR?

It's been so long since my AOR

Oxymoronic, this quest is

Melancholic, it fest such bliss

Oh! LVO, why AVO?

Oh! AVO, where are your VO's?

Life of a PPR waiter

Please help me with a glass of water

Also I need to take home a bottle of vodka

Neither will do; the thirst of PPR is all there is  
Not sweet again, Rice and beans  
Can't be as sweet as the Golden mail, please

Not fond of weekends cos VO's shouldn't be resting  
Not until PPR is in my mail chilling

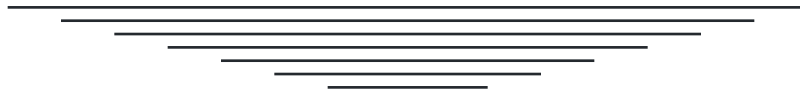
My POF is idling  
Tired of being locked in

Centuries ago, IELTS and ECA battles were won  
Least I forget the joy ITA brought at dawn

Join me as I celebrate a year of brave patience  
Don't know how I've kept sane while waiting in essence

Through it all WE MOVE with Head's raise  
Definitely it shall end in praise..

Number of likes: 86



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5gaths

Posted (on page 396) by:

**gaths**

10:01am On Oct 11, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

PPR!!! PPR!! PPR!!!

Silent reader coming through.....

Kimon.... Kimon.... kimon... I have screamed, danced danced danced all over the place, Still in shock.... This God is toooooooooo goooooooooo oooo

Yelzzz Yelzzzzz.

So I found this thread after my application was submitted. I come here time and time again to read all the wonderful PPR stories. I got so much joy reading them, so, I am here to share mine and I hope it encourages others as well.

Decision to travel: December 2017

Started ECA with IQAS January this year

Hubby ECA started sometime in March (NASU strike things)

IELTS was booked for April so we started preparations early.

In May our IELTS results arrived.. God favoured us with just what we needed

Moi: LRWS: 8.5,8.5,7,8

Hubbs: 9,9,6.5,7.5

My ECA also arrived early May

Hubby's ECA yet to arrive.

And so, without further ado we dived into the pool on the 21st of May

ITA : 23rd May

Hubby's ECA arrived in June so we included it in the application. CRS score increased by 10 points (Explained in LOE)

AOR: 9th July

MEP/IP1: 25th July

IP2: 6th Oct

PPR: Dated 9th OCT but arrived on the 10th.

Something else I should mention.

I read somewhere that if we include NYSC as time with the "Government" under personal history, it could result in extensive security screening, well I guess that did not apply to me... I was busy getting myself worked up for nothing.

So this is it! Join me to rejoice people. I pray that each and everyone of us arrived at Canny Land in no distant time.

Let me also thank the amazing individual(s) who selflessly put up this platform. God bless you abundantly..

Number of likes: 86



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5mepconsultant

Posted (on page 308) by:

**mepconsultant**

12:32am On Sep 23, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

LONG POST ALERT.

I promised to get back wt my story and here I am.

My Canada journey started August, 2016.

I used WES for my ECA and it was smooth.

#### IELTS JOURNEY:

I sat for IELTS 5 times as below

1st attempt BC, 04/03/2017: 7.5 R6.5 W7.0 S7.5

2nd attempt BC, 08/04/2017: 7.5 R7.5 W6.5 S7.0

3rd attempt BC, 11/11/2017: 7.5 R9.0 W7.5 S6.5

4th attempt MOD, 03/03/2018: 8.5 R9.0 W6.5 S7.0

5th attempt MOD, 12/05/2018: 8.5 R8.5 W7.0 S7.5

I tackled the first one with maximum confidence but I lost the confidence after the 2nd attempt couldn't yield 8777. At that point, I ran to nairaland to seek for assistance. After BC spoilt my result the 3rd time (Speaking =6.5), I resorted to MOD. I tried my best the 4th time which yielded almost a useful result except for writing. I paid 46k + for remark but it came back same way. Unfortunately, I hardly had time to prepare for more than 3 weeks cos of the natural of my work. At this point I was already getting discouraged and asking if I'm destined for Canada or not.

I wrote the almighty and popular 12/05/2018 MOD IELTS exam which wasn't well organized. After all the efforts, I lost courage and at that point I felt I should look for a lady that needs a guy so that we could ... so I got a lady's nos after d exam. When d result came out, I cried cos it was the truly the worst of all I wrote but God turned it to be the most useful of all. At that point I knew God is involved.

#### POF

With the help of God, I worked on this smartly, and I made sure no fund more than 250k was deposited into that account (at once), in d last one year. Thus, I wrote no LOE, Gift deed... and I wasn't questioned. I submitted Acct Statement, general reference letter from the Bank and also the Bank reference in CIC format.

#### MEDICALS

I used IOM at Ikeja and it went well.

#### ITA TO PPR

My M.Sc Certificate wasn't ready cos Unilag kept shifting the Convocation ceremony. Though I had used Attestation for WES evaluation, I needed the Certificate after ITA. As they always say, delay is not denial. As at the time IELTS was delaying me, Unilag refused to do Convocation and the same month Unilag had the Convocation ceremony (I guess), the same month I passed IELTS. After then, everything happened so fast. Little bit of delay gathering my documents, but God surprised me.

I got the Biometrics letter on the 12/09/2018 and I captured it on Monday, 17/09/2018. My people, I sent a mail to my agent on 20/09/2018 to update me on the Biometrics, and what I got was d PPR letter. The letter was actually dated 19/09/2018, meaning I actually got PPR after 2 days.

My people it could only have been God at work. Many other challenges, many aspects I won't be able to touch. Pls do not be discouraged. Cast all your cares upon God. I fasted and prayed and God delivered me. I trust God for u also. I lost days and months through IELTS but God made the last part a testimony.

For those preparing for IELTS; Study, study and study hard. There are many materials available on this platform. Youtube is also there for you. I will also suggest u use [ieltsliz.com](http://ieltsliz.com). Wonderful website.

Though I used agent, I had been on this thrend from Part 1 till now, quietly reading everything possible. I learnt a lot from here and wondereful people are here to help.

I thank you all for your love and support. We will all triumph.

TIMELINE:

IELTS = 12/05/2018

ITA = 13/06/2018

AOR = 11/08/2018

MEP = 12/09/2018

Biometrics Captured= 17/09/2018

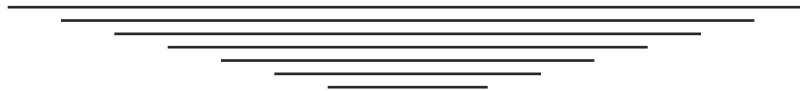
PPR letter = 19/09/2018

You've done so much for me, I cannot tell it all... Narekele mo...

What shall I render to Jehova, for He has done so very much for me...

I WISH YOU ALL THE VERY BEST OF GOD. THANK YOU

Number of likes: 86



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5joesgirl

Posted (on page 293) by:

joesgirl

11:31am On Sep 20, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Hello future Canadians!!  img src="https://www.nairaland.com/faces/smiley.png" alt="smiley" border="0" class="faces">

It's PPR

IELTS Nov 2 2017

LRWS 9,7.5,7.5,7

WES March 21, 2018 (NASU strike caused Delay)



Submitted Profile March 21

ITA March 26

CRS 470

No LOE

POF: 100% Treasury Bills; After bills matured, re-invested in Mutual Funds; then raised CSE

AOR May 11, 2018

IP1/MEP May 23, 2018

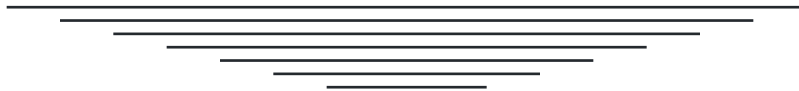
IP2 August 10, 2018

PPR September 10, 2018

A big thank You to everyone that has contributed on this platform.. It's so rich and robust, I'm sure other countries come here too for guidance.

God bless you all  border="0" class="faces">.

Number of likes: 85



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5masrapido

Posted (on page 231) by:

**masrapido**

6:47am On Sep 06, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

You guys were right!!! You were so right!!!

IT'S PPR!!!!!!

I can't believe it. I have been screaming round my house since I saw the mail. After all the BP spikes and chest pain, here we are. Thanks to everyone who calmed me down yesterday. Please find my timeline below.

ITA - March 26  
AOR - June 13  
MEP/IP1 - June 27  
IP2/ADR for spouse's Schedule A - August 3  
1st Ghost update - August 15  
2nd Ghost update - September 4  
PPR - September 5

My journey started in 2016 when I decided to apply for EE using an agent. Wrote IELTS in September 2016, got my ECA and dived in. I had to reject the first ITA because I found out that my agent had made some 'modifications' to my work history, and wanted me to get my former employers to tweak things to that effect. The second ITA timed out due to POF issues. After that, I lost interest and decided to continue with my academics instead. By December 2017, my brother became a PR and I realized that I could get back the points I had lost due to having a birthday. Add to that the prospect of a wasted IELTS, I decided to give EE another go. And the rest, as they say, is history. I got ITA two weeks before my birthday at a CRS score of 451. Cut-off for that draw was 446, exactly 5 points below my score.

POF was my (accompanying) spouse's employee savings, the letter was not in any particular format but stated the current balance and how long he had been saving. I included his work history in the application since I knew our POF was somewhat tied to his job, so we had to get letters from his supervisors as well.

It's been a long and challenging journey - for all of us - but I know that our rest is near. To my fellow June AORs, thanks for the encouragement, you all are next in line.

Cheers. ~dances out with serious Niger Delta waist shaking~.

Number of likes: [85](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5Torkwase1

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

**Torkwase1**

6:37am On Aug 10, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Finally, I've seen the IELTS that gave me sleepless nights

Listening- 9

Writing- 7.5

Reading- 8.5

Speaking- 8.0

It's my first take, and I was so worried because one senior applicant told me how he practiced like a hundred tests, meanwhile I hadn't done a fraction of that.

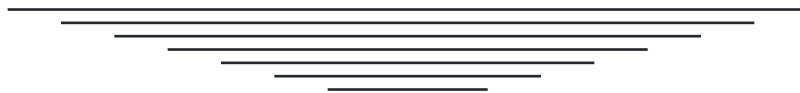
I also wrote my answers in all CAPITAL letters, except for Writing. When I told two of my friends who took the test too, they looked at me as if I've already failed.

Then I wasted so much time on my letter because I loved the topic, ended up not having time to structure the essay part and proofread before submitting.

It's been the longest two weeks of my life ! Thank God it ended in praise o, because I don't know where to get 75k to give British Council again.

Now waiting for WES on the 20th before diving into this our legendary pool !!!

Number of likes: **85**



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5stonecoldcafe

Posted (on page [293](#)) by:

**stonecoldcafe**

11:28am On Sep 20, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

Testimony time; blessing time

blockquote> First of all, can I just say here boldly that if you have two different job roles (e.g accountant and engineer) as long as it falls under O, A, B (within the last 10 years) then you are eligible for FSW program.

The work experience mustn't be the same job title or function. At the time I first asked this question on this thread, I was so confused. It is not now that the issue has been trashed severally and laid to rest. Then, when I spoke out, it was a lone voice (coachtrain) who responded to me and pointed me in the direction of some few individuals that had successfully done that. That response would end up being one of the most soothing for me on this thread. It led me to explore posts from individuals like Merrymum who had successfully done same. In my case, this was the difference between a CRS score of 420 and 445.

My time line:

IELTS- December 2017 L8, S8.5, R8 W7 (first attempt)

ECA- February 2018

ITA – April 11th 2018

AOR – May 19th 2018

RPRF- June 15th 2018

IP2 – Not really sure. First noticed September 17th 2018

PPR – Received the email September 18th 2018 although letter dated the previous day

Decision to migrate was made at the beginning of 2017 when an event made me realize I was better off starting afresh in a new land. Prior to that time, I had a friend who relocated to Canada via the old paper based system. This dear friend (bless her heart) would always reach out to me at least once every 2 months and ask, Stonecold, why don't you take this Canadian thing seriously? It works. Try it.

At that point, I'd just returned from my masters abroad and for some strange reason, I didn't believe I stood a chance. I didn't take out time to even understand the system properly. Coming from a system where getting PR visa was hectic, I didn't believe I could simply obtain Canadian one like that. Who dash me? Basically, I never gave it serious consideration.

Besides I'd just left one foreign country for home and I felt it was misplaced priority to start trying to jump all over again. I decided to focus all my energy on building a life in Nigeria or so I thought Yinmu! But when water pass garri in early 2017, this dear friend (as always) reached out to me again and this time, I ate a large chunk of the humble pie and begged her to send all the relevant information to me again. LOL. Since

she left a while back, her information was not so current and that got me exploring online and I discovered NAIRALAND had a thread for it. I joined the thread in part 3 but began reading from part 2.

My case was far from perfect but God remained perfect through it all. I had a combination of a little over 3 years' experience in two different jobs. One was from company X (11 months and 27 days) and the other in Nigeria (2 years and some months)

I was worried about 2 things. Could i combine 2 different job titles and what was my NOC from company x?

The job from company X was not quite straight forward in my eye. It was pretty hard to pinpoint an NOC for it.

I'd been following the thread as a baby and I knew one name was synonymous with NOC matching-Newmum. I reached out to (via email) and she was the first person that pointed out a completely new NOC which I'd never considered before then. God will forever bless her for this for if not for her impute, I would have gone with something else I believed was my NOC. Queen of NOC she will forever be!

Then like issues could not get more complicated, company x refused to give me a reference letter containing the job description. I followed what people had said here when such happens but my case was slightly different. I had been out of that job for over 5 years. The company had a high turnover rate and lots of people had moved on including my supervisor.

Most people I knew were former students like myself who had long returned home after their study visa ran out. The rest people I knew had moved on from the company. I tried to reach out to some current employees via linkedin but it didn't go anywhere because they didn't know me ke. I reached out to a previous manager but that one jejely blank my side. Oh linkedin can be such a cold cold place. LOL

So I decided to use an ex-colleague like myself to help write my JD. I was worried as I'd never seen an example like this on Nairaland. It was mostly previous boss or current work colleague but I trusted each case will be judged on its own merit. Now I think of it, someone had simply written their job description on a piece of paper and notarized it. I should have done this but I didn't realize this option was available to me then.

I was so scared this employee reference letter issue would mar my application and

for quite a while I kept stalling hoping CRS scores will crash like 2017 and I'll enter with my 2 years' experience only. I knew I wouldn't suffer any sort of employee letter hassle at my current employment – that was a given and so I began to wait for CRS scores to fall. LOL. I wait nor be small. I wait tire.

Then one morning by 4am, I sat up and spoke to myself. I looked at the CRS trend and saw what was happening. That morning I borrowed myself sense. What harm will it cause me to be bold and use a former colleague to write my JD? Why was I so worried? How can I just throw away a year's worth of experience because of fear? If CIC declines, at least I can say I tried and it didn't work. If I fail, I can put in again the following year when I clock 3 years at my current job. I felt calm in my heart and I decided I would go with my 3 years and get an ex colleague to write my JD! My decision was final.

This former colleague also gave me his old employment letters to use as proof that he was employed by company X at the same time with me. I notarized his letters. I also included the email where company x HR stated they don't include job description then I tied it all up with an LOE.

Even then, I was worried. This was the only snag in the application. But God gave me calm.

Today my story is different. I want to encourage everyone here at one stage or the other – hold on- keep at it, victory is at the end. Victory is sure. Don't tell lies in your application. Don't rush it and do a shoddy job. Same date of ITA does not mean you must submit same time. Each to his own. Use your time to prepare a perfect application or at least one that wouldn't make you lose sleep.

Make page 1 your friend. Read testimonies of those that have gone ahead of you. You may see something therein which resonates with your own story (I practically read all the PPR testimonies since part 1) plus it's so uplifting.

I was once here. I once asked silly questions too. I sat in the valley of confusion and brooded over things I didn't need to worry myself with. I sat down worrying if I had indeed chosen the right NOC. I rejected about 2 ITA'S because I was waiting to clock over 2 years in my current job since I had 11 months 27 days in company X. At the end of the day, from my GCMS notes, CIC calculated company X time as over a year. I'm still not sure how they came to that decision but that made me realize that sometimes our headache is not their own sef. Try not to worry too much.

No matter the stage you are in, try to be positive and rejoice with others who have gone ahead of you or hit a milestone. I rejoiced with those who rejoiced and I knew one

day, my turn will come. One day, your turn will come too.

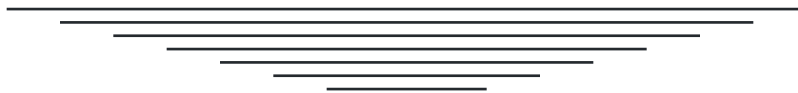
I wish to thank everyone who ever responded to my queries. I particularly thank Coachtrane (thank you for speaking up then), Newmum0615 (NOC queen), Glitteringstar (ever helpful, compiling the most impossible and hard list to make life easy for us all) Ethelia (for the legal angle you throw in every now and then) ysteph, happytbaby, dtush (for your encouragement) Kmgb (toh sure!) Nozzle (for helping with my reference letter question) Osaze007 (for the plenty laughs brought on by worrying from Dubai) Mcstan18 (for selflessly carrying on with all your hard work to keep this thread alive. It has not gone unnoticed. We shall be back to celebrate with you on that day) smslive (for the plenty links you post to guide people; hilarious as they may be sometimes) Ifeoma, Tojued, and SO many selfless people who have given their time on this thread. I can't mention all names. This thread is a goldmine – do not take it for granted. Mine it very well.

God bless you. God bless your journey and may all our heart desire be met in the country of our dream. God bless Nigeria. God bless Canada our new home.

See you in Canada! Probably having barbeque on a sunny day or sipping on some creamy coffee from Tim Hortons! s>Highly doubt. I'm simply too shy. /s>

/blockquote>.

Number of likes: 84



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5Fede890

Posted (on page [242](#)) by:

**Fede890**

10:34am On Sep 08, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:

.....ITS PPR .....

### Timeline:

ITA: 7th February 2018

AOR: 25TH APRIL

MEP: 9TH MAY

IP2: 24TH JULY

ADR: 15TH August, submitted ADR: 18th August

PPR: 7th September

My Canadian journey started in 2015 when a colleague at work told me about it, due to personal reasons, I was not quite ready to relocate permanently at the time, I opted to study and luckily I was approved for study leave at work.

Spent a year and a half in Canada and of course I did not want to come back to naija but had no choice as I had to return back to my job here.

I wrote IELTS 3 times, twice in Nigeria, once in Canada

1st attempt: LRSW: 8,8.5,8,6.5 (did not bother to remark, knew I didn't do well in writing)

2nd attempt: LRSW: 7.5, 8.5, 7, 7 ( no point remarking because of listening)

3rd attempt: LRSW: 8.5,8.5,8,7

WES: waited for 7 months before I got ECA, I had wanted to apply before my visa expired to extend my status in Canada but WES had other plans

### POST ITA:

Had 3 months to submit,I wasted the first month, did not do anything other than medicals, I was pretty occupied with other things.

Started gathering documents sometime in March. End of march, ran into some troubles, I couldn't get hold of my Canadian bank to give me a reference letter, I called several times, sent emails, they confirmed receipt of email yet no letter. This went on for another 3 weeks.

In the mean time, I thought of rejecting the ITA because the funds in the Canadian account was about 40% of POF and back then I did not know about gift deeds.



Thankfully, with less than two weeks to go before deadline to submit, I called the bank's contact center and was literally crying on the phone to the lovely agent that helped me out. She kept me on hold and contacted my home branch and got the branch manager to send me my reference letter that same day.

POF included:

savings from my office cooperative account,  
mutual funds investment I did sometime last year an

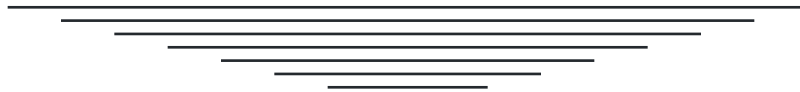
Cad account (submitted statements printed online, I was not about to start another huddle of trying to get stamped statements).

submitted 6 months statement of my salary account (stamped), was advised to submit this as further proof of employment

Newbies, don't take it personal when seniors refer you to page 1. after I found this tread and everyone always saying page 1, I went to look at the page 1, imagine my shock when I found out about gift deed. Could have used that since when I was not getting appropriate response instead if giving myself unnecessary high bp.

Wishing you all speedy PPRs, the journey wasn't easy but it was well worth it..

Number of likes: [84](#)



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5Amakaota

Posted (on page [424](#)) by:

**Amakaota**

3:41am On Oct 16, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

It's PPR ooooooooooooo

What shall I render unto Jehovah, for he has done so very much for me...

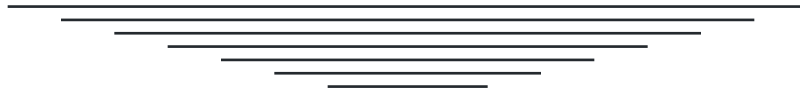
My heart is full of gladness and Thanksgiving.

Decision to immigrate: Sept 2017.

Started ECA evaluation immediately.

Wrote IELTS 5 times. LRWS  
1st IELTS, Oct, 8.0, 8.0, 6.5, 7.0 BC.  
2nd IELTS, 8.0, 8.0, 6.5, 7.5 BC  
3rd IELTS, 8.5, 8.5, 6.5, 7.0 BC  
4th IELTS, 7.5, 8.5, 7.5, 7.5 MOD  
5th IELTS, 8.5, 7.5, 7.0, 8.0 MOD  
Got into the pool July 22 2018  
ITA July 25th  
AOR Aug 15th  
Mep/BIL Sept 13th  
Biometrics done Sept 19th  
Family of 5  
PPR Oct 15 (1:00am).

Number of likes: 83



## Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program- Connect Here Part 5

Posted (on page 413) by:

**Obi1conte**

7:58pm On Oct 13, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

### Message:

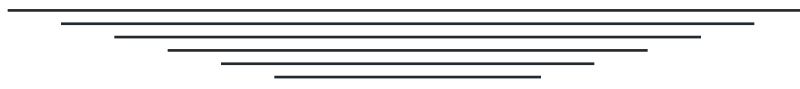
My good people on this Canada dream/journey...please come thank the ALMIGHTY GOD with me.

He spared the lives of me and my family from armed robbers on our way back from Lagos, we went for PCC and medicals. I still can't praise the Lord enough for how He used our driver to save us this afternoon.

We even came back to a flooded apartment (broken water pipe). I and my spouse have been mopping since we got back.

I decree that ALL who would be on the road and air for the sake of this dream shall overcome ANY gathering of village people IJN. AMEN.

Number of likes: 83



# Re: Canadian Express Entry/Federal Skilled Workers Program-Connect Here Part 5waleadedi

Posted (on page [253](#)) by:

**waleadedi**

1:39pm On Sep 11, 2018

[Click here to Visit page](#)

## Message:

Ghost Reader.

Thank you all for all your contributions, they were really helpful. I am very grateful.

ITA: June 13th

AoR: June 16th

Med/IP1: June 30th

IP2: August 8th

Ghost Update: September 6th

PPR: September 11th (email says september 10th)

VO: Ottawa

FSW-O.

Number of likes: [83](#)



Data scrapped from <https://www.nairaland.com/4657743/canadian-express-entry-federal-skilled>, Wed, 15 May '19 at 04:07PM by Odogwudozilla