

# BC PNP – A Provincial Immigration Pathway for Permanent Residency

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# Agenda

1. Immigration & BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) Overview
2. Skills Immigration & Express Entry Streams
3. BC PNP Tech Pilot
4. COVID-19
5. Q&A

# Immigration in B.C.

Application to BC PNP

Application for Permanent Residence (IRCC)

## Program Streams:

Skills Immigration

Entrepreneur Immigration

- Includes Base Category, Regional Pilot, and Strategic Projects

# BC PNP Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC

## Skills Immigration

### Registration required

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

### No registration required

- Healthcare Professional
- **International Post-Graduate**

## 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**

# SI vs EEBC – What are the differences?

## Skills Immigration

- You do not need to qualify for Express Entry to apply
- You may be able to apply immediately after graduation
- Canadian work experience not necessarily required
- All skill level occupations - NOC 0, A, B, C & D
- Processing time for PR is around 14-18 months and is a paper process

## Express Entry BC

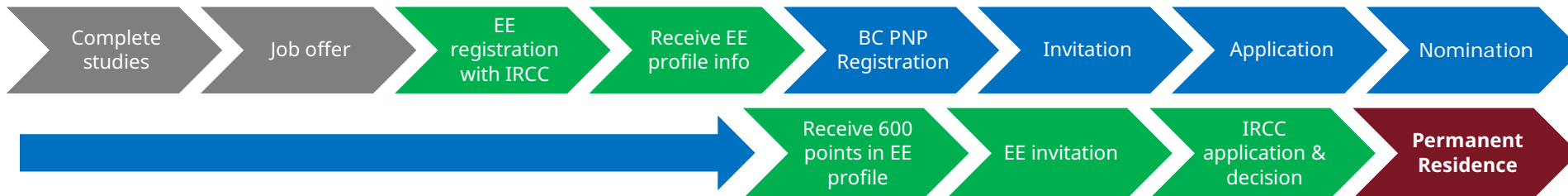
- Nominees receive 600 points in the federal Express Entry pool
- **BUT**
- You must first qualify for one of the 3 federal immigration programs: FSW, CEC, FST
  - work experience, language, settlement funds
- Skilled occupations: NOC 0/A/B
- Processing time for PR is around 6 months and is an online process

## Skills Immigration Stream Process

### Base Process



### Express Entry BC Process



# Registration Scoring

<b>Economic Factors</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>Human Capital Factors</b>	<b>80</b>
NOC	60	Language	30
Wage	50	Work experience	25
Location	10	Education	25
<b>Additional Points</b>		<b>Additional Points</b>	
NOC 00	15	1 year of directly-related work experience in Canada	10
Top 100 Occupation	10	Post-secondary education in Canada	8
Currently working in offered position	10	ECA or trades certification	4

# General Program Requirements

- Full-time, indeterminate job offer
    - **(one-year job offer for Tech Pilot occupations; No job offer required for eligible International Post-Graduates)**
  - Occupation, qualifications & wage
  - Language proficiency
  - Minimum income
  - Legally able to work in Canada
  - Intent to reside
- \*Additional requirements for EEBC stream



# Employer Requirements

## Employer Requirements

- Minimum 1 year in business (2 years if Entry Level / Semi-Skilled)
- Has 5 employees (3 if outside Greater Vancouver)
- History of good workplace and business practices
- Offered permanent full-time job with market wage (1yr for tech)
- Satisfied recruitment requirements

## Employer Responsibilities

- Accuracy of employer info sections of the online application
- Notify of changes in the employment status or if the business has closed or changed ownership.

# Skilled Worker (SW) Category

## Employer

- Good financial standing
- Established for 1 year
- Sufficient staff
- Full-time, indeterminate offer
- Market rate wages

## Skilled Worker SI - SW

- Minimum 2 years related experience
- Requisite education for job
- BC certification (if required)
- Legally able to work in B.C.
- Establish economically
- NOC B applications language test scores

## Skilled Worker EEBC - SW

**Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool**

- Min. 2 years related experience
- Requisite education for job
- B.C. certification (if required)
- Legally able to work in B.C.
- Establish economically

Health Care Professionals contact Health Match BC  
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# Entry Level and Semi-Skilled (ELSS) Category

## Employer

- Good financial standing
- Well-established for 2 years
- Sufficient staff
- Full-time, indeterminate job offer
- Market rate wages
- Eligible occupation in Hospitality, Tourism, Food Processing, Long Haul Truck Driving only

## Applicant

- 9 months consecutive full-time work with employer prior to submission of registration
- Continuous employment during process
- Minimum language requirements (CLB 4)
- Maintain immigration status
- Establish economically

# International Post-Graduate Category

## Employer

- N/A: Offer of employment not required

## International Post-Graduate SI - IPG

- Completed requirements for a Master's or PhD at an eligible B.C. institution
- Eligible studies limited to natural, applied, or health sciences
- Completed within past 3 years
- Ability and intent to reside in B.C.
- Establish economically

## International Post-Graduate EEBC - IPG

**OR** Accepted into IRCC Express Entry pool

- Completed requirements for a Master's or PhD at an eligible B.C. institution
- Eligible studies limited to natural/ applied/ health sciences
- Completed within past 3 years
- Ability and intent to reside in B.C.
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# BC PNP IPG Eligible Programs of Study

Your graduate degree (master's or doctorate) must be in one of the following programs of study in the natural, applied, or health sciences as defined by Statistics Canada's Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2016:

Agriculture, agriculture operations and related sciences

Biological and biomedical sciences

Computer and information sciences and support services

Engineering

Engineering technology and engineering-related fields

Health professions and related programs

Mathematics and statistics

Natural resources conservation

Physical sciences

# International Graduate Category

## Employer Requirements

- Same employer requirements for SI and EEBC
- Good financial standing
- Established for 1 year
- Sufficient staff
- Full-time, indeterminate offer
- Market rate wages

## International Graduate SI - IG

- Degree/Diploma/Certificate in an eligible program and institution in Canada
- Completed within past 3 years
- Min of 8 months full-time study
- Ability and intent to reside in B.C.
- Establish economically
- NOC B applications require language test scores

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# BC Tech Pilot

## Supporting B.C.'s technology sector

### Service & Timeliness

- Dedicated concierge service
- Dedicated email for employers
- 29 priority tech occupations
- 2-day response time / just-in-time access

### Prioritization

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

### Engagement

- Increased and focused outreach to tech sector

# 29 Eligible Occupations

<b>NOC</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>NOC</b>	<b>Job Title</b>
0131	Telecommunication carriers managers	2242	Electronic service technicians (household and business equipment)
0213	Computer and information systems managers	2243	Industrial instrument technicians and mechanics
0512	Managers - publishing, motion pictures, broadcasting and performing arts	2281	Computer network technicians
2131	Civil engineers	2282	User support technicians
2132	Mechanical engineers	2283	Information systems testing technicians
2133	Electrical and electronics engineers	5121	Authors and writers
2134	Chemical engineers	5122	Editors
2147	Computer engineers (except software engineers and designers)	5125	Translators, terminologists and interpreters
2171	Information systems analysts and consultants	5224	Broadcast technicians
2172	Database analysts and data administrators	5225	Audio and video recording technicians
2173	Software engineers and designers	5226	Other technical and co-ordinating occupations in motion pictures, broadcasting and the performing arts
2174	Computer programmers and interactive media developers	5227	Support occupations in motion pictures, broadcasting, photography and the performing arts
2175	Web designers and developers	5241	Graphic designers and illustrators
2221	Biological technologists and technicians	6221	Technical sales specialists - wholesale trade
2241	Electrical and electronics engineering technologists and technicians		



## Using a Representative

Applicants do not need a representative to apply to the BC PNP.

**PAID** reps must be a member of either:

- The Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council  
(<http://www.iccrc-crcic.ca/home.cfm>); or
- A Canadian Law Society

**UNPAID** reps can be a family member, friend, NGO/charity and cannot charge fees or receive any other compensation

# COVID-19 and BC PNP

## Accessing the BC PNP in times of COVID:

- Our office is closed for in-person service
- Applicants are able to register/apply online to the BC PNP
- We continue to issue invitations to apply (with some adjustments)
- BC PNP staff are working remotely, processing applications and responding to inquiries via email / phone
- Nominees can contact our office for help, including with expiring work permits, changing employers and applying for permanent residence

For COVID-19 related BC PNP immigration updates and instructions, please visit [www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP](http://www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP)

# COVID-19 and BC PNP

## COVID-19 related measures:

- International Graduates are eligible for the category for up to 3 years from graduation using the date of initial registration
- Recruitment – employers must show that they tried to recruit locally
- Documents – flexibility with deadlines to submit
- Remote work - in BC, outside BC
- Nominees must contact us if material changes to employment

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## For more information:

### **BC Provincial Nominee Program**

Email:

[PNPInfo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PNPInfo@gov.bc.ca)

Website:

[www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP](http://www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP)

For COVID-19 Updates, visit:

[www.welcomebc.ca/Immigrate-to-B-C/B-C-Provincial-Nominee-Program/COVID-19-Updates](http://www.welcomebc.ca/Immigrate-to-B-C/B-C-Provincial-Nominee-Program/COVID-19-Updates)