

IMMIGRATION OPTIONS for Permanent Residence (PR)

<p style="text-align: center;">FEDERAL SKILLED WORKER (FSW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changes on May 4, 2013 to <u>Points assessment</u> • pre-assessment of educational credentials and new minimum language requirements • new list of eligible Occupations – NOC codes / caps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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) - <u>PhD Category</u> – cannot be on scholarship that requires return to home country <p>Can apply while a student if eligible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Based on past skilled work experience - 3 Categories for submission of FSW appl. <u>Cat 1</u>: Occupations List; <u>Cat 2</u>: Arranged Employment; <u>Cat 3</u>: 2 yrs (24 months) PhD studies or PhD grad < 12 mos - Points assessment approach (≥ 67 pts) - for <u>Cat. 1+3</u>, sufficient settlement funds required (proof of unencumbered funds) - IELTS mandatory for all applicants (<2yr) → currently = 8 – 12 months processing
<p style="text-align: center;">SPONSORSHIP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>Can apply while a student if eligible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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)
<p style="text-align: center;">CANADIAN EXPERIENCE CLASS (CEC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * changes to CEC eliminated two streams (01/13) ‘BRIDGE’ Open Work Permits Available (in all programs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Checklist system - <u>1 year of Full time work</u> (or equivalent in P/T work over 36 months; F/T=30 hrs/wk) - <u>minimum Language level</u> (depends on NOC of work experience) <p>Can’t use work completed while a full time student</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - → 8-12months processing on average
<p style="text-align: center;">PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM (PNP) (through Opportunities Ontario - OpON)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OpON requires Job offer (initiated by Employer) OR the completion of Ontario Masters or PhD degree- Masters need IELTS test (<u>average</u> of 7.0) - Must be finished studies and entering the Ontario work force 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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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