

Accelerated Tech Pathway Candidates

LINK: <https://www.alberta.ca/aaip-alberta-express-entry-stream-accelerated-tech-pathway-form.aspx#jumplinks-1>

The Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) Accelerated Tech Pathway provides expedited processing to foreign workers who are currently working for, or have a job offer with, an Alberta-based tech industry employer in an eligible tech occupation.

Ensure you read all the [eligibility requirements](#) before you complete and submit the form below. If you do not meet eligibility requirements, do not submit the form.

Submit the Accelerated Tech Pathway form

If you believe you meet the assessment criteria, you must first complete and submit the Accelerated Tech Pathway form. This form includes information on your Alberta-based job offer or employment, as well as your federal Express Entry profile.

You can complete the accelerated tech pathway form via this link:

<https://www.alberta.ca/aaip-alberta-express-entry-stream-accelerated-tech-pathway-form.aspx>

The AAIP will review the information in the form and determine if you meet the minimum eligibility criteria. If you meet minimum criteria, the AAIP will then send an email inviting you to submit an application.

You may be invited to submit an application if:

- You have an active Express Entry profile in the federal Express Entry pool with a minimum Comprehensive Ranking System score of 300

- You are working full-time in Alberta or have a job offer for full-time employment based in Alberta (full-time is a minimum 30 hours per week):

In an occupation on [the list of eligible Accelerated Tech Pathway occupations.](#)

Important: NOC codes for eligible occupations have been updated with NOC 2021 versions and For an employer that is part of the Alberta tech industry as defined by the [AAIP list of eligible North American Industry Classification System \(NAICS\) codes](#)

- The primary occupation in your Express Entry profile is the same occupation as your current Alberta employment or job offer

You may be less likely to be asked to submit an application if your Express Entry profile expires in 3 months or less.

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

Assessment Criteria

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

You cannot apply for or be nominated under the Accelerated Tech Pathway 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.

Rural Renewal Stream

LINK: <https://www.alberta.ca/aaip-rural-renewal-stream.aspx>

Rural Alberta communities can apply for community designation with the intent to attract and recruit newcomers to address labour needs and settle newcomers into rural communities.

Rural Renewal Stream – Community designation

Communities with the capacity to attract, recruit and welcome newcomers, can apply to participate in this stream.

You can find list of designated communities here;

<https://www.alberta.ca/aaip-rural-renewal-stream-community-designation.aspx>

The Rural Renewal Stream has a 2-step process:

A Community Designation Process

Community recruits newcomers to meet labour needs and provides an Endorsement of Candidate letter to selected candidates. Candidate submits the AAIP application.

The AAIP defines a rural Alberta community as any community outside of the Calgary and Edmonton Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs) that are under 100,000 in population.

Community Residency Requirement

At the time your application is submitted and at the time the AAIP assesses your application, you must intend to and be able to reside and work in your designated community in Alberta.

Community endorsement requirement

At the time your application is submitted and at the time the AAIP assesses your application, you must have a valid Endorsement of Candidate Letter issued by the Economic Development Organization (EDO) of your designated rural community in Alberta. The recommendation must be based on criteria established by the EDO. In addition, you must meet the AAIP Rural Renewal Stream eligibility criteria.

Endorsement of Candidate letter

All candidates must have an Endorsement of Candidate letter from their designated community. The letter must be issued by the local EDO of the community and must outline the following:

- Name and address of the EDO supporting the application
- Your full name and residential address
- Details of the bona fide job offer:
- Name of the business
- Name and contact information of the employer

- Location of employment
- Position and description of job duties
- Duration of employment and work conditions
- Detailed description of how filling the position you are offered aligns with the economic growth of the designated community
- Your employer's efforts to fill the position within Canada and outcomes
- Name, title and contact information of the person issuing the endorsement of the Candidate letter.

You must review the [requirements for endorsement letters section](#) for details.

Job Offer Requirements

At the time your application is submitted and at the time the AAIP assesses your application, you must have a bona fide full-time job offer or employment contract from an Alberta employer to work in an eligible occupation in your designated community.

Your Alberta employer must be incorporated, or registered by or under, an act of the legislature of a province, territory, or the Parliament of Canada and operating as a business that has an established production capability, plant or place of business in Alberta.

Your job offer or employment contract must be signed by you and your Alberta employer, and must offer:

- Continuous, paid work in your designated community
- 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 the lowest starting wage for your occupation across all industries in Alberta as set out on the [Alis website](#)
- If your employer has obtained a positive Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) for your occupation, wages and benefits must meet or exceed the requirements set out in your LMIA.
- If your job offer is for NOC 41302 – Religious leaders or NOC 42204 – Religion [workers meal and lodging deductions that meet Employment](#)

[Standards](#) are permitted. Proof of employee authorization of deductions is required.

Licensing, Registration And Certification Requirements

At the time your application is submitted and at the time the AAIP assesses your application, you must meet the following licensing, registration and certification requirements:

- You must have the required licensing, registration or certification to work in your current occupation in Alberta or occupation in your Alberta job offer. Information on the occupation specific requirements is set out on the [Alis website](#).
- If you are working or have a job offer in a [compulsory trade](#) in Alberta, you must have a valid [Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Trade](#) (AIT) recognized trade certificate.
- If you are working as a childcare worker in Alberta, you must have valid certification as a Level 2 Early Childhood Educator (formerly Child Development Worker) or Level 3 Early Childhood Educator (formerly Child Development Supervisor) prior to applying to AAIP.

Ineligible Job Offers

The following individuals are not eligible to apply for or be nominated under the Rural Renewal Stream, even if they have a job offer to work 30 hours a week or more in a 12-month period:

Part-time, casual or seasonal employees, regardless of their working hours independent contractors, business owners or temporary agency workers, including individuals listed as directors, shareholders or agents of the Alberta employer on the Corporate Registry System (CORES) employees who work in Alberta in a place of employment that is not zoned for commercial or industrial operations, such as a home-based business employees who do not work on premises in Alberta, such as those who work in a 'virtual' location or serve the employer by telecommuting from a location outside Alberta

Occupation requirements

At the time your application is submitted, and at the time the AAIP assesses your application, you must have a job offer in an eligible occupation.

Qualifying Work Experience Requirements

At the time your application is submitted you must have a minimum of 12 months full-time work experience in an eligible occupation within the last 18 months prior to your application.

This work experience can be a combination of experience gained in Alberta, in Canada (outside Alberta) or abroad.

Work experience in the qualifying period must:

have been paid full-time employment, for a minimum of 30 hours a week

Language Requirements

At the time your application is submitted, you must demonstrate that you meet the language test score in English or French:

You must provide your official test results

You must provide your official test results with your AAIP application for one of the following language tests:

- 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)

Official test results must be less than 2 years old at the time your application was submitted. The AAIP will not accept confirmation of registration to take a language test in place of a test result.

Check the [federal guideline on CLB NCLC equivalency](#) for each of the tests.

Education Requirements

At the time your application is submitted, you must have completed a minimum of high school education equivalent to the Canadian education standard or a foreign degree, diploma or certificate. You must provide a copy of an Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) issued by an [organization designated by IRCC](#) for your highest level of education.

You do not need to provide an ECA if:

- You have a Canadian degree, diploma or certificate from a recognized Canadian post-secondary, technical college or secondary institution, or
- You have a valid [Alberta Qualification Certificate or a trade certificate](#) recognized by AIT.

Settlement Fund Requirements

At the time your application is submitted and at the time the AAIP assesses your application, you must demonstrate that you have sufficient funds to support yourself and your family members to settle in your designated community if:

- You are not residing in Canada, or you are currently in Canada but are not working.

Minimum settlement funds requirements are based on the Low Income Cut-Offs (LICOs).

The Table below sets out the amount of settlement funds required.

The amount of settlement funds you must have depends on the number of family members you have, including yourself, and the population size of your designated community where you plan to settle in Alberta.

Table . Settlement Funds Requirement for Rural Renewal Stream in Canadian Dollars

Population Size Of The Community And Funds Required

Number of family members	Less than 1,000	1,000 to 30,000	30,000 to 99,999
1	\$8,922	\$10,151	\$11,093
2	\$11,107	\$12,636	\$13,810
3	\$13,655	\$15,534	\$16,977
4	\$16,579	\$18,861	\$20,613
5	\$18,803	\$21,392	\$23,379
6	\$21,208	\$24,127	\$26,367
7	\$23,611	\$26,861	\$29,356
Amount of funds required for each additional family member	\$2,404	\$2,735	\$2,989

Funds must be unencumbered and readily available to you to meet the minimum settlement funds requirement. Real estate property, jewellery, cars and other personal assets are not eligible.

If your spouse is coming with you, you can count money you have together in a joint account. You may be able to count money in an account under your spouse's name only, but you must prove you have access to the money.

The funds must be available at the time of application and assessment. You must prove to an AAIP officer that you can legally access the funds when you arrive in Alberta.

You must provide official letters from any banks or financial institutions where your funds are kept.

Letter(s) must:

- Be printed on the financial institution's letterhead
- Include contact information of the financial institution – address, telephone number and email address
- Include your name
- List all outstanding debts such as credit card debts and loans
- Include, for each current bank and investment account, the account number date each account was opened current balance of each account transactions made within the past 3 months average balance for the past 6 months

Foreign Graduate Entrepreneur Stream – How to apply

LINK: <https://www.alberta.ca/aaip-foreign-graduate-entrepreneur-stream-how-to-apply.aspx>

The Foreign Graduate Entrepreneur Stream is a collaboration between Alberta and approved designated agencies. If you're interested in applying to immigrate to Canada under this stream, you are required to work with a designated agency.

If you meet the requirements set out by the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program, the designated agency will issue a letter of recommendation.

You will then be required to submit that letter with your Expression of Interest (EOI) through AAIP Portal, the province's online portal. You are required to submit an EOI to show your interest in immigrating to Alberta.

The designated agency will review your business plans based on your ability to demonstrate the potential for successful market entry, customer acquisition, business development, key partnerships and financial plans to fund the development and operation of the business. The agency will provide a report on their assessment of the business plan. You must submit this report as part of your Foreign Graduate Entrepreneur Stream Business Application.

Approved Designated Agencies

If you are interested in the Foreign Graduate Entrepreneur Streams, you should contact one of the following **agencies**:

[Empowered Start-Ups](#)

[Platform Calgary](#)

Minimum Requirements

To apply for the Foreign Graduate Entrepreneur Stream, you must meet the following requirements:

Work Experience

You need to have at least 6 months of full-time work experience of actively managing or owning the business, or work experience with a business incubator or business accelerator.

Education

You must have completed a degree from a post-secondary institution within the last ten years. You must also obtain an Educational Credential Assessment (ECA).

Business Plan

You are also required to submit a business plan with projected financials.

Pitch Deck

You must prepare a 10-minute presentation that outlines the proposed business. Assume this presentation is for an investor.

Language requirements

You must have a minimum Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) level of 5 for each English language skill (reading, writing, listening and speaking)

OR

Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC) of 7 for each French language skill (reading, writing, listening and speaking).

Test results that are more than two years old at the time of EOI submission will not be accepted.

Business establishment

You must have at least 34% ownership if the business is located in an urban centre, or at least 51% ownership if the business is located in a regional area outside Calgary and Edmonton.

Business investment

Before coming to Alberta, you must make an investment of at least CAD \$100,000 if the business is located in an urban centre, or CAD \$50,000 if it is located in a regional area. The more you invest, the more points you will gain.

The investment must be from your own equity, or from a recognized Canadian financial institution, venture capital or angel investment firm.

Letter of recommendation

You must have a letter of recommendation from an AAIP-approved designated agency.

Settlement Funds

In addition to the above, you are required to demonstrate that you have the [funds required](#) to set up your business and support yourself while you are doing so.

The amount you need to have to support yourself depends on two factors: how many people are in your family, and the population of the community you will launch your business in.

Foreign Graduate Entrepreneur Stream – After you are nominated

LINK: <https://www.alberta.ca/aaip-foreign-graduate-entrepreneur-stream-after-you-are-nominated.aspx>

After your AAIP nomination is accepted, you may apply for permanent residence or to extend your work permit or nomination.

Alberta Graduate Entrepreneur Stream

LINK: <https://www.alberta.ca/aaip-graduate-entrepreneur-stream.aspx>

Alberta's Graduate Entrepreneur Stream is designed for international students who have graduated from approved Alberta post-secondary institutions. Applicants establish or operate a business in Alberta on a work permit, and can then apply for Canadian permanent residence

Eligibility

To be eligible to immigrate to Canada through this stream, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

Education: Must have completed at least two years of full-time education resulting in a degree or diploma from an eligible Alberta post-secondary institution.

Work permit: Must have a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) valid at the time you submit your Expression of Interest (EOI).

Language: Must have a minimum Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) of 7 for each English skill (reading, writing, listening and speaking), or a Niveau de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC) of 7 for each French skill.

Business Establishment: Must start a new business, or buy an existing business in Alberta with 34% ownership. Your business partners must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents. The business must be an eligible business.

Accepted Language Tests

Alberta accepts the following English language tests:

- Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP), International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

The following French language tests are accepted:

- Test d'évaluation de français (TEF) Canada, Test de connaissance du français (TCF) Canada

Improve Your Chances

The following is a list of adaptability factors. These are things that would help you settle in Alberta.

- **Work Experience:** Have a minimum of 6 months of work experience that can be a combination of actively managing or owning the business or equivalent. You must meet this requirement before submitting your EOI.
- **Economic Benefit:** If you can provide an economic benefit to Alberta through:
 - Job creation;
 - Economic sector;
 - Business location (e.g. rural);
 - Business succession;
 - Investment;

- Developed intellectual property;
- Partnership, or support from a business incubator, business accelerator, venture capital or angel investor.
- Age: If you are between 21 to 49 years old
- Spouse: If your spouse or common-law partner has at least one of the following:
 - One year of continuous full-time employment in Alberta;
 - Completed at least two years of full-time study at an Alberta post-secondary institution;
 - A minimum CLB 5 in English or NCLC 5 in French in each language ability.

Business Requirements

You must make sure that your business meets the requirements, otherwise your Business Application can be refused.

Your business must have the potential to create economic benefit to Alberta. Your proposed business must meet the following general requirements:

- The purpose of the business must be to make a profit from active income - not passive income;
- Your business must comply with any federal, provincial or municipal legal, regulatory or licensing requirements;
- Your business must comply with applicable trade certification requirements for the province;
- Your business must have a physical location in Alberta;
- If your business is a franchise, the ownership requirements are the same as other businesses. You must also prove that you received support from the master franchisor to operate a franchise;
- You must own at least 34% of your business, and you must stay in Alberta and be involved in the day-to-day management of your business. You cannot do this remotely

Ineligible Businesses

- Businesses without a value-add economic component, including: pay day loan, cheque cashing and related businesses; businesses trading in used goods;
- Businesses that would be considered passive investment and do not need any active management; property rental, investment and leasing activities; real estate development/brokerage, insurance brokerage or business brokerage; coin-operated businesses, including laundromats and car wash operations;
- Project based or seasonal businesses;
- Home-based businesses;
- Businesses that are part of a succession plan, such as:

A business owned or operated by a close relative; A business that was previously owned or operated by a current or former AAIP entrepreneur stream candidate/nominee within the last 4 years; A business that has changed ownership in the past 3 years prior to applying

- Business involved in producing, distributing or selling pornography or sexually explicit products or services;
- Another type of business that may bring the AAIP and the Government of Alberta into disrepute.

Process

Once you have reviewed the eligibility criteria and are satisfied that you are eligible for this immigration stream, the next steps are outlined below:

Step 1: Submit an Expression of Interest

You must submit an Expression of Interest through the AAIP Portal. The AAIP will review and give you a score within 30 days of submitting your application. The highest-ranked candidates will be requested to submit a Business Application.

Step 2: Submit your Business Application Package

If you successfully receive a request to submit a Business Application, you can do so through the AAIP Portal. A draft of the application will automatically be created with the information you provided when you completed your EOI.

Upload the required documents and forms in the AAIP Portal and pay the CAD \$3,500 non-refundable fee.

Two of the required documents are:

Business Plan Evaluation Report from one of the following providers

: [KPMG LLP](#)

: [MNP LLPA](#)

Qualified Service Provider Report (if requested) from one of the following providers :

[Grant Thornton LLP](#)

[KPMG LLP](#)

[MNP LLP](#)

Step 3: Business Application Assessment

When you submit your application with the supporting documents, it will be assessed. If more information is needed, an officer will contact you by email or phone. If you do not respond to requests for additional information, your application may be refused.

If your application is approved, the AAIP will send you a Business Performance Agreement (BPA) that you will have to review and sign. You will have to sign, scan and email your BPA within 14 days.

The BPA is a legal agreement before you and Alberta. It will include:

The industry sector of your business. The length of the agreement. Other information related to your business

Step 4: Establish your business in Alberta

When you receive your Business Application Approval Letter, you now must move to Alberta and actively own and operate your business with at least 34% ownership for 12 months meet the conditions of your BPA that you signed show that the business is operating successfully

You must also submit a [Start-Up Report](#) within 30 days of receiving the approval letter. At the end of each 6-month period from the date you received the letter, you will have to submit a [Business Progress Report](#). If you need more time to meet the conditions of your BPA, email lbr.pnpoffice@gov.ab.ca to request an extension.

Once this is done, you can submit the Final Report for AAIP Nomination.

Step 5: Final Report for AAIP Nomination

Once you meet the conditions of your BPA, you can apply to be nominated by the AAIP for permanent residence. You will have to submit a Final Report for AAIP Nomination with your supporting documents.

That report will be assessed and inform you of the decision.

If your Final Report is approved, you will receive an email copy of the nomination certificate which you will need to apply for permanent residence.

Note: You must continue to meet the conditions of your BPA during your AAIP nomination assessment.

If your Final Report is refused, you will receive an email with a decision letter detailing the reasons why it was refused.

Alberta Farm Stream

LINK: <https://www.alberta.ca/aaip-farm-stream.aspx>

The Alberta Advantage Immigrant Program (AAIP) Farm Stream aims to attract farm owners/operators who plan to live in Alberta in order to purchase and manage their farming business.

Minimum Requirements

You must meet the following minimum requirements in order to be eligible to apply to this stream:

- Prove that you have farm management skills with: Financial documentation of existing farm business;
- Proof of education, training, and work experience
- A proposed business plan that describes the Alberta farming business that you plan to operate; and Proof that a Canadian financial institution is willing to finance your farming business operations in Alberta. Prove that you have sufficient financial resources for this venture:
- Must be able to invest a minimum of CAD \$500,000 of equity in a primary production farming business in Alberta, and show a minimum net worth of CAD \$500,000 or confirmation of access to similar funds from other sources.

Note: \$500,000 is a minimum investment amount. A larger amount may be required to demonstrate investment ability.

- Prove that they will invest in a primary production farming business in Alberta: Document investment intentions in the proposed business plan; and The Government of Alberta prioritises applications that show the greatest opportunity for growth based on Alberta's agri-food targets.
- Attend an in-person interview with a Government of Alberta representative who determines your eligibility under the [AAIP](#)

Who Is Not Eligible To Apply To The AAIP Farm Stream?

You are not eligible to apply if you are a:

Refugee claimants, or if you are involved in a federal appeal or removal process

Live-in caregiver currently residing in Canada

Temporary Foreign Worker, working and residing in a province other than Alberta and

International student studying in Canada, including if you are doing a co-op work placement or internship as part of your study program.

Alberta Rural Entrepreneur Stream

LINK: <https://www.alberta.ca/aaip-rural-entrepreneur-stream.aspx>

The Rural Entrepreneur Stream is accepting Expressions of Interest from immigrant entrepreneurs who are looking to start a business or acquire an existing business in a rural Alberta community. Rural Alberta communities are those with a population of less than 100,000

How it Works

The Rural Entrepreneur process involves the following steps:

Step 1: An exploratory visit to meet with local business contacts, community economic development officers, and any other potential contacts to learn about and understand the local business environment and the requirements for establishing a successful business in the selected region. The objective behind this step is to provide prospective entrepreneurs with the opportunity to make an informed decision about operating and managing a business in a rural Alberta community.

Step 2: Provide the community contact with a copy of the Rural Entrepreneur Stream Business Proposal Summary.

Step 3: Where the business project is deemed beneficial and likely to have a positive impact on the community, then a Community Support Letter will be issued. This letter is an endorsement of the business project and signifies that the community is aware of and supports the project and its development in Alberta.

Step 4: Once the entrepreneur receives a copy of the Community Support Letter, they can submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the AAIP.

Community Designation Requirements

Rural communities must meet the following requirements to be considered for designation:

- Have a population of fewer than 100,000 (communities in the same economic region can form a partnership to apply);
- Be outside the Calgary and Edmonton census metropolitan areas;
- Have one or more employers interested in participating and offering permanent, full-time, non-seasonal employment;
- Obtain a letter of support from the community or municipal council;
- Submit a signed application from the economic development organization with a primary economic development function, including an economic development plan or similar document;
- Obtain a letter of support from a settlement agency.

List of rural communities who are participating in the Rural Entrepreneur Stream:

- [County of Wetaskiwin](#)
- [Red Deer County](#)
- [City of Wetaskiwin](#)
- [Town of Didsbury](#)
- [Town of Millet](#)
- [Town of Olds](#)

- [Village of Clive](#)
- [Town of Trochu](#)

Eligibility Requirements for Entrepreneurs

To be considered for the Rural Entrepreneur Stream, candidates must:

- Have either a minimum 3 years of experience as an active business owner/manager or a minimum of 4 years of experience as a senior manager within the past 10 years.
- Have completed a minimum of high school equivalent to the Canadian standard.
- Have a minimum Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) level of 4 for each English language skill or Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC) of 4 for each French language skill: reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- Have a minimum net worth of \$300,000 in personal holdings or those of a spouse's or common-law partner; To have a minimum shareholding of 51% if it is a new company or 100% in the case of a buyout.

New businesses must create at least one full-time job for Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.

- Have a Community Support Letter from a participating rural Alberta community.

The following factor may increase a candidate's chances:

- The candidate is between 29 and 49 years of age;
- The spouse/common-law partner has completed at least one year of full-time post-secondary education or has a minimum level Canadian Language Benchmark 4 in English or Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens 4 in French in all four language abilities (Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking);
- They have a relative in Alberta.

Eligible Businesses

The responsibility to ensure that the proposed business meets the eligibility criteria rests with the candidate. If the business is not eligible or if the candidate fails to clearly demonstrate that it represents a significant economic benefit to Alberta, the EOI or business application may be rejected.

Businesses are eligible if they meet the following general requirements under the Rural Entrepreneur Stream:

- The objective of the proposed business is to make a profit from active or earned income through the sale of goods and/or services;
- The proposed business complies with all applicable federal, provincial or municipal statutory, regulatory or licensing requirements governing its activities;
- The proposed business complies with applicable trade certification requirements in Alberta;
- The proposed business must have a physical place of business in a rural Alberta community at all times;
- For franchises, the ownership requirements and all other program criteria are the same as for other businesses. However, applicants are also required to provide proof of support from the master franchisor to operate a franchised location;
- The candidate must own at least 51% of the business if it is a new business, or 100% of the business if they are purchasing an existing business;
- Candidates must reside in Alberta and be involved in the day-to-day management of the business. They cannot do this remotely, from another province or territory in Canada, or from another country.

Ineligible businesses

Ineligible businesses include the following:

- Any business that contravenes the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and its Regulations, such as immigration-related investment schemes or passive investments;
- Businesses without a value-added economic component such as payday loans, cheque cashing;
- Businesses trading in second-hand goods;
- Businesses that would be considered passive investments, such as real estate rental, leasing or investment activities;
- Real estate development/brokerage, insurance brokerage or business brokerage;
- Coin-operated businesses, such as laundromats and car washes;
- Project-based or seasonal businesses;
- Home-based businesses, such as bed and breakfasts and lodging houses;
- Businesses that are part of a succession plan and are owned or operated by a relative of the candidate;
- Businesses that were previously owned/operated by a current or former AAIP candidate/nominee within the last 4 years;
- Have changed ownership in the last 3 years prior to the Rural Entrepreneur application;
- Businesses that produce, distribute or sell pornography or sexually explicit products or services, or provide services of a sexual nature;
- Any other type of business that, by association, would tend to bring the AAIP and the Government of Alberta into disrepute, as determined by the AAIP.

WISHING YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR RELOCATION JOURNEY