

BC PNP – A Provincial Immigration Pathway for Permanent Residency

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BC's Labour Supply

861,000 job openings over next 10 years
31% sourced from immigrants

**MAXIMIZE BRITISH COLUMBIA'S
WORKFORCE**

480,000 WORKERS BY 2029

K-12 Education (Public and Independent)
Post-Secondary Education (Public and Private)
Apprenticeship and Industry Training
Labour Market Programs

RECRUIT FROM ACROSS CANADA

69,000 WORKERS BY 2029

Promotion and Attraction
Labour Mobility
Credential Harmonization

**UTILIZE SKILLED INTERNATIONAL
WORKERS**

263,000 WORKERS BY 2029

Federal and Provincial Immigration Streams
Temporary Foreign Workers
Foreign Qualifications Recognition
Labour Market Programs Targeting Skilled Immigrants

Job Openings by Educational Requirement

University Degree

36%

Diploma or Trade Certificate

41%

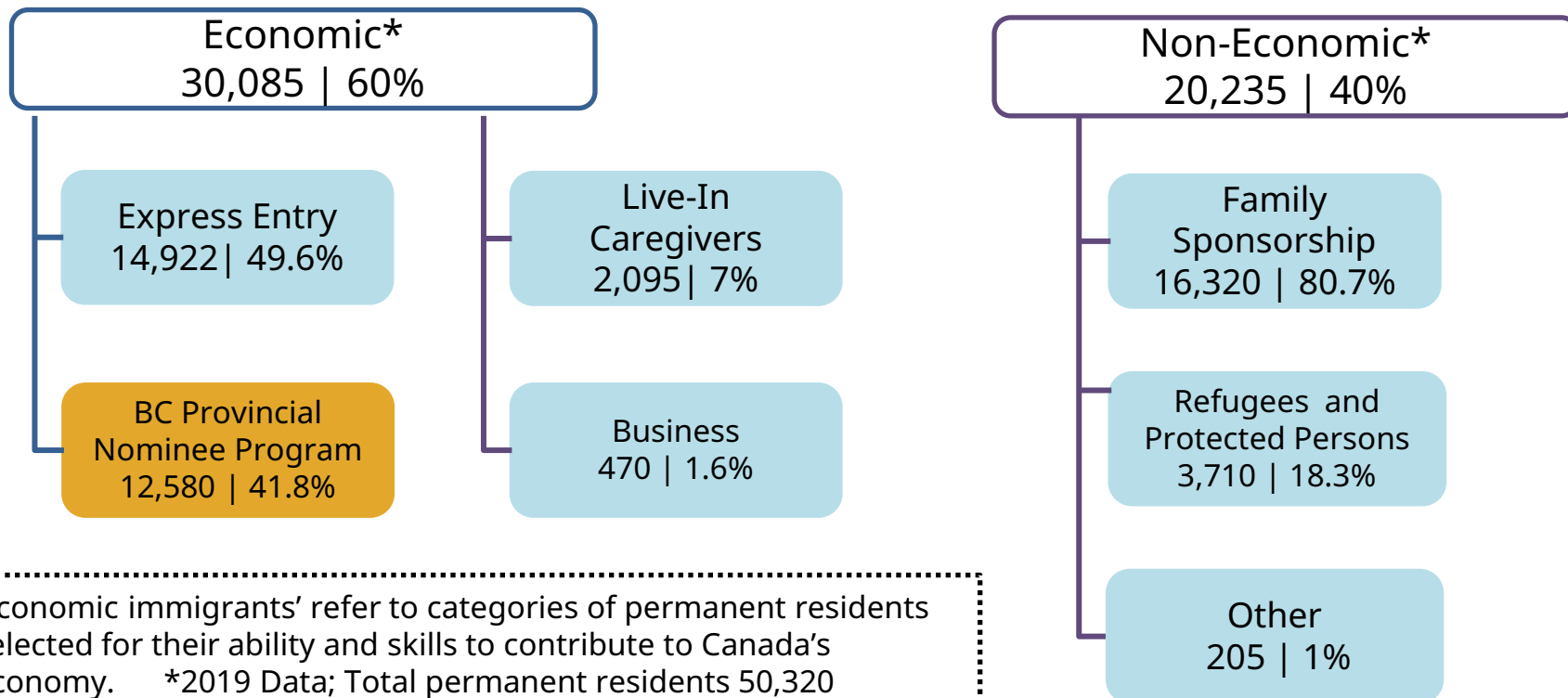
High School or Less

23%

Permanent Immigration Pathways

The Federal government selects economic and non-economic permanent immigrants.

BC's Provincial Nominee Program selects skilled international workers and nominates them for permanent residency.



'Economic immigrants' refer to categories of permanent residents selected for their ability and skills to contribute to Canada's economy. *2019 Data; Total permanent residents 50,320

BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP)

Application to BC PNP

Provincial Nomination
(Work Permit Support Letter)

Application for
Permanent Residence

- Province's direct immigration tool
- BC PNP offers an immigration pathway to support permanent residence of economic immigrants; constitutes 41% of all B.C. economic immigrants in 2019
- Provincial role: outreach, program design, assessment and nomination for permanent residence (federal government issues visas), settlement supports
- 6,750 allocation for 2021

BC PNP: Skills Immigration

Skills Immigration

Registration required

- Skilled Worker
- International Graduate
- Entry Level & Semi-Skilled

No registration required

- Healthcare Professional
- International Post-Graduate (no job offer required)

Express Entry BC

Requires federal Express Entry profile

Registration required

- EEBC – Skilled Worker
- EEBC – International Graduate

No registration required

- EEBC – Healthcare Professional
- EEBC – International Post-Graduate (no job offer required)

BC PNP: Tech Pilot – 4 Pillars

Supporting B.C.'s technology sector

Service

- Dedicated concierge service
- Dedicated email for employers
- 2-day response time

Timeliness

- Weekly invitations to apply
- 29 tech occupations
- Employers have just-in-time access

Prioritization

- Assigned next business day
- Fast-tracked
- BC PNP tech team

Engagement

- Increased and focused outreach to tech sector

BC PNP: Entrepreneur Immigration

Objectives

- **Investment** and **job creation**
- **Expansion** of an existing business or **establishment** of a new business

Eligible Applicants

- **Individual entrepreneurs** based on business skills and experience

Two-step process

- **Work permit to Nomination**
(Performance Agreement model)



BC PNP: Entrepreneur Immigration Categories

Base Category

- **Available in all B.C. communities**
- Minimum investment **\$200,000**
- Net worth **\$600,000**
- **New and existing** businesses
- Minimum **33.33% ownership**
- Exploratory visit encouraged
- Language results required by nomination
- Nomination decision: as early as 18 months after arrival

Regional Pilot

- **Participating smaller communities**
- Minimum investment **\$100,000**
- Net worth **\$300,000**
- **New** businesses only
- Minimum **51% ownership**
- **Exploratory visit** and community referral required
- Language results required at registration
- Nomination decision: as early as 12 months after arrival

Impact of COVID-19

- BC PNP is “open for business”:
 - Accepting new registrations
 - Issuing invitations to apply
 - Processing applications
 - Issuing nominations
 - NOTE: Office closed for in-person service
- Flexible with deadlines to submit documents
- EI Interviews are being conducted virtually

For COVID-19 related BC PNP immigration updates and instructions, please visit www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP

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Resources available at:

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