



Congratulations! You are now a candidate in the Express Entry pool.

This means that depending on your score and the program(s) for which you are eligible, you may be invited to apply for permanent residence in Canada.

You and any accompanying family members may want to start thinking ahead about preparing for life in Canada if you are invited to apply and are approved for permanent residence.

Free Newcomer Services

If you are **invited** and then **approved** to come to Canada, you and any approved family members can use [free newcomer services](#). You can access some of these services before you arrive in Canada. These services can help you:

- learn more about life in Canada and your new community;
- prepare to find work; and
- connect with other community services in Canada.

Free Language Training

Canada has two official languages – English and French. Depending on where you want to live and the type of work you want to do in Canada, [improving your skills](#) in one or both of these languages could help you get a job. Once you are living in Canada as a permanent resident, you will be eligible for [free language classes](#) funded by the Government of Canada.

Working in Canada

In Canada, **some jobs are regulated**, which means you will need a special licence or certificate before you can work in those jobs. **Before you apply to jobs in Canada**, you should check if the job that interests you is regulated.

Examples of regulated jobs include: Doctor | Accountant | Electrician | Nurse | Engineer | Teacher

However, most jobs are non-regulated and, typically, do not require any special licences or certifications. Most Canadian employers will still require proof of your education and work history, as well as references from your past employers. Make sure you have these available when you start looking for a job.

Examples of non-regulated jobs include: Bookkeeper | Marketing & Communications Specialist | Hotel Management | Hospital Administrator | Computer Programmer

What jobs can you get in Canada with your training and experience?

While your past education and work experience are considered when you were selected for immigration, requirements to be hired for some jobs in Canada may differ from those in your home country.

If you have not already found employment in Canada, you can find more information on [career planning](#) and [searching for jobs](#) that match your skills, education and work experience. More details on the Canada Job Bank website can be found in another letter that IRCC has sent to your account.

You can use the [Foreign Credential Recognition in Canada Tool](#) to find details about your desired job in Canada, such as:

- where in Canada your training and experience are most needed;
- whether your preferred job is in a regulated occupation and if so, what is the regulatory body in the province or territory where you plan to live and work;
- average pay; and more.

Getting your credentials recognized – Start early

The process of having your credentials recognized in Canada **can take months or even years**, depending on your field of work, and could come with **associated costs**. You may also have to work in another field while you wait to get your credentials recognized.

You must take a [number of steps](#) to get your foreign education or employment credentials recognized before you can work in a regulated profession. You can expect that:

- In many cases, you can have your education credentials assessed and begin applying for a licence or certificate **before you leave your home country**. If you are already in Canada you can begin this process at any time.
- [Each Canadian province and territory](#) has regulatory organizations that give licences to people who meet their occupational standards. If you have **a licence to work in one province or territory, it may not be accepted in a different province or territory**.
- You will need a licence or certificate from an appropriate regulatory organization. This will involve [submitting certain documents](#) and [paying a fee](#) to the regulatory organization.
- The regulatory organization may ask you to get **additional training** or **Canadian work experience** in your profession.
- A **language test** specific to your profession may also be required.

Choose to settle in a Francophone community

As you wait for an invitation for permanent residence, you can consider [settling in a Francophone community outside Quebec](#). If you decide to settle in a Francophone community outside of Quebec, there are many Francophone organizations across Canada to help you [plan your new life in French](#) in Canada.

We hope that these tips will help you better prepare to immigrate to Canada. Thank you for your interest in making Canada your new home.

Sincerely,
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Other Resources:

[Get to know Canada - Provinces and territories](#)

[For new immigrants](#)

[Learn about foreign credential recognition in Canada](#)

[Get your credentials assessed in Canada](#)