

Canada Ultimate Masterclass

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THE FEDERAL SKILLED TRADES PROGRAM

This is another program for skilled workers who want to become permanent residents in Canada, but this is largely dependent on their qualification as a skilled trade

WHATS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT?

To be eligible, you must;

1. Meet the required language levels for each language ability;

Writing

Reading

Listening

Speaking

2. Have at least 2 years of full-time work experience (or an equal amount of part time work experience) in a skilled trade within the 5 years before you apply.

Your work experience must be for paid work (paid wages or earned commission-volunteer work or unpaid internships don't count)

3. Meet the job requirements for that skilled trade as set out in the National Occupational Classification, except for needing a certificate of qualification.

4. Have a

...Valid job offer of full-time employment for a total period of at least one year or

...Certificate of qualification in that skilled trade issued by a Canadian provincial, territorial or federal authority.

EXPERIENCE

Skilled trades for the Federal Skilled Trades Program are organized under these groups of the National Occupation Classification (NOC): <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/eligibility/find-national-occupation-code.html>

The trades program that qualify are;

Major Group 72, technical trades and transportation officers and controllers excluding Sub-Major Group 726, transportation officers and controllers

Major Group 73, general trades

Major Group 82, supervisors in natural resources, agriculture and related production

Major Group 83, occupations in natural resources and related production

Major Group 92, processing, manufacturing and utilities supervisors, and utilities operators and controllers

Major Group 93, central control and process operators and aircraft assembly assemblers and inspectors, excluding Sub-Major Group 932, aircraft assemblers and aircraft assembly inspectors.

Minor Group 6320, cooks, butchers and bakers

Unit Group 62200, chefs

Note that, you must 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.

If you don't show that your experience meets the description in the NOC, your application will be refused.

You can find the NOC code, title for your job via this link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/eligibility/find-national-occupation-code.html>

The work experience only counts after you are qualified to independently practice the occupation.

EDUCATION

There is no education requirement for the Federal Skilled Trades Program.

LANGUAGE ABILITY

You must

- meet the minimum score of Canadian Language Benchmark 5 for speaking and listening, and Canadian Language Benchmark 4 for reading and writing.
- Take approved English test in;
 - Writing

- Reading
 - Listening
 - Speaking
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- You are to enter the test results in your Express Entry profile

Your language tests are valid for 2 years after the date of the test result. They must be valid on the day you apply for permanent residence.

PROOF OF FUNDS

You must show that you have enough money for you and your family to settle in Canada, unless you;

- Are currently able to legally work in Canada and
- Have a valid job offer from an employer in Canada

You can know how much is expected for your proof of funds via this link;

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/documents/proof-funds.html>

If you're a Provincial Nominee, you **must** settle in the province or territory that nominated you.

HOW TO GET ASSESSED BY THE PROVINCE/TERRITORY

You'll likely have to go to the province or territory to be assessed for your trade. You may also need an employer in Canada to give you experience and training.

To learn more about getting assessed, you should go to the website of the body that governs trades for the province/territory where you would like to live and work. The process is different, depending on where you want to go.

Each website has more details about certificates of qualification to work in that province or territory in a specific skilled trade, and what you have to do to get one.

We will see the link to each province below;

- Alberta

Link: <https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca/>

- British Columbia

Link: <https://skilledtradesbc.ca/apply-apprenticeship/challenging-certification-exams>

- Manitoba

Link: <https://www.manitoba.ca/aesi/apprenticeship/>

- New Brunswick

Link: https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/post-secondary_education_training_and_labour/Skills/content/ApprenticeshipAndTrades/DesignatedOccupations.html

- Newfoundland and Labrador

Link: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/>

- Northwest Territories

Link: <https://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/en/services/apprenticeship-trade-and-occupation-certification>

- Nova Scotia

Link: <https://www.nsapprenticeship.ca/>

- Nunavut

Link: <https://www.gov.nu.ca/family-services/information/apprenticeship-trade-and-occupations-certification>

- Ontario

Link: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/work-your-profession-or-trade>

- Prince Edward Island

Link: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/topic/apprenticeship-training-and-skilled-trade-certification>

- Saskatchewan

Link: <https://saskapprenticeship.ca/>

- Yukon

Link: <https://yukon.ca/en/education-and-schools/apprentices-and-trades/get-yukon-certificate-qualification-designated-trade#why-get-a-certificate>

If your trade is not regulated by a province or territory, it may be federally regulated (for example, airplane mechanic). You can find out who regulates your trade by visiting the website below;

https://www.cicic.ca/935/find_an_occupational_profile.canada?search=&cat=1&tp=7

The next thing to do is to get your documents ready, you can find the necessary documents via this link;

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/documents.html>

GETTING YOUR DOCUMENTS READY

Documents for your profile

You don't need to upload documents to submit a profile, but you may need information from some or all of these documents

- A passport or travel document
- [Language test results](#)
- Proof of Canadian education or an [educational credential assessment report](#) for immigration purposes if
- You're applying through the Federal Skilled Workers Program, or you want to get points for the education you got outside Canada
- [Provincial nomination](#) (if you have one)
- [Written job offer from an employer in Canada](#) (if you have one), proof of work experience, certificate of qualification in a trade occupation issued by a Canadian province or territory (if you have one)
- Proof of funds

Documents for your application for permanent residence

If you are invited to apply, you'll need to upload copies of the documents you used for your profile (see list above). Most applicants will also need to upload the following:

- [Police Certificates](#)
- [Medical Exams](#)
- [Proof of Funds](#)
- Birth certificate required if you're declaring dependent children
- form, required if you've declared your marital status as "common-law"
- Marriage certificate required if you've declared your marital status as "married"
- Divorce certificate and legal separation agreement required if you've declared your marital status as "divorced"

- Death certificate required if you've declared your marital status as "widowed"
- Adoption certificate required when a dependent child is listed as "adopted"

Other Documents

You only need to submit these if we included them in your personalized document checklist. Your application may not be refused or rejected if you don't submit these documents. They're only used to check if you meet the requirements of the program you're applying for.

- Proof of relationship to a relative in Canada
- Digital photos to confirm your identity
- Any other documents that you feel are relevant to your application

Submit An Express Entry Profile:

Fill out the online form

If you want to come to Canada as a skilled immigrant, your first step is to submit your profile to the Express Entry pool.

If you're eligible, we will:

- Place you in a pool with others who are also eligible
- Give you a score and [rank you](#) using several factors
- Invite you to apply to be a permanent resident of Canada (if you're one of the top candidates)

You can only apply online if you are sent an invitation to apply.

Completing an online Express Entry profile or entering the pool doesn't guarantee that you'll be invited you to apply for permanent residence.

Eligibility Questions

Answer a few questions to see if you're eligible for Express Entry. It'll take you about 15 minutes.

If you're married or have a common-law partner, one of you must be the main or principal applicant. This person will submit a profile and list the spouse or partner in it.

Your principal applicant should be the one of you most likely to:

- Meet the eligibility requirements
- Earn the most points in the selection factors (if applying under the Federal Skilled Workers Program)
- Earn the most points in Express Entry's Comprehensive Ranking System

You can check if you are eligible via this Link:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/come-canada-tool-immigration-express-entry.html>

Create your Express Entry profile

If you're eligible, the tool will send you to your online account to fill out an Express Entry profile.

- Follow the instructions to create an account (if you don't already have one).
- Enter your personal reference code when it prompts you to (only if you have one).
- Enter your personal details

[Create or sign in to your account](#)

To complete your profile, you'll need:

- Information from [certain documents](#) (for example, language test results)
- Your [NOC](#) job title and code

You may exit the profile at any time. Your information will be saved in your account

You have 60 days to complete and submit your Express Entry profile. Otherwise, you'll have to start again.

Once you've filled out your profile, you can submit it online.

What To Do While You're In The Pool?

While you wait in the pool, get ready to accept an invitation to apply. If you are invited to apply, you'll have 60 days to submit a complete application.

Get Your Documents Ready

Having your documents ready will make it easier to apply within the 60 days.

Language Tests

Check that your [language test results](#) are valid. They are valid for 2 years after the date of the test result. They must also be valid on the date you apply for permanent residence.

If your results expire before then, you should:

- Be tested again or
- Apply before your test results expire (if possible) or
- Decline the invitation and go back into the pool to be considered in the future

If you apply for permanent residence with language test results that have expired, we'll reject your application.

Police Certificates

You'll need to get [police certificates](#) for you and any of your family members who are 18 years old or older.

In some countries, it can take a long time to get police certificates. Ask for them now that you're in the pool, so you can submit them before your 60 days are up.

Find A Job With Job Match

You can start your job search by creating a Job Match account with Job Bank. Job Bank is a database that can help match you with employers looking for workers with your skills.

To do this, you'll need the [Job Seeker validation](#) code you received when you submitted your profile. Once you come to Canada, you can keep using Job Bank to find a job.

You can [Sign up with Job Bank](#)

Try To Improve Your Score

While you're in the pool, you can improve your score and increase your chances of being invited to apply by:

- Getting a valid job offer by:
- Using Job Bank
- Promoting yourself to employers in Canada using private-sector job boards

- Contacting provinces and territories to consider you for a [Provincial Nominee Program](#)
- Improving your [language score](#)
- Improving your [education](#)
- Gaining more relevant work experience

Keep Your Profile Up-To-Date

You must make sure that the information in your profile stays true and accurate at all times. You must update your profile if your situation changes, for example if you:

- Start a new career
- Gain or lose a job offer
- Get a new language test
- Get married or divorced
- Have or adopt a new child

If we find that you gave us false information or left out important details, we can:

- Refuse your application
- Find you inadmissible
- Bar you for 5 years from applying to come to Canada for any reason

Express Entry rounds of invitations

Candidates are ranked in the pool using a [points-based system](#) called the Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS). Highest-ranking candidates are selected from the pool and invited to apply for permanent residence.

Each invitation round has a set of [instructions](#) that are:

- Posted online at the time of the invitation round
- Used by the Express Entry system to invite candidates from the pool

The instructions include:

- The date and time of the invitation round
- The number of candidates that will get an invitation to apply
- Which immigration program(s) are included in the round (some invitation rounds may only invite candidates for 1 program, for example only from Federal Skilled Trades)

Check your score and then use this information to see how likely you are to get an invitation in the next round

Respond To An Invitation

Respond to your invitation to apply

If you are invited to apply for permanent residence, you'll get a message in your account telling you:

Which program you've been invited to apply for what to do next

You'll need to show proof of the information you gave in your Express Entry profile. We'll assess whether the information you submit in your application is different from what was in your profile.

If it was found out that you gave false information or left out important details, Your application can be refused

Find you inadmissible and bar you for five years from applying to Canada.

Program Requirements

You can [check the criteria for the program you've been invited to apply under](#) to make sure you're still eligible.

By understanding your program requirements, you'll be more prepared to apply. It could also help you decide whether to accept an invitation to apply.

Changes To Your Personal Situation

If your situation (or that of your spouse or partner) changes, you should [re-calculate your score](#) before applying online for permanent residence.

If your recalculated score is less than the lowest score in your round of invitations, you should decline the invitation. If you decide to apply anyway, the following can happen:

Refuse your application not refund your application fee

Some examples of changes that could lower your score:

- You no longer have a valid job offer
- You no longer have a provincial nomination
- Your language test scores:
 - Have expired
 - Are lower after you were retested

Declining An Invitation To Apply

If you decline an invitation, you'll be put back into the Express Entry pool of candidates. You'll be considered in future rounds of invitations if you are still eligible.

The cut-off score varies from round to round. If your score isn't high enough, you might not be invited to apply again. In some cases, you may have to take steps to be invited to apply again. For example, you may need to:

- Update your Express Entry profile
- Improve your score

There is no guarantee that you'll be invited to apply again. However, if you choose to re-enter the pool, declining an invitation won't affect whether or not you're invited to apply later.

If you don't decline an invitation and you don't apply within 60 days, the invitation will expire and your profile will be removed from the pool. To be considered in future rounds of invitations you'll have to:

- Fill out and submit a new Express Entry profile
- Meet the eligibility
- Be accepted into the pool again

What To Do If You're Not Invited To Apply

If you're not invited to apply within 12 months of submitting your Express Entry profile, it will automatically expire. You can see this date in your account.

When your profile expires, it will be removed from the system. You will get a message in your account.

You can still create a new profile. If your profile is about to expire, you can print out screen shots of your profile to make it easier to re-enter your data.

Don't create a new profile until your existing profile expires. If you do, you'll need to withdraw your existing profile first.

To Withdraw Your Profile:

- Sign to your account
- Go to “View the applications you submitted” on the main page
- Click the “Withdraw profile” link
- Click the “Continue” button below the “Warning!” text under the heading “What would you like to do today?”

If you don’t submit a new profile, you can’t mention Express Entry in your profiles on any job boards.

If you submit a new profile, you’ll get a new:

- Express Entry profile number
- Job Seeker validation code for Job Bank

WISHING YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR RELOCATION JOURNEY