

CANADIAN EXPERIENCE CLASS

The Canadian Experience Class (CEC) program is ideal for candidates who have recent Canadian work experience and are seeking permanent immigration to Canada.

CEC is managed under the Express Entry System and uses the Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) to rank interested candidates.

Applicants who have competitive CRS scores will receive invitations to apply for Canadian Permanent Residence.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE CLASS

This class is for skilled workers who have Canadian work experience and want to become a permanent resident in Canada.

What is the minimum requirement for this route?

1. You must meet the required language needed. This is tested under the following. It can either be English, French or the both.

Writing

Reading

Listening

Speaking

2. You must have minimum a year of skilled work experience in Canada.

This could be under any of the following;

A full-time at one job, i.e. 30hours per week for one full year.

A part time job that culminates to the same hour as quoted above.
i.e, you can have enough part time jobs but the cumulative hours in a year must be the same if you are working 30hours in a week for one year.

A full-time work at more than one job. This means you will a complete 30 hours per week for a full-time job even if it's more than one.

3. You must have gained your work experience by working in Canada while under temporary resident status with authorization to work.

HOW IS WORK EXPERIENCE CALCULATED?

Your skilled work experience must be paid work which includes paid wages or earned commission. Volunteer work or unpaid internships are not counted.

For a part-time work, you can work more or less than 15 hours per week as long as it adds up to 1,560 hours. You can work more than one part-time job to get the hours you need to apply.

You should know that any hour you do more than thirty hours won't be counted.

Factors that indicate that you are not eligible for the Canadian Experience Class include;

1. You are a refugee claimant in Canada
2. You are working without authorization
3. Your work experience was gained without temporary resident status in Canada

According to the Canadian National Occupational Classification (NOC), skilled work experience means work experience gained in tier 0, 1, 2 or 3 job categories, though your work experience can be in one or more of these categories.

You must also show that you performed the duties set out in the lead statement of the occupational description in the NOC. This includes all the essential duties and most of the main duties listed.

What about students who worked while in Canada?

You should know that any experience gained while being a full-time student doesn't count towards the minimum requirements for this program. If you are also self-employed in Canada, you should know that this doesn't count either.

EDUCATION

There is no education requirement for the Canadian Experience Class.

If you want to improve your rank in the Express Entry Pool, there are two ways to do this;

1. If you went to school in Canada, you can have points for a certificate, diploma or degree from a Canadian secondary institution (high school) or post-secondary institution

2. If you have foreign education, you can get points for;

A completed foreign credential, and

An education Credential Assessment (ECA) report for immigration purposes from a designated organization showing that your

education is equal to a completed certificate, diploma or degree from a Canadian:

Secondary Institution (High school) or

Post-secondary institution

LANGUAGE ABILITY

You must:

1. Meet the minimum language level of;

Canadian Language Benchmark 7 for tier 0 and/or 1 job

Canadian Language Benchmark 5 for tier 2 and/or 3 jobs

2. Take approved language tests for; Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking

3. Describe the test results in your Express Entry Profile.

Your language tests are valid for two years after the date of the test result and must be valid on the day you apply for permanent residence.

You must live outside the province of Quebec. The province of Quebec selects its own skilled workers. You can see the Quebec-selected skilled workers at this link:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/quebec-skilled-workers.html>

While filling the form for your profile, you will be asked where you plan to live in Canada. You don't need to settle in that province or territory but if you are nominated by a province, then, you must settle in the province or territory that nominated you.

The next thing is to gather your documents and then submit your profile.

WISHING YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR RELOCATION JOURNEY