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ABOUT THIS E-BOOK

Potato Talkies is an initiative by a young couple from India (Nav & Sim) who applied for their Canadian PR in 2019 and will make their move to Canada in early 2020.

This e-book is in continuation of volume 1 & 2 that walks you through the **express entry process** right from not knowing anything about Canada PR to getting a visa-stamped passport in your hand \odot

Now, not everyone is fortunate to get a high CRS score, and this e-book talks about the alternate approaches to getting to our dreamland.

TO RECAP, WHY DID WE MAKE THIS E-BOOK?

When we thought about moving to Canada in 2018, we had no idea where to start. The information is scattered across different forums, YouTube videos and Canada's official website and there is no structure to anything – which left us with 2 options:

- 1. Do our own research and file the application on our own make mistakes, correct them and move on.
- 2. Hire a consultant to do it for us.

We went with Option 1 (thankfully!), and soon realized that option 2 is a total scam. Once you get your PR, you realize that the process isn't as complicated and giving USD 1000-3000 to consultants is a total waste of time and money!

So the purpose of this e-book series is to put everything in one place and get these silly and useless consultants go out of business! ;-)

Who should go through this e-book?

Simple! People who are serious about moving to Canada and change their lives forever.

This book is most relevant to people who have no or only intermediate knowledge about ways to immigrate. It would equip you with almost everything there is to know about moving to your Dream Country (at least that's what it is for us)

Who is this NOT for?

Lazy heads, who want to move to Canada but are not willing to put the work into it! In the last 18 months, I have met so many people who spent a shit load of money on consultants and yet got their applications rejected.

Moving to Canada is probably the most important step you would take in your life! How can you leave this to the mercy of a consultant who has nothing to do with whether you live or die?

Therefore, if you are not willing to invest time into your application, do not waste your time here – close this e-book and hire a consultant (no offense).





More than an e-book!

My name is Nav, and I am the chief author of this e-book. I have a passion for writing and hope to author a mainstream book someday ©

I have poured my passion into this series and I will continue to make at least quarterly updates (if not monthly) to provide you with the most recent immigration information.

But my passion and this e-book doesn't stop here.

Our You-Tube channel



With this e-book, we are also launching our you-tube channel which would be a 3-part series about Immigration to Canada. Both Sim & I will host this channel. We are planning some amazing content and will try to make it as entertaining as we can © This is our first attempt at vlogging, but we are quick learners and strive to provide the best quality content to you.

Our Mobile app

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Just like writing is my passion, coding is Sim's passion — yup, my wife is a nerd © Do download the app "CanGuide" from play store. It has some very useful (free) tools including eligibility, CRS calculators, PNPsuggest tool (super cool) and more! ©

Get a peak into our lives [0]



And finally, get to know us behind the scenes, who we are and what we do in our daily lives. Follow us on Instagram @potatotalkies. I guarantee a lot of entertainment.



I have a low CRS, what do I do?

Like I said, this e-book will talk about alternate ways to move to Canada. The best and the fastest way of moving is via Express Entry, however not all of us our fortunate enough to get 450-455+ CRS levels and therefore – we have this volume 3 ©

The alternate option is called Provincial Nomination Program or PNP. This is different from the Federal Workers program (which is express entry) in a way that the provinces invite people to work & settle into their province based on the province's labor market needs. For example, if Ontario is short of engineers, they would scout the express entry pool and give 600 points to qualified engineers (which gets you well past 455+). Ontario gets to fill their labor shortage of engineers and engineers get to settle in Canada despite a low CRS! A win-win!

Now, there are 10 provinces in Canada and almost all of them have their Provincial nomination programs in one form or the other. Some of them require you to have a job offer in hand while some of them are targeted towards entrepreneurs and experienced farmers. What we are going to focus on, in this e-book is programs that are not reliant on special circumstances like job offer or specialized trade skills and the fact that you must be a farmer! So, it's basically for the majority of people who are decently educated, skilled / qualified, but are stuck at CRS levels of 300-455 — and want a way out.



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Before you commit yourself to going the PNP route....

Yes, PNP is an alternative to express entry, however you need to understand that provincial nomination programs take considerably longer, costs more money and there is a chance, depending on your work experience NOC code, that you may never be picked or qualify for a nomination!

So, before you commit to this route, you need to make sure that there is no way you can improve your CRS to 455+ and qualify for express entry itself which includes improvements like:

1. Improve Language proficiency:

- You are stuck at CLB 8 / Band 7 in IELTS and don't want to give it another shot! Think again! The average number of attempts before getting the magical 8777 is 3. So make sure you at least try IELTS twice before giving up! It improves your score significantly.
- You got the CLP 9 / 8777 and have a CRS of around 445-455. Well, try to better that. For every 0.5 you score in each section, you get 3 additional points which gives you an opportunity to better the CRS by 3-12 points. If you are good enough to get a CLB 9, you can push yourself a bit more to reach CLB 10 and this is coming from a person who did the same ©

Important tip: We are launching an amazing (free) tool called "CanGuide" that you can download from the play store, where you can calculate your CRS based on your current situation and it will also

throw a bunch of recommendations to improve your CRS.



Before you commit yourself to going this route.... (contd...)

- 2. Choose the right primary applicant: Sounds obvious, but I have seen so many people make this mistake! If you are a couple, equally qualified and have similar level of education, the younger one gets to be the primary applicant AGE is a big factor, so calculate the CRS running both scenarios and see what gives you a higher CRS score. Only if you fall short of 455 in both scenarios, you look at PNP options.
- 3. Work experience: If you have 2+ years of skilled work experience, then just wait for the 3rd year to complete! Having 3+ years of work experience gives a good push to your CRS score and I am assuming that with 3 years of experience, you will still be in your late twenties and won't lose points on age! Waiting a few months and qualifying for express entry may not make a lot of difference to when you land in Canada like I said, PNP takes considerably more time to complete vs Express Entry. Your call ☺
- 4. Education: If you are falling short of 455 because you just have a bachelors degree and if getting another diploma can push your score to past 455, you can choose to go for it. It will take an year longer before you apply, but:
 - You will have an additional qualification which would help you settle better in Canada
 - You will not have to go through the PNP process.

In India, I hear than Annamalai University provides a 1-year diploma course that's accepted by WES and IRCC – however do your own research here and take a call ©



Is it compulsory for me to stay in the province that invited me?

You really want to move to Ontario, however, will have to settle for Alberta, because that's the only province you could qualify for.

I know what you are thinking! Is it compulsory for me to stay in Alberta? The short answer is NO, it's not compulsory.

It is compulsory for you to land in Alberta and activate your PR, however, you can move to anywhere you want once you have your PR – at least that's what the constitution says ©

However, you do have an **ethical and moral responsibility** to stay in the province for some time because it's this province that gave you the opportunity to settle in Canada! It's big — else, you would still be in your home country.

Moreover, if you do land in your PNP province and move to a different one very quickly, you will be questioned at the time of your citizenship interview about the reason for making a quick move to a different province — it is unlikely that you will be denied a citizenship on this ground, however to be on the safe side, my suggestion is to actively look for a job when you move to your PNP province for at least a few months, document the search well (emails etc) and only if you can't get anything, look for a job outside. This way, at least you will be able to justify your early move on the basis of financial viability.



What are my options?

Now that you have exhausted your options of improving your CRS, let's get to Plan B.

There are numerous programs for people who intend to settle in Canada (below options exclude special streams for people with skills such as entrepreneurship, farming & special trades). Some of these require a full-time job offer and some don't. We will be concentrating on the programs that do not require a job letter

Do not require a job-offer from Canadian employer

- 1. Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP)
- 2. Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program (AINP)
- 3. Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP)
- 4. Nova Scotia Nominee Program (NSNP)
- 5. Manitoba Provincial Nomination Program (MPNP)

Require a job-offer from Canadian employer

- 7. British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program (BCPNP)
- 8. Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program (AIPP)
- Quebec Skilled Worker program (QSWP)
- 10. New Brunswick Provincial Nominee Program
- 11. Yukon Nominee Program (YNP)
- 12. Northwest Territories Nominee Program (NTNP)
- 13. Rural & Northern Immigration Pilot program

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Important tip: Download our app, "CanGuide"

To make things simple, we are launching a super amazing tool called "PNPsuggest" in our app, that would ask a bunch of questions & provide you suggestions on the programs most suited for you — this will be based on the hard data and PNP nominations in the last 12 months — really cool, so do check out ©



Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP)

This is probably the most popular program from the most popular province – home to the capital city Ottawa and the city where 40% of Canada resides, Toronto! ☺

As of Oct 2019, in 2019 alone, there are over ~8000 nominations from Ontario... which is massive and a reason to stay hopeful © They have a lot of streams, but I will talk about the most popular and relevant one here — Ontario Express Entry Human-Capital priorities Stream (~7000 invitations in 2019)

What's the eligibility?

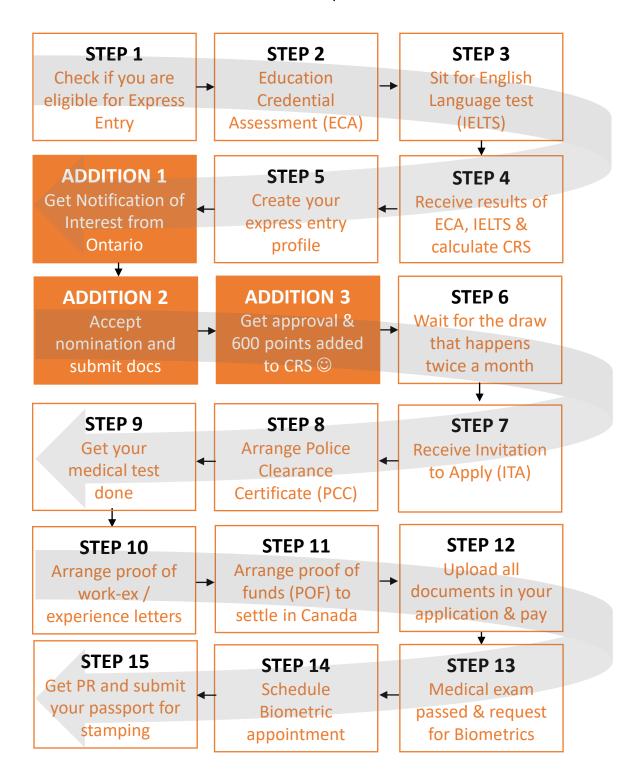
- You need an active express entry profile
- Equivalent of a Canadian Bachelor degree or above (ECA)
- Minimum CLB 7 in English **OR** CLB 7 in French
- Minimum 1 year of work experience in NOC level 0, A, B in the last 5 years.
- Minimum CRS of 400
- Settlement funds as per their requirement (check here).
- Intention to work & reside in Ontario
- Notification of interest from Ontario
- Must have the 67/100 eligibility (from Step 1 in Volume 1)

I am using a lot of jargons like ECA, NOC, CLB assuming you are familiar with the express entry process. If not, then I would suggest to go through volume 1 here. Else, you will feel lost and even a little tortured ©



How do I apply?

One of the simplest PNP process out there! It's a simple addition of steps to the existing Express Entry. Remember this from Volume 1? Just add 3 additional steps to it and tadddaaaa ©



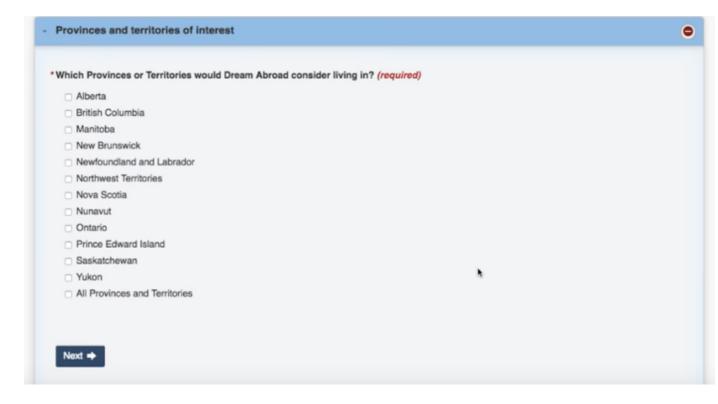




Get Notification of Interest (NOI)

Basically, you have to do nothing here. Ontario will just dive into the express entry pool and based on their labor market requirements, come up with a cut-off and provide you with a letter called Notification of Interest (NOI). It will come to you in your IRCC account (in the messages section).

Mandatory requirement — when you are filling out your express entry profile, it will ask you to add province and territories of interest. Choose the last option "all provinces and Territories" even if you know that you are going to settle in British Columbia. This is because, if you choose British Columbia only here, your profile will not be picked for a PNP for any other province! So make sure you get this right!





What should be my CRS in order to get NOI from Ontario?

Like I said in the beginning, it is hard to predict these cutoffs, however the cutoff will most definitely be above 400 (which is the minimum eligibility).

Having said that, looking at the trend in 2019, the lowest cutoff has been 435. So I think as of 2019, it's safe to say that anything lower than 430 is unlikely to get NOI from Ontario.

If you fall in the range <430, don't lose hope ©
These cutoffs vary all the time based on Ontario's labor requirements and in the worst case, don't forget, OINP is not the only way to reach Canada – we have a long list ahead ©

What NOC / Job codes are hot for OINP

I have said this before, and I will say it again! No one knows if your job code (also called NOC) is in demand or not. It keeps changing based on the demand of the labor market. However, we can look at trends from 2019 to get a hang of the NOCs that get invited.

On the next page, you will see the OINP trends along with cutoffs and NOC codes! GOLDMINE ©

Important tip: If you haven't downloaded our app "CanGuide", do it now! It's super cool! Includes a tool "PNPsuggest" that automatically browses through the PNP database from the last 12 months and throws recommendations about the PNP that suits you best based on your NOC, CRS etc. Trust me, you are going to love it ©

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OINP trends from last 12 months

Date if NOIs	# of NOIs issued	Cutoff score	Targeted NOCs
	133464	439-465	0114 Other administrative services managers
15th Aug 2019	997		0601 Corporate sales managers
			1122 Professional occupations in business management consulting
			0124 Advertising, marketing and public relations managers
			0621 Retail and wholesale trade managers
			1111 Financial auditors and accountants
			3012 Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses
			0111 Financial managers
			1114 Other financial officers
			0651 Managers in customer and personal services, n.e.c
		105 150	2173 Software engineers and designers
			2174 Computer programmers and interactive media developers
1 1 1 2010	4770		2147 Computer engineers
1st Aug 2019	1773	435-458	2175 Web designers and developers
			2172 Database analysts and data administrators
			0213 Computer and information systems managers
		439-459	2173 Software engineers and designers
	1623		2174 Computer programmers and interactive media developers
12th July 2019			2147 Computer engineers
12th July 2019			2175 Web designers and developers
			2172 Database analysts and data administrators
			0213 Computer and information systems managers
		72 439-469	0114 Other Administrative Managers
			0601 Corporate Sales Managers
			1122 Professional Occupations in Business Management Consulting
			0124 Advertising, Marketing and Public Relation Managers
31st May 2019	1072		0621 Retail and wholesale trade Managers
			1111 Financial Auditors and Accountant
			3012 Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses
			0111 Financial Managers
			1114 Other Financial Managers
			0651 Managers in customer and personal services
14th Jan 2019	1493	439-448	General draw, no specific NOCs targeted, based on cutoff

A lot to be optimistic about if you are a techie. The July & Aug draws were the first 2 draws from the newly formed **tech pilot program from Ontario** inviting an impressive ~3400 candidates ©





Accept Nomination & Submit documents

Awesome! You received a nomination © You have 45 days to accept it! Which basically includes 2 things:

- 1. Accept nomination & upload all the documents
- 2. Submit a fee of CAD 1500. Yes, this is in addition to the Express Entry fee you have to pay. OINP is one of the most expensive programs to apply to!

For the list of documents you need, check this link

Most of the documents are similar to the ones' you need after you get your ITA via Federal Express Entry, the only difference is that you need to prepare these documents before the ITA! For document formats and tips, do checkout Volume 2 here.

Some important differences in OINP docs vs post-ITA docs:

- In the experience letters, it is mandatory to include proof of compensation along with the reference letter. So do checkout the docs link for exact requirements very carefully.
- You must scan and upload a copy of your most current resumé with your application. The resumé should outline your current and past work experience, as well as your education. Your resumé should also detail your duties and responsibilities for each position held
- Again, this list may change time to time, so do ensure that you don't take the <u>docs checklist</u> lightly, because there are subtle differences in the requirements vs usual Express Entry.





Get the approval and 600 points

After you have accepted the invitation, it may take 30-90 days for Ontario to check your application to their satisfaction and accept your application!

Once that happens, you get 600 additional points and a sure shot ITA in the very next FSW Express Entry draw. Yipppiiieee © Do update your Express entry profile and include your PNP in it – that's when you get +600 points!

What comes next?

From this point onwards, volume 2 is your bible © Download here. We will walk you through the journey from ITA to PPR including all the tips, tricks and sample documents you would need in order to ensure a perfect application!



Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program (AINP)

I understand that you may be a little disappointed to not be able to land in Ontario, but to tell you the truth, Alberta for us is by far the most scenic and beautiful province in Canada! Definitely a place where we would like to move sometime in the future ©

Alberta Express Entry stream, just like Ontario picks candidates from the Express Entry pool based on their labor market requirements. The difference is the minimum CRS requirement which is just 300!

Note that you would find a lot of repetition from OINP, for people who land on this page directly! (how considerate ☺)

What's the eligibility? (Very similar to OINP)

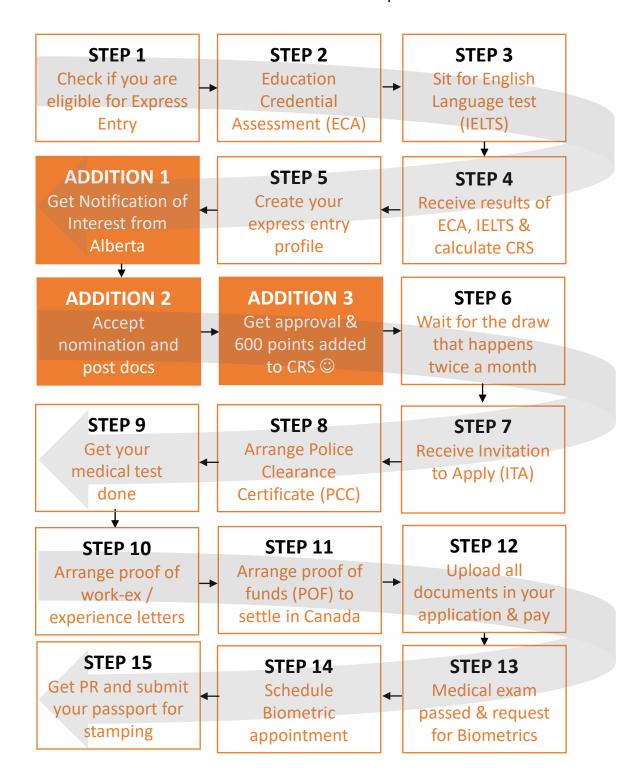
- You need an active express entry profile
- Minimum 1 year of work experience in NOC that supports Alberta's economic development and diversification.
- Minimum CRS of 300
- Settlement funds as per their requirement (<u>check here</u>).
- Intention to work & reside in Alberta
- Notification of interest from Alberta
- Must have the 67/100 eligibility (from Step 1 in Volume 1)

Again, I am using a lot of jargons like ECA, NOC, CLB assuming you are familiar with the express entry process. If not, then I would suggest to go through volume 1 here. Else, you will feel lost and even a little tortured ©



How do I apply?

Again, one of the simplest PNP process! Like Ontario, it's a simple addition of steps to the existing Express Entry. Remember this from Volume 1? Just add 3 additional steps to it and tadddaaaa ©



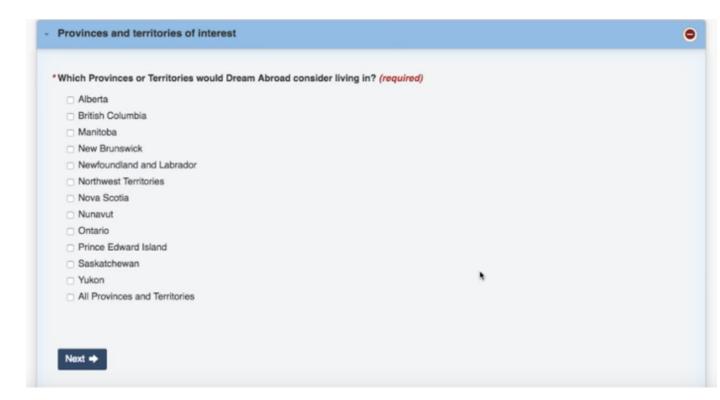




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Mandatory requirement — when you are filling out your express entry profile, it will ask you to add province and territories of interest. Choose the last option "all provinces and Territories" even if you know that you are going to settle in British Columbia. This is because, if you choose British Columbia only here, your profile will not be picked for a PNP for any other province! So make sure you get this right!





What should be my CRS in order to get NOI from Alberta?

Like I said in the beginning, it is hard to predict these cutoffs, however the cutoff will most definitely be above 300 (which is the minimum eligibility).

Looking at the trend in 2019, the lowest cutoff has been 302. So I think as of 2019, it's safe to say that anything above 300 is likely to get NOI from Ontario (provided your NOC is in-demand in Alberta).

Now, getting a CRS of 300 is not hard! However, unlike Ontario, there is no preferred list of NOC that are preferred in Alberta and totally depends on the labor demand at the time of the nominations!

What NOC / Job codes are hot for AINP

Unfortunately, when Alberta announces a draw, they don't really announce the NOCs that they targeted which leaves us with no official source of preferred NOCs (unlike Ontario, where they do announce the preferred job codes / NOC). Having said that, this is the one time where an agency's website can be helpful. Here's a link to a well know agency where they have posted the list of preferred NOCs probably based on the applications they have handled. Pretty smart haannn;) There is no way to know if this is a dependable list, however what do we have to lose. Some information is better than no information.

So here is the <u>link</u>.



Some of the other job codes / NOCs that are hot based on my research on Facebook groups and posts from people who received AINP NOIs – 1215, 1221, 1241, 1311, 8232 & 3012

I understand that there is a lot of uncertainty, however there is a lot to be hopeful about – let me tell you why!

Alberta is one of the most active province when it comes to frequency of NOIs esp in 2019. They have had 26 draws as of Sept 2019 giving a total of 4500+ NOIs with average CRS ranging 300-425. Check out the official list of previous draws here.

However...

If you have one or more of the following adaptability factors, this may increase your likelihood of being nominated:

- Valid Alberta job offer and/or work experience
- A graduate of an Alberta post-secondary institution with a valid Alberta job offer, or
- Parent, child, brother and/or sister who is a permanent resident living in Alberta, or a Canadian citizen living in Alberta.

Note that it's not a compulsion and you can still be nominated if you don't have 1 or all of these preferences − so stay hopeful ☺

Also, you will **NOT** be picked if your express entry profile has less than **3 months left to expiry**. So it's super-critical to have a relatively recent express entry profile to qualify for Alberta.





Accept Nomination & Submit documents

If you receive a Notification of Interest letter from Alberta, you must email a copy of the letter to the AINP at albertaexpressentry@gov.ab.ca within two weeks of receiving it in your federal Express Entry profile. You must also provide your Express Entry profile number and status information about current and past AINP applications/nominations (if applicable).

The AINP will confirm your information and then send you an email requesting you to submit an application, including a form to fill out and a document checklist listing all required documents. There is **no fee** to submit an application (unlike the extra CAD \$1500 for Ontario) – this step takes 3-14 days.

Most of the documents are similar to the ones' you need after you get your ITA via Federal Express Entry (check volume 2), however there are subtle differences especially when it comes to experience letters where you may be required to add education requirement, skills & knowledge necessary to carry out duties and work ex required to do the job. The email that you get from Alberta will have all the details about the documents needed along with what should be included in the formats. Stick to it! Not sharing any lists here, because the requirements keep changing and there is no public record of the list of mandatory documents as such.

You have 30 days to submit all the documents along with the application form.



There is a twist though. In today's digital world, Alberta has a paper application and the forms as well as the documents need to be submitted via post. The address will be included in the email that you get from Alberta. Make sure that you arrange the documents in the order they ask in the check-list. Saves time and avoids confusion for the case officer.

It's important that you prepare most of the time-consuming documents before hand — such work experience letters. Or at least talk to your employer and make sure you get what you need from them well within the 30-day window. Do not miss the deadline, EVER!



Get the approval and 600 points

After you have accepted the invitation, it may take 30-90 days for Alberta to check your application to their satisfaction and accept it! You may also get a short interview call where they ask very basic stuff – just be truthful.

Once they accept, you get 600 points and a sure shot ITA in the very next FSW Express Entry draw. **Do update your Express entry profile though and include your PNP in it.**

What comes next?

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Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP)

There are four SINP categories you can apply to:

- International Skilled Worker Category is for skilled workers abroad who want to work and live in Saskatchewan.
- Saskatchewan Experience Category is for foreign nationals who are currently living and working in Saskatchewan.
- Entrepreneur Category is for entrepreneurs who plan to start a business in Saskatchewan.
- Farm Category is for experienced farmers who plan to buy and operate a farm in Saskatchewan.

Now, we understand that most of us will be interested in the first one, **International Skilled Worker Category**, and therefore, we will deep-dive into this stream only.

SINP has an exclusive point assessment grid and you require at least 60 / 100 points to qualify for this stream.

What is this point system?

Calculate your points here

It's a 100-point assessment grid into 2 parts:

- 70 points for Labor Market success that includes education (max 23 points), work-ex (max 15 points), language ability (max 20 points) and age (max 12 points)
- 30 points for connection to SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR MARKET & ADAPTABILITY which includes employment offer from Saskatchewan, close relatives in the province, past experience / education from the province.



If you scored 60+ points here, you can continue reading further, else just move on to the next section − simple ☺

Although a job offer is not mandatory for this stream, it does give a lot of weightage (30 points) if you have one.

Now, before you go through the process, there are a few occupations that are excluded / not allowed to apply to SINP. Yes, a total bummer. So follow these steps:

- Know your <u>NOC</u> (if you don't know that already)
- Check if it's a part of this list (I really hope it isn't)

If your NOC falls in O, A or B and is not included in SINP occupation exclusion list! Congratulations, you an read on ☺

To be honest, I hate this program — so many conditions! On the other hand, it's nice of them to be so transparent with their filters — still kinda sucks! ☺

Anyways, now that we have the basic eligibility out of the way, there are 2 ways of applying for SINP with slight differences in eligibility.

- 1. Saskatchewan Express Entry subcategory: for those who have an active express entry profile.
- 2. Occupation-in-demand sub-category: for those who do not qualify for express entry but qualify SINP assessment grid.

The express entry route has a faster processing time than the second one.



What has been the trend in 2019?

I have said this before, and I will say it again! No one knows if your job code (also called NOC) is in demand or not. It keeps changing based on the demand of the labor market. However, we can look at trends from 2019 to get a hang of the NOCs that get invited.

There have been 26 draws between SINP Express entry and SINP occupation-in-demand inviting almost 6000 candidates in 2019 alone (as of Oct 2019).

Here are the key numbers to note:

For SINP International Skilled Worker (Express Entry)

- Total invites in 2019 till Oct 2019: 3327
- Min SINP points invited: 60
- Max SINP points invited: 82

For SINP International Skilled Worker (Occupation-in-demand)

- Total invites in 2019 till Oct 2019: 2579
- Min SINP points invited: 60
- Max SINP points invited: 82

With more people having stronger ties in terms of family in Canada, the cutoffs have been closer to 70 lately.

Here is the detailed official list of draws, cutoffs & NOCs invited.

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So, what's the procedure to apply?

The application process is separate form the express entry system and to be honest a little more complicated than most provinces. It's called **Expression of Interest system (EOI System).**

What is Expression of Interest System (EOI)?

An International Skilled Worker EOI submission **is not an application** to the SINP. An International Skilled Worker EOI is a pre-application process which allows candidates to fill in an online form to indicate their interest in applying to the SINP and demonstrate their qualifications.

The information requested is based on SINP criteria and is used to assess your eligibility and determine whether your submission is entered into the International Skilled Worker EOI system.

Candidates with attributes aligned to the needs of Saskatchewan's labor market and immigration objectives are selected from the International Skilled Worker EOI system. These attributes include connections to the province, work experience, and language proficiency. Those selected from the system are issued an "Invitation to Apply."

Not all candidates who submit an International Skilled Worker EOI will be invited to apply to the SINP. There are no limits on the number of candidates who can submit an EOI; however, candidates can only have one EOI profile.

Important tip: SINP may be one of the most complicated PNP process, however they also have a frickin awesome website that has everything you need to navigate your application. So do check out! WEBSITE



How do I create this Expression of Interest System profile?

For that, there is a pretty amazing official guide, please see this EOI OASIS Guide.

After registering in the online system, in your <u>EOI profile</u> you will be asked to provide the following information:

- Passport number
- Date of birth
- Yes or No to having an Immigration Representative (and their name if applicable)
- Confirm that you are a "skilled worker who wants to live and work in Saskatchewan"
- Yes or No to having a job offer
- Yes or No to being accepted into IRCC's Express Entry pool
- Occupation.
- Yes or No to having an Education Credential Assessment.
- Yes or No to having proof of eligibility for licensure or professional certification if required.
- Points score based on <u>SINP points assessment grid</u> we talked about earlier.

If you successfully create and submit an EOI, you will be entered the EOI pool of eligible candidates.

Your profile will be valid for one year from the day you submit it. You will be ranked based on the information you provide in your profile.





EOI Candidate selection...

The highest-ranking candidates will regularly be invited to submit a complete application to the SINP. Invitations to Apply are done through Expression of Interest Draws.

The SINP uses an electronic system for both the submission of EOIs and applications for nomination and will communicate with you via email.

If you are invited to apply, you can use the same log-in information you created for your EOI to complete your application for nomination. You must make sure that the information you provide in your EOI is current and accurate at all times. If your situation changes, you must update your profile.

Woooppiieee... you got an invitation ©

If you are invited to apply, your invitation will advise you on what to do next. You will have **60 days** to submit a complete online application to the SINP and provide documents that support the information you provided to the SINP in your EOI.

Important Note: If you provide false or misleading information in your EOI, it may be considered misrepresentation. Your application could be refused, and you may be banned from applying to the SINP for a period of two years.

You will also be asked to pay a non-refundable fee of CAD 300.

Time to upload documents... here is the list for the 2 streams:

<u>Documents</u> for SINP via Express Entry

<u>Documents</u> for SINP via Occupation-in-demand

There are quite a lot of documents, so go through the link carefully and collect accordingly.



What next?

Nothing! Wait for the assessment that may take 30-90 days (maybe even more). Once you get the approval, congratulations... If you have applied under the SINP Express Entry stream, you got 600 more points in the express entry profile © Taddaaaaaa... ITA in the next FSW draw © Don't forget to update the express entry profile though.

If you applied under the Occupation-in-demand stream, you will get the next steps in your acceptance letter and you will have to follow the steps and upload some additional documents within the stipulated timelines.

1 last complexity (for some) ©

Some occupations in Saskatchewan are regulated or have professional certification standards in Canada and/or Saskatchewan. SINP applicants for the International Skilled Worker sub-categories of Occupations in Demand and Express Entry who are intending to work in one of these occupations are required to submit additional documentation.

Please <u>read the following</u> before applying for SINP.

And here's the link to <u>SINP requirements</u> related to professional status & licensure.

AN UNLIKELY SUGGESTION COMING FROM ME ©

By now, you know how much I hate immigration consultants right? However, this (SINP) is probably the only time I would suggest to seek outside help if you don't feel confident. And there is just one consultant I would trust and many of you would know this guy already ② <u>Ask Kubeir</u>

I recommend his services because he is probably the only consultant out there who would treat your application as his \odot



Nova Scotia Nominee Program (NSNP)

There are several streams within NSNP, however there is one that's most relevant to skilled people without a job offer and that's **Nova Scotia labour market stream**

So, what's the process?

Here is an official <u>PDF link to the entire process</u>. I wish all provinces had a structured document like this. But then, you would not have met me via this e-book ©

This document includes everything. In fact, I don't know how I am going to fill this page now.... Hahaha! ☺

There are a few other programs within NSNP, however all of them require a specialized NOC and job offer from an employer in Nova Scotia – so I am going to skip this.

Now, if you think I am just writing to fill this page up - you are right wrong. I am now going to tell you about the in-demand NOCs looking at 2-year trend. Nova Scotia has **NOT** been too active for people without a job offer — it may be an easy process; however they don't really have a lot of draws (5 in over 1 year).

I really wanted to fit the trends table here and wrap the section in a single page... but... you will have to flip over to the next page now © I am in some mood writing this page. Apologies if this page was annoying, I have been writing for 7 hours now ©



Recent trends for NSNP labour market stream

Date	Priority	Details
September 20th, 2019	NOC 7271	Candidates must have CLB 5 or higher in English or French, plus at least two years of experience in NOC 7271.
September 4th, 2019	French- speakers	Candidates must have CLB 8 or higher in French and CLB 6 in English.
March 20th, 2019	French- speakers	Candidates must have CLB 7 in French and CLB 5 in English.
January 24th, 2019	NOC 1111	Candidates required a CRS score of 400-450 plus at least 5 years of experience in NOC 1111.
August 8th, 2018	NOC 4214	Candidates must have at least two years' experience in NOC 4214.

DOCUMENTATION TIPS

(in case you have not gone through volume 2)

- Make sure that you scan all documents in color and make a PDF file consolidating each type of document separately – so education along with ECA / IELTS, reference letter along with pay slips etc.
- There are 2 types of converters that you will need <u>image to PDF</u> and <u>PDF merger</u> (that merges 2 different PDFs) just google both and you will get it for free ☺ I used "smallpdf" for my application ☺



Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP)

The government of Manitoba projects a shortage of 20,000+ skilled workers by 2020! They have invited over 6000 candidates to apply for MPNP in the first 10 months of 2019 — super promising and the numbers and likely to go up by 2020.

There are different streams within MPNP, however I will only talk about the one that does not require a job offer (at least it's not compulsory) and that is **Manitoba Skilled workers oversees** stream.

But it is super difficult to get an invitation from Manitoba if you do not have at least one of the following:

- A close relative in Manitoba
- Previous Work-ex in Manitoba (6 months or more)
- On-going employment in Manitoba (uffffff)
- Completed Post-secondary program in Manitoba (1 year)
- Close friend or distant relative in Manitoba (WTH!)

Basically, this not for you (trust me, I want to write something bad starting with b and has shit in it), if you don't have a close relative living in Manitoba \odot assuming you have never worked in Manitoba — which will be the case for most people going through this document.

If you are lucky, and have one or more of the above factors covered... congratulations... and read on ☺



What's the process?

Submit expression of Interest (EOI). This is based on Manitoba's own point system known as MPNP Expression of Interest Ranking points grid and you can calculate the same using the official calculator here.

Link to submit EOI <u>click here</u>. You will be asked about your identity, contact information, your education, work-ex, official language proficiency and connection to Manitoba & Canada.

What next?

Your profile will be placed in a pool with other eligible candidates and you will receive a score based on the answers you provide (it should ideally be equal to your calculation from the <u>official calculator</u>). They will then rank you using several factors and if you are among the highest-scoring candidates, you may be invited to submit an application to the MPNP.

Letters of Advice to apply

On a regular basis, the highest-scoring EOIs are drawn from the pool according to the MPNP Ranking Points system for Skilled Workers and those selected receive a Letter of Advice to Apply (LAA).

If you receive a LAA, you have **60 days** to submit a complete application to the MPNP and you will have to provide <u>documents to support</u> the information you provided in your Expression of Interest.

The PNP application fee is ~\$500 (non-refundable)



The last step...

If your nomination is accepted, which may take up to 90 days, you will be invited to make a separate application to Government of Canada also know as Express Entry, but this time with 600 additional points © and a sure shot ITA in the upcoming draw. Once you get the ITA, follow the steps in volume 2 (download here) till you get your stamped passport! Woooiiilllaaaaa...

Note that the entire process could take 12-18 months. So the most important thing you need for this program is **patience**.

Upcoming changes...

Government of Manitoba is restructuring all the streams including Manitoba Skilled workers oversees stream. The date of this change has not been announced yet, however there is a little bit of information available on their official website.

For now, the EOI process will hold and once the switch over happens, I will be updating this document as well ☺

Is there a preferred occupation list for MPNP?

With the announcement of these upcoming changes, Manitoba also came up with an in-demand occupation list along with the CLB eligibility.

Click here for the <u>list</u>. You can just ctrl+F your NOC code in the list and see if it's there. If it's not, it's very unlikely that you will receive a letter of advice to apply to MPNP even if you have a super high score.



The hottest question - what does Manitoba mean by close relative?

- Real Sister / brother
- Niece / Nephew (real sibling's kids)
- Aunt / Uncle (mother / father's real sibling)
- First cousin
- Mother / Father
- Grand-Mother / Grand-Father

Your best friend is not a close relative, your distant uncle / aunt / cousin or neighbor or his / dog or cat is not a close relative ☺

What has been the trend in 2019?

If you are reading this page and still have a smile on your face, it means that against all odds, you probably qualify for MPNP ©

There have been over 6000 invitations in 2019 till October and are likely to increase in 2020, given the labor shortage reported by Manitoba recently.

In terms of EOI cutoffs, On the 1000-point MPNP ranking point system you need on average 550+ score to get close to the cutoff – here is the <u>list of past draws</u> for your reference

I don't like this one.. We got a 464 in express entry and I still don't qualify for MPNP. It's a tough one to crack. You have a much better chance at the first 4 PNPs in my view ©



PNPs requiring a job offer letter

There are other provinces that have good PNP programs, however they require an offer letter.

- 1. British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program (BCPNP)
- 2. Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program (AIPP)
- 3. Quebec Skilled Worker program (QSWP)
- 4. New Brunswick Provincial Nominee Program
- 5. Yukon Nominee Program (YNP)
- 6. Northwest Territories Nominee Program (NTNP)
- 7. Rural & Northern Immigration Pilot program

Quebec (3rd one) has very recently changed it's application procedure and with this new system, the first couple of draws require a job offer, and gives a high weightage to French language. So, let me skip this for the time being. I will add when we get a little more structure and trends around this.

Others are great programs and relatively easy to apply, however do require a job offer from the province — so again, skipping it from this document to suit the majority of the audience reading this book — who are like me; with no Canadian Job offer and wanting to take the leap of faith without a safety net ©

Said that, I will talk about one last program which is super exciting and relatively easy to immigrate despite the requirement of a job offer – Rural & Northern Immigration pilot program (launched in Nov 2019)



Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot

Everyone wants to immigrate to big cities in Canada – Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver, Calgary, however there is massive demand of skilled labor in some of the smaller cities as well. That's where this pilot comes into play.

The Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot is a community-driven program. It's designed to spread the benefits of economic immigration to smaller communities by creating a path to permanent residence for skilled foreign workers who want to work and live in 1 of the participating communities.

Which communities are participating in this program?

Well, many of them belong to Ontario, and at least I haven't heard about these places — having said that, unlike other big cities which are saturating with immigrants, these communities are looking forward to having you.

- North Bay, ON
- Sudbury, ON
- Timmins, ON
- Sault Ste. Marie, ON
- Thunder Bay, ON
- Brandon, MB
- Altona/Rhineland, MB
- Moose Jaw, SK
- Claresholm, AB
- Vernon, BC
- West Kootenay (Trail, Castlegar, Rossland, Nelson), BC

This pilot is likely to come in force from **November 2019**



What is the eligibility criteria?

RECOMMENDATION FROM A DESIGNATED COMMUNITY

You must get a recommendation from 1 of the communities participating in the pilot.

They decide who to recommend based on

- your intent to live in the community
- your job offer in the community and the economic needs of the community
- your work experience and skill set
- your ties to the community

When communities are ready to begin recruiting and recommending candidates, more information will be available (will update here soon)

Remaining eligibility is standard which includes (details here):

- 1-year continuous work experience (Full time, paid)
- Have a qualifying job offer: While this point is a usually a pain to achieve, because this program is community driven, the employers are likely to be very open to give a job offer to qualified candidates. Will talk about this in the next page.
- Meet or exceed the minimum language requirements: It varies depending on your skill, however the maximum requirement is CLB 6 ☺
- Meet or exceed the educational requirements: The min requirement is equivalent to Canadian High School, which is 10+2 in the subcontinent.
- Prove you have enough money to support your transition into the community: 20-30% lower than Express entry
- Intend to live in the community



How do I get a job offer?

Like I said, employers and communities who are part of this pilot want you to come live with them. Therefore, they are doing their best to make your life easy to get a job and settle down in Canada.

Let me demonstrate that by giving an example of one of the communities who made an amazing page for you to find a job and settle in their community.

Community Name: Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Website: https://welcometossm.com/

Find job: https://welcometossm.com/careers/

Similarly, we can expect other communities to offer similar forums for us to navigate and find jobs here. So just do some research about these 11 communities and try to filter the ones' you can call HOME ©

Love it. How do I proceed further?

While you do your research, the detailed process of applying to these communities is likely to launch by end of November 2019 – so something to look forward to, especially if you have been trying to move to Canada for a while, and none of the other PNPs are working out.

I have also heard that these communities not only help you find a job and get you to immigrate to Canada, they also assist you in finding a place to live and make yourself comfortable in the initial days post landing — So these areas may not be high on your list, however, if you are open to new experiences, this might just be the perfect way for you to immigrate to Canada.

More updates on this in November ©



Is that it? I could still not find something relevant for me

Unfortunately, you be missing out on one of the factors like age or job code and therefore unable to apply to any of the PNPs.

To be honest, the chances of getting to Canada are slim but I guess you already know that.

Having said that, there are several programs from almost all provinces that are targeted towards:

- Experienced farmers
- Entrepreneurs / Investors
- Skilled Traders
- Get a job offer maybe try reaching out to your current employer and see if they have an office in Canada!

You will have to do some more research on these programs or in case I feel that there is demand for it, maybe I will be making a volume 4 of this series covering those alternate ways of immigration as well ©

You can write to us at potatotalkies@gmail.com to give feedback or include your comments on our YouTube channel.

You can also book a short call with me to discuss your case if you want and I will be happy to try and find the best way to immigrate for you (call booking link on the next page)



WANT SOME MORE HELP?

As you can see, we have tried to make these documents super informative and comprehensive to ensure you everything you need to immigrate to Canada in one place. All this is worth a year of research and 3 months of writing these e-books.

We have made this available for free, because we do not want you to be prey to scammers and consultants who aren't as serious about your life as you are!

While we have made sure to include everything in the e-books, if you still want to discuss anything regarding the application, feel free to book an appointment with me.

We charge **USD 40** for a **30-minute conversation** OR **USD 80** for a **90-minute conversation**

Note that I am NOT AN AGENT and will not complete the application on your behalf – I am a friend who wants to save you from spending thousands of dollars on stupid, worthless agents! ©

The money is to ensure that both of us value each others' time and come prepared to the call.

If we get on a call and I am unable to answer your questions or do not follow-up on email with answers — I will **REFUND**, the entire amount.