

## Canada Ultimate Masterclass

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# ALBERTA IMMIGRANT NOMINEE PROGRAM (AINP)

## ALBERTA EXPRESS ENTRY STREAM

This is one of the best streams for newcomers to settle quickly in Alberta. The two most sought cities are Calgary and Edmonton

- You need an active Express Entry profile
- You don't need a job offer for this stream, but if you get one, it will increase your chances of getting selected.
- Language test score is CLB 7 (same as express entry)
- CRS Score for all Alberta stream is 300
- The Alberta express entry and accelerated tech pathway both need active express entry profiles but the accelerated tech pathway however needs a tech job offer.
- There is no targeted occupation list for the Alberta express entry.

The government of Alberta prioritises candidates whose primary occupation supports Alberta's economic development and diversification.

Alberta Express Entry is a passive stream. You must first receive an invitation from Alberta to make a complete application. You will get your invitation through your express entry profile.

**Alberta Express Entry system** is for qualified skilled workers with valid Express Entry profile.

If you receive a PNP from Alberta through this program, you will receive a nomination letter which will give you an additional 600 CRS points in your existing Express Entry profile. This will guarantee your selection in the very next Express Entry draw and you will be able to come over with your family.

- **Eligibility**

You need to have a minimum Express Entry selection factor points (67/100).

Check you score via this link:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/eligibility/federal-skilled-workers/six-selection-factors-federal-skilled-workers.html>

- You must have a valid Express Entry profile.( Must be minimum 3 months left until expiry date, if your Express Entry profile has less than 3 months validity you can delete and create a new one.

Create your Express Entry profile here:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/account.html>

- You need to have notification of interest

To get the Notification of Interest (NOI), you must:

1. Have a CRS score of at least 300.
  2. Maintain an active profile in the Express Entry.
  3. Work in a job that supports the economic condition of Alberta.
  4. Display the intention to live and work in the province permanently.
- You must have at least 1 year of work experience in occupation that supports Alberta economic development and diversification. (You can google to know these occupations)

- You should have a minimum CRS score of 300
- Proof of funds, which has the same amount and Bank letter format as the Express Entry profile.

SAMPLE PROOF OF FUNDS LETTER  
[Bank's Letterhead must be used here]

To:  
Copy:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dear Sirs, Date

Subject: Proof of Funds Letter

We confirm, that \_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Company / Individual] has available the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ USD in our bank as of this date.

We confirm that these funds are fully free of any liens, debts and/or encumbrances and are clean, clear and non-criminal origin and are available in the form of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
We need the following information about two authorized contact persons at the guarantor bank.

NAME TITLE PHONE # FAX #

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Should you require verification of the above mentioned funds, please, contact us at your convenience.

Yours truly,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer Authorized Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Date

- You will need a language test report with a minimum of score of CLB 7
- You will need an ECA report. (use WES for your evaluation).

## **How To Apply**

1. Create your Express entry profile on IRCC website, (this is where you declare your interest/ intent to immigrate to the province of Alberta).
2. AINP officials will then pick your profile from the Express entry pool and send you a notification of interest letter(NOI) in your existing Express Entry profile.
3. You need to respond to the letter within 2 weeks of receiving it in your Express Entry profile.
4. Get your ECA report(You must provide a copy of an Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) issued by [an organization designated by IRCC](#) for your highest level of education.

## **Language Test Result**

- Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP) General Test
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) General Training
- Test d'évaluation de français Canada (TEF Canada)
- Test de connaissance du français Canada (TCF Canada)

## **How To Respond**

You simply have to email a copy of the NOI letter that you received along with your Express entry profile number and details about any past AINP application ( if applicable) to this email address; [lbr.pnpoffice@gov.ab.ca](mailto:lbr.pnpoffice@gov.ab.ca))

1. AINP officials will confirm your information after they receive your email if you are selected to apply. They will send an email requesting you to submit an official application on their new AINP online application portal.
2. The portal will give you a personalised list of documents you need to upload based on the information you entered.
3. After you upload your documents you will receive your file number and you have to pay for AINP application fee at this stage which is \$500CAD (non-refundable).
4. You will receive a decision on your application on your official government account.

If your AINP application is approved, you will become a provincial nominee and receive a nomination certificate through your federal Express Entry profile. The AINP will also email you a nomination certificate.

You get 600 points which will be added to your points in the express entry, and then get an invitation to apply.

## Alberta Express Entry Stream

Link: (<https://www.alberta.ca/aaip-alberta-express-entry-stream-how-to-apply.aspx>)

Qualified candidates with an Express Entry profile may be invited to apply for nomination for permanent residence.

### General Express Entry candidates

Based on available profile information in the federal Express Entry portal, Alberta may select candidates and send them a Notification of Interest letter in their federal Express Entry profile. Profile information is self-declared by candidates in the federal Express Entry pool.

If you receive a Notification of Interest letter from Alberta and you are interested in being considered for this stream, you must send a copy of the letter along with additional information to the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) by email within 2 weeks of receiving the letter. Instructions on how to contact the AAIP are in the How to apply section.

There is no guarantee that if you meet the selection requirements you will receive a Notification of Interest letter or be asked to apply. Notification of Interest letters and requests to apply are affected by the volume of potential candidates meeting these requirements, the type (occupation or sector) of submissions in AAIP processing queues, and the number of available nominations.

### You May Receive A Notification Of Interest Letter If:

- You have an active Express Entry profile in the federal Express Entry pool
- Your primary occupation in your federal Express Entry profile is an occupation that supports Alberta's economic development and diversification
- You have stated an interest in immigrating permanently to Alberta

- You have a minimum Comprehensive Ranking System score of 300

## **Factors That Increase Your Chances**

Meeting one or more of the following adaptability factors may also increase your likelihood of receiving a Notification of Interest letter:

- You have an Alberta job offer
- You are a graduate of a Canadian post-secondary institution you
- Have a parent, child, brother or sister who is a permanent resident living in Alberta, or a Canadian citizen living in Alberta
- French is your first language

## **Factors That Decrease Your Chances**

If you meet one or more of the following factors, this may decrease your likelihood of receiving a Notification of Interest letter:

- Your Express Entry profile expires in 5 months or less
- Your primary occupation in your federal Express Entry profile:
- Is on the [Alberta Opportunity Stream Ineligible Occupations list](#)

(Important: NOC codes for ineligible occupations have been updated with NOC 2021 versions)

- Has a high volume of submissions across all AAIP streams

## **Selection Draws**

Information on Alberta Express Entry Stream selection draws from the federal Express Entry pool and Notification of Interest letters issued is available on [AAIP – Processing times and inventory](#).



## Assessment Criteria

The AAIP will advise you by email if you are invited to submit an application. Information on how to submit an application is in the [How to apply](#) section.

If you are invited to submit an application, you must also meet assessment criteria. You must review the assessment criteria before applying.

To be considered for nomination you must meet the following criteria at the time your application is submitted in the AAIP portal, and at the time your application is assessed.

### You Must:

- Have an active Express Entry profile in the federal Express Entry pool
- The primary occupation in your federal Express Entry profile must be an occupation that supports Alberta's economic development and diversification.
- Meet the criteria of at least one of the federal immigration programs:
  - [Canadian Experience Class](#)
  - [Federal Skilled Trades Program](#)
  - [Federal Skilled Worker Program](#)
- Intend to and be able to live and work in Alberta
- Have a minimum Comprehensive Ranking System score of 300

You cannot apply for or be nominated under the Alberta Express Entry Stream if you:

- Are a refugee claimant or individual involved in a federal appeal or removal process. The AAIP does not intervene in the federal refugee claim, appeal or removal process.
- Have an active nomination under any AAIP stream. An active nomination is a nomination that has not expired and/or that is eligible for extension. Candidates are only eligible for one AAIP nomination certificate.

- Have a letter from a previous AAIP application stating you are currently not eligible to re-apply to the AAIP due to past misrepresentation.

It is recommended you keep your Express Entry profile up to date so that you remain eligible for consideration under the Alberta Express Entry Stream in the future.

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

- You have an Alberta job offer and/or work experience
- You are a graduate of a Canadian post-secondary institution
- Have a parent, child, brother and/or sister who is a permanent resident living in Alberta, or a Canadian citizen living in Alberta
- French is your first language

If you claimed any of the adaptability factors in your Express Entry profile at the time you received your Notification of Interest letter, you may be assessed against them.

Alberta job offers must be from an Alberta employer:

- That is incorporated or registered by or under an act of the legislature of a province, territory or the Parliament of Canada and that is operating an established production capacity, plant or a place of business in Alberta, and
- For which you do not hold more than 10% of the overall voting shares for the business

**Note:** Fee for service contracts with an Alberta health-care provider for a health care occupation are not subject to ownership limits.

The job offer must be bona fide, signed by your Alberta employer and must offer:

- Continuous, paid work
- Full-time work, defined as a minimum of 30 hours per week
- Employment for 12 months or more
- Wages and benefits that meet or exceed provincial minimum wage
- Meal and lodging deductions that meet Employment Standards are permitted for NOC 41302 – Religious leaders and NOC 42204 – Religion workers. Proof of employee authorization of deductions is required.

Note, if you submitted your application on or before November 15, 2022 review the [NOC 2016 version of the wage requirement for religious workers](#) (PDF, 313 KB) requirements that apply to you.

- Work in a location in Alberta

If you are or will be working at a home-based business in Alberta your employer must be authorised to operate that business location from a personal residence.

## **Alberta Express Entry Stream – How to apply**

### **Before you apply**

Before you apply for the Alberta Express Entry Stream you need to be aware of your eligibility and the application process. You may only have one Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) application in process at any time across all AAIP streams. If you have an existing application and want to apply to the Alberta Express Entry Stream, you may withdraw your existing application.

## **How To Withdraw An Application In Process**

If you choose to request the withdrawal of an application you must submit a request to the AAIP.

The AAIP must confirm your application has been withdrawn before a new application can be submitted.

The application fee for the withdrawn application will not be refunded.

## **Application Steps**

### **Step 1. General Express Entry**

#### **A. General Express Entry candidates – Respond to the Notification of Interest letter**

If you receive a Notification of Interest letter from Alberta, you must:

- Email a copy of the letter to the AAIP at [albertaexpressentry@gov.ab.ca](mailto:albertaexpressentry@gov.ab.ca) within 2 weeks of receiving it in your federal express entry profile.
- Provide your Express Entry profile number
- Provide the email address you will use for all future AAIP correspondence. If you are selected to apply, you will need to have a MyAlberta Digital ID (MADI) account using the same email.
- Provide status information about current and past AAIP applications/nominations (if applicable)

The AAIP will confirm your information after they receive it. If you are selected to apply, the AAIP will send you an email requesting you to submit an application

## **Step 2. Receive A Request From The AAIP To Apply To This Stream**

If you are selected to apply, the AAIP will send you an email with a link to the AAIP portal.

If the AAIP does not ask you to submit an application, you are not eligible for consideration under the Alberta Express Entry Stream.

## **Step 3. Review the assessment criteria**

Alberta Express Entry Stream [assessment criteria](#) for general Express Entry candidates differs from the Notification of Interest factors you must meet to receive a Notification of Interest letter.

Review the assessment criteria. You must meet all assessment criteria at the time of application and assessment. Your application will be declined if you do not meet the criteria.

You will need to demonstrate that you meet assessment criteria in your application. Some documentation may take time to get.

The AAIP does not guarantee that all complete applications received by the AAIP will be assessed, or that all candidates who meet the assessment criteria will be issued a nomination. Review the AAIP Terms and Conditions for complete information (see Step 3 above). Submission of an application or nomination by the AAIP does not guarantee you will be issued a permanent resident visa.

## **Step 4. Complete Your Application Online And Pay Your Application Fee**

The AAIP only accepts Alberta Express Entry Stream applications online. Alberta Express Entry Stream applications mailed, emailed or faxed to the AAIP will be declined.

For your online application to be accepted for processing by the AAIP, you must complete 2 steps:

- Complete and submit the online application, and
- Pay the application fee

## **Using The AAIP Online Portal**

A link to the AAIP portal will be emailed to you. You must enter the same email address you used to submit your Notification of Interest letter or that you provided with your Accelerated Tech Pathway form, as well as your Express Entry profile number. After you create an application, the link in the email will no longer work and you will enter the portal via the portal main page

This is AAIP Online Portal: <https://aaip.labour.alberta.ca/>

The AAIP portal is only for candidates. You are responsible for your AAIP online portal account. Portal access is not available for third party representatives and family members.

You must have a basic MADi account to access the portal. A MADi account is a free online identity for accessing Government of Alberta services online. Instructions on how to create a MADi account are in the portal and on the [MADi website](#). You may also use an existing basic or verified MADi account.

## **Submitting Documents**

The portal will give you a personalised list of documents you need to upload based on the information you entered. Details on what information must be included for each document are included in the [Alberta Express Entry Stream Document Checklist](#) . Review the checklist carefully before uploading your documents.

## **Finishing Your Online Application**

Once you have uploaded and reviewed your application for completeness and accuracy, you can submit the application in the portal. A file number will be provided to you in the portal and will also be listed on the MyApplications page.

You will then need to complete one more final step before your application is accepted for processing by the AAIP – you must pay the application fee.

### **Application fee**

#### **Fee conditions**

An application fee of \$500 applies to all online applications.

The AAIP application fee is non-refundable once an application has been submitted to the AAIP. Refund requests for application fees will not be considered. The application fee covers the cost of processing your application and is required whether a nomination certificate is issued or not. There is no guarantee you will be issued a nomination certificate.

Each AAIP application requires a separate application fee and the fee will not be refunded.

## **Alberta Express Entry Stream – After you are nominated**

LINK: <https://www.alberta.ca/aaip-alberta-express-entry-stream-after-you-are-nominated.aspx>

After your AAIP nomination is accepted, you may apply to the Government of Canada for permanent residence.