

## Canada Ultimate Masterclass

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# **BRITISH COLUMBIA PNP PROGRAM**

British Columbia is Canada's westernmost province, defined by the Pacific coastline and mountain ranges, and home of Canada's third largest city, Vancouver. The province's economy is diverse and relies on a strong natural resources sector, with a focus on forestry and mining.

The BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) is an economic immigration program administered by the Government of British Columbia's Immigration Programs Branch.

## **British Columbia PNP**

The program enables the province to select and nominate foreign workers, international students and entrepreneurs to help meet B.C.'s labour market needs, support government priorities, and help grow B.C.'s economy. If you are nominated, you and your family can apply to IRCC to become a permanent resident of Canada.

The British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) is an immigration program jointly administered by the Province and Canada under the Canada-British Columbia Immigration Agreement (CBCIA). Through the BC PNP, B.C. nominates applicants who help address the province's unique labour market needs and contribute to economic development.

## **Major Changes to Canada 2023 British Columbia PR**

- No points as per the NOC of job offer.
- Re-allocation of points.

Directly related work experience now receives a maximum of 60 points.

- Highest level of education now receives a max of 40 points depending on your education.
- Language proficiency in English or French will receive a maximum of 40 points.
- Hourly wage of job offer now receives a maximum of 55 points.
- Areas within British Columbia now receive a maximum points of 25.
- Extra points for certain professional designations
- CLB 9 will now receive a full score, additional benefits for those who know both English and French.

## Skilled Worker

British Columbia's growing economy needs skilled and experienced workers. The Skilled Worker stream is a way for workers in a professional, management, technical, trade or other skilled occupation to gain permanent residence in B.C.

## Eligibility

To qualify for this stream, you must:

- Have accepted a full-time, indeterminate job offer (the job offer must not be temporary or have a defined end date) from a B.C. employer. The job must be in a skilled occupation ([NOC](#) TEER 0, 1, 2, or 3)
- Be qualified to perform the duties of the job
- Have a minimum of two years of full-time (or full-time equivalent) work experience in any skilled occupation ([NOC](#) TEER 0, 1, 2, or 3)

- Show you can support yourself and your dependants
- Have, or be eligible for, legal immigration status in Canada
- For [NOC](#) TEER 2 or 3 occupations, meet minimum language requirements
- Have a wage offer in line with B.C. wage rates for the occupation
- Your job offer does not need to be indeterminate if it is in an eligible tech occupation, or is in NOC 41200 (university professors and lecturers).

To use the Express Entry BC option, you must have an IRCC Express Entry Profile Number and a Job Seeker Validation Code and meet the federal minimum language requirements.

These indicate that you meet the eligibility criteria for one of the federal economic immigration programs subject to IRCC's Express Entry system.

## Employer Eligibility

Your employer must be willing to support your application and provide supporting documentation. They must meet the eligibility criteria and fulfil certain responsibilities during the application process. View the [employer requirements](#).

[Visit the Documents page for:](#)

- The Program Guide, which has complete program information, criteria, and requirements. It also includes criteria and information about the Express Entry BC option.

- The Technical Guide, a self-help tool for registering and applying in the [BC PNP Online](#) system.

To start the process, please create a profile with the online application and registration system, BC PNP Online. After submitting your registration, you will receive a score based on your information.

The information used in registrations is used to rank, select and invite people who best meet the province's economic needs. Periodically, people are invited to apply through BC PNP Online.

Visit the Invitations to Apply page for more information about invitations.

## **Health Authority**

The Health Authority stream gives a permanent residence pathway to people working for a health authority in B.C. If you are a physician, midwife or a nurse practitioner, you may also be eligible to apply under the Health Authority stream.

### **Eligibility**

To qualify for this stream, you must:

- Have one of the following:

A full-time, indeterminate job offer (the job offer must not be temporary or have a defined end date) from a B.C. public health authority

A letter from a health authority or midwife practice group that confirms that you are a physician, nurse practitioner, or midwife in British Columbia

- Meet general BC PNP requirements

- Meet the education, training, experience and qualification requirements outlined by the public health authority

**Note:** In addition to meeting the general requirements for the BC Skills Immigration Stream, eligible applicants under the Health Care Professional Category must:

Have received an offer of indeterminate, full-time employment from an eligible B.C. public health authority in of the following fields: Physician, Specialist, Registered nurse, Registered psychiatric nurse, Nurse practitioner; or Allied health professional such as a:

- Diagnostic medical sonographer;
  - Clinical pharmacist;
  - Medical laboratory technologist;
  - Medical radiation technologist;
  - Occupational therapist; or
  - Physiotherapist
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- As a midwife, an applicant must be registered with [the College of Midwives of British Columbia](#). Also, the applicant must have a letter of confirmation from an established practice group in British Columbia confirming their acceptance into the group as an affiliated midwife for a period of at least six months.

This letter must be on the practice group's official letterhead and must be signed by the applicant and the head of the practice group.

- Have at least two years of directly related full-time (or full-time equivalent) work experience in the skilled occupation offered to them, and the credentials and qualification requirements of the position, if applicable;

- The BC PNP defines directly related work experience as paid employment that is classified under the same NOC code as the B.C. job offer accepted by the applicant. Experience in a related occupation at a NOC skill level equal to or greater than the NOC skill level of the B.C. job offer may also be considered if the applicant can sufficiently demonstrate how this work experience is directly related to the skilled occupation.
- Meet the language requirements for their classified occupation:
- For occupations classified as NOC level B, applicants must demonstrate sufficient language proficiency in English or French by submitting language test results showing a minimum score of benchmark 4 under the Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) in all competencies.
- For occupations classified as NOC level 0 or A, no language test results are necessary - the BC PNP, however, may require valid language test results at its discretion.
- Demonstrate the ability to meet minimum income requirements and pay for housing and living expenses in British Columbia by showing:
  - Annual wage in the province;
  - Location of residence in the province;
  - The number of dependents.

**Midwives must:**

- Have a letter of confirmation from an established practice group in the province confirming acceptance into the group for at least six months,

written on official group letterhead and signed by the head of the practice group and the applicant; and

- Be registered, or eligible to be registered, with the College of Midwives of British Columbia

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Find a healthcare job in B.C.

If you are interested in working for a health authority, please visit the health authorities directly.

- [Provincial Health Services Authority](#)
- [First Nations Health Authority](#)
- [Fraser Health](#)
- [Interior Health](#)
- [Island Health](#)
- [Northern Health](#)
- [Vancouver Coastal Health](#)
- [Providence Health Care](#)



## Get started

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- The Program Guide, which has complete program information, criteria, and requirements. It also includes a list of health authorities, and criteria and information about the Express Entry BC option.
- The Technical Guide, a self-help tool for applying in the BC PNP Online system.

To start the process, please create a profile with the online application system, [BC PNP Online](#).

## BC PNP Tech

BC PNP Tech offers skilled workers in select, in-demand tech occupations a pathway to permanent residence. It helps B.C. tech employers recruit and retain international talent when local skilled workers are unavailable.

BC PNP Tech is not a separate stream. It is a series of administrative measures that help skilled tech workers move more quickly and easily through the BC PNP process, including tech-only draws for invitations to apply and a concierge service for employers.

The BC PNP issues invitations on a weekly basis to qualified registrants who have a valid job offer in one of [the 29 eligible occupations](#).

Job offers under the BC PNP tech must:

- Be for one of [the 29 eligible occupations](#) under the BC PNP Tech;
- Be at least one year in duration (365 days); and
- Have 120 calendar days remaining at the time of application.

## 7 steps Application process

- Secure a valid job offer in any of the 29 in Demand job

Duration of work must be at least 1 year.

Job offer must be a full-time position.

- Create a profile on BcPNP's online registration  
<https://www.pnpapplication.gov.bc.ca/user/sign-in>

You will receive a confirmation email and a registration score

- Details you need to enter include; Job offer, NOC code, Hourly wages, Weekly working hours, Working experience in the NOC code you are applying under.
- If you are selected, you will receive an invitation from BcPNP in the tech draws.
- You have 30 days to submit a complete application and pay your application fee (\$1,150 CAD).

It is wise to have all your documents ready before your profile creation.

- Your complete application and documents will be assessed, if you're approved, you will get a nomination certificate from the province of British Columbia.

- You can choose to use the nomination certificate to apply for your PR through IRCC

## **How To Find A Job In British Columbia In Tech/IT Sector**

You can get job offer through the listed websites below;

1. [www.wearebctech.com](http://www.wearebctech.com)
2. [www.viatec.ca](http://www.viatec.ca)
3. [www.botechnology.com](http://www.botechnology.com)
4. [www.accelerateokanagan.com](http://www.accelerateokanagan.com)
5. [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)
6. [www.workbc.ca](http://www.workbc.ca)
7. [www.techvibes.com](http://www.techvibes.com)
8. [www.digibc.org](http://www.digibc.org)

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## **Process**

### **Stage 1: Registration**

The first step is to create a profile and register in BC PNP Online. By registering, you are expressing interest to apply to the BC PNP. Your registration will be scored based on the information you provide.

You must complete a registration if you are applying under these streams:

- Skilled Worker (includes Express Entry BC option)
- International Graduate (includes Express Entry BC option)
- Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

If you meet the requirements for the Health Authority or International Post-Graduate streams, you do not have to submit a registration. You can apply directly in BC PNP Online.

You will get a registration score based on various factors, and you will be placed in a registration pool for your chosen stream. Your registration will remain active in the pool for up to 12 months, or until you receive an invitation to apply.

### **Scoring Factors**

Your registration will be scored on economic and human capital factors.

#### **Economic Factors:**

- Skill level of your occupation
- Wage
- Location in B.C.

## Human Capital Factors:

- Work Experience
- Education
- Language

Registration is free. A registration is not an application and does not guarantee that you will be invited to apply.

You can withdraw your registration at any time if you are no longer interested in applying to the BC PNP.

## How To Register

- Create an online profile with [BC PNP Online](#)
- Complete all sections of the registration
- Submit your registration

## Stage 2: Invitation

Periodically, the BC PNP will invite people who are in the registration pool to submit an application to the BC PNP.

Invitations to apply (ITAs) are based on the information provided in registrations. The ITAs may target one or more specific factors, such as the region of employment or the occupation.

Visit the [invitations to apply page](#) for more information and recent invitations to apply.

## **What To Do If You Receive An Invitation?**

If you are invited to apply, you have up to 30 calendar days from the date of invitation to submit a complete application via BC PNP Online. An application to the BC PNP does not guarantee you will be approved for nomination. You must meet program criteria at the time of registration or application.

If you no longer want to apply to the BC PNP, or you no longer meet the criteria, you should not submit an application. If you no longer meet the criteria, your application may be refused.

Your invitation will expire after 30 days and your registration will be removed from the pool. If you would like to stay in the pool, you must submit a new registration.

## **Stage 3: Application**

If you are eligible for the Health Authority or the International Post-Graduate stream, you can skip the registration stage and apply directly through BC PNP Online.

### **How To Apply:**

- Log into your profile with BC PNP Online
- Complete all sections of the application
- Submit your application
- Pay the application [processing fee](#)

## **What Happens After You Apply?**

They will assess your application according to the Provincial Immigration Programs Act and Provincial Immigration Programs Regulation and the criteria specific to your stream outlined in the Program Guide. If your application is approved, you will receive a nomination that you can use to apply for permanent residence.

**WISHING YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR RELOCATION JOURNEY.**