# IMMIGRATION OPTIONS for Permanent Residence (PR)

## FEDERAL SKILLED WORKER (FSW)
- Changes on May 4, 2013 to Points assessment
- Pre-assessment of educational credentials and new minimum language requirements
- New list of eligible Occupations – NOC codes / caps
- New Ministerial Guidelines (Nov/11)
  - Documented Work experience required
  - 1 year F/T (@ 30 hr/wk = 1560 hours)
  - Settlement Funds Required (Cat 1+3)
  - Application to CIO- Sydney (includes all forms and supporting documents)
- PhD Category – cannot be on scholarship that requires return to home country
  - Can apply while a student if eligible
- Based on past skilled work experience
  - 3 Categories for submission of FSW appl.
    - Cat 1: Occupations List; Cat 2: Arranged Employment; Cat 3: 2 yrs (24 months) PhD studies or PhD grade 12 mos
- Points assessment approach (≥ 67 pts)
  - for Cat. 1+3, sufficient settlement funds required (proof of unencumbered funds)
  - IELTS mandatory for all applicants (<2yr)
  - Currently = 8 – 12 months processing

## SPONSORSHIP
- Two step application process by Spouse/Partner / close family member
  - Sponsorship requires “undertaking” with the Government to support for minimum 3 years + 2 year conditional PR safeguard
  - Can apply while a student if eligible
- Based on PR or Citizen sponsorship
  - Government policy focus on “family reunification” → spouses/partners + children are expedited / no low income cutoffs
  → 13 mos. (abroad); 14-18 mos. (in Canada)

## CANADIAN EXPERIENCE CLASS (CEC)
- Checklist system
  - 1 year of Full time work (or equivalent in P/T work over 36 months; F/T=30 hrs/wk)
  - Minimum Language level (depends on NOC of work experience)
  - Can’t use work completed while a full time student
- Based on Canadian work experience of foreign student or temporary foreign worker
  - Must be Post Graduation work experience
  - Facilitated by changes in PG Work Permit
  - Checklist approach; IELTS mandatory
  - No proof of settlement funds required
  → 8-12 months processing on average

## PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM (PNP)
- OpON requires Job offer (initiated by Employer) OR the completion of Ontario Masters or PhD degree-
  - Masters need IELTS test (average of 7.0)
  - Must be finished studies and entering the Ontario work force
- Based on successful OpON nomination
  - $1500 non-refundable OpON appl. fee
  - Then send PR appl. to CIO-S ($550 + $490)
  - No previous work experience required
  - Proof of settlement funds required (Masters)
  → up to 3 mos for OpON + 10-14 mos for PR

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