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Northwest Territories Business Stream – NTNP Entrepreneur Program

Invest from CAD \$100,000 outside Yellowknife, or CAD \$200,000 within it, and obtain Canadian permanent residency through the NTNP Business Stream.

INVESTMENT FROM

CAD 100,000

TIMELINE

2 years

At a glance

COUNTRY	ROUTE
Canada	Residency by Investment
MINIMUM INVESTMENT	TIMELINE
CAD 100,000	2 years
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Overview

The **Northwest Territories Nominee Program (NTNP) – Business Stream** enables experienced entrepreneurs to **start, buy, or invest in a business** in the NWT and obtain **Canadian Permanent Residency (PR)** through business ownership.

Program Highlights

Investment: CAD \$200,000 within Yellowknife, or CAD \$100,000 outside it **Net Worth:** CAD \$500,000 within Yellowknife, or CAD \$250,000 outside it **Deposit:** None — a two-year Business Performance Agreement applies instead **Requirements:** Exploratory visit, interview & full-time residence **Benefit:** Family included for PR in Canada’s growing northern economy

Requirements

- Invest at least CAD \$200,000 within Yellowknife, or CAD \$100,000 outside it.
- Personal net worth of at least CAD \$500,000 (Yellowknife) or CAD \$250,000 (outside).
- Own at least 33.3% of the business, unless your personal equity investment is at least CAD \$1,000,000.
- CLB 4 in English or NCLC 4 in French; test results no older than two years at application.
- Complete an exploratory visit and interview — the stream is invitation-only — then sign a two-year Business Performance Agreement and live in the Northwest Territories.

When this route may not fit

- Failure to demonstrate prior business ownership or senior management experience.
- Insufficient net worth or unverifiable source of funds.
- Non-compliance with Performance Agreement.
- Failure to complete mandatory exploratory visit.

Costs and government fees

Programme costs

Item	Amount	Notes
Minimum investment (within Yellowknife)	CAD 200,000	Before application. CAD \$200,000 equity into starting or buying a business within the corporate boundaries of Yellowknife.
Minimum investment (outside Yellowknife)	CAD 100,000	Before application. CAD \$100,000 equity into starting or buying a business outside the corporate boundaries of Yellowknife.
Net worth requirement (within Yellowknife)	CAD 500,000	Pre-qualification. Personal net worth of at least CAD \$500,000 for a Yellowknife business.
Net worth requirement (outside Yellowknife)	CAD 250,000	Pre-qualification. Personal net worth of at least CAD \$250,000 for a business outside Yellowknife.

Funds to show

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Personal net worth (within Yellowknife)	CAD 500,000	Required for a business within the corporate boundaries of Yellowknife.
Personal net worth (outside Yellowknife)	CAD 250,000	Required for a business outside Yellowknife.

How the process works

1

Exploratory Visit

Visit the Northwest Territories to research business options and build local connections.

2

Apply & Interview

Submit your business proposal to NTNP and attend an interview with program officers.

3

Approval & Work Permit

Receive Approval-in-Principle, sign a Business Performance Agreement, and apply for a work permit.

4

Establish Business

Launch and operate your business, meeting investment and job creation goals.

5

Nomination & PR

After fulfilling program terms, receive provincial nomination and apply for Canadian PR.

Questions clients ask

Is a visit to the Northwest Territories required?

Yes, an exploratory visit is mandatory before applying.

Can I buy an existing business?

Yes, if it meets NTNP's eligibility and economic benefit criteria.

Is there a refundable deposit?

No. The NTNP Business Stream has no deposit requirement. Instead, you sign a two-year Business Performance Agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Do I need to live in the region?

Yes, full-time residence is required while running your business.

When can I apply for PR?

After completing your business obligations and receiving nomination.

Important notes

- This stream is invitation-only. You must complete an exploratory visit and interview before the NTNP will invite you to apply.
- Industry, Tourism and Investment reserves the right to deny an application at any step, and decisions are final with no appeal process.

Compliance

- When the NTNP moved its Employer-Driven Stream to an expression-of-interest system on 9 March 2026, it confirmed that the Business and Francophone streams continue to operate separately and remain open on a first-come, first-served basis, as they are not oversubscribed.
- The Business Performance Agreement is a two-year legal agreement with the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- The NTNP Business Stream has no deposit requirement. Security is provided by the two-year Business Performance Agreement.
- The NTNP Business Stream publishes no application fee. IRCC permanent residence fees apply separately.

Official sources: Government of the Northwest Territories — NTNP Business Stream.



NEXT STEP

Plan your Canada application with our Dubai team

Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will confirm whether **Northwest Territories Business Stream – NTNP Entrepreneur Program** fits, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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