



SKILLED MIGRATION | CANADA

Canada Express Entry – Skilled Immigration Pathway

Migrate to Canada as a skilled worker through the points-based Express Entry system — Canada's main federal route to permanent residency for skilled workers.

TIMELINE

12 months

JOB OFFER

Not required

FAMILY

Spouse, children up to
age 22

At a glance

COUNTRY	ROUTE
Canada	Skilled Migration - Points
TIMELINE	FAMILY MEMBERS
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LANGUAGE	JOB OFFER
CLB 7 (IELTS 6.0 each band or equivalent)	Not required
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Overview

The **Canada Express Entry** system manages skilled immigration under the **Federal Skilled Worker**, **Federal Skilled Trades**, and **Canadian Experience Class** programs. It's a **points-based system (CRS)** that ranks candidates based on age, education, language skills, and work experience. Applicants with the highest CRS scores receive **Invitations to Apply (ITA)** for **permanent residency** in Canada.

Why Choose Express Entry

- Canada's main federal route to permanent residency for skilled workers
- No job offer required (CRS-based selection)
- Transparent and merit-driven points system
- Access to world-class healthcare and education
- Family can migrate together under one PR application
- Pathway to citizenship after 3 years of residence

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Express Entry Program for Skilled Professionals

You are a nurse, an engineer, a physician, a teacher, an IT professional. Then Canada Express Entry Immigration Program is designed just for you. This program which was started on the 1st of January 2015, has been offered by the Canadian Government to reduce the process time required for you to get your Visa. This is a Permanent Residency Visa.

Under this program anybody who qualifies for managerial jobs or professional jobs can apply for the Permanent Residency Visa.

You should be able to prove your

- Your work Experience
- Your Language Ability
- Your Education Qualification

Eligibility factors to apply under this program

- Education Qualification- An Educational Credential Assessment Report from an approved agency should be provided
- Work experience in the same domain as education – You should be able to provide work experience for a minimum of one year in the same domain, can be full time or part time.

With these eligibility factors you need to reach a score qualifying you to proceed with the VISA Process. Apart from the above factors, a job offer from a Canadian company adds to your score.

Once your profile has the required score, your profile would enter the Express Entry Pool. From the Express Entry Pool, your profile gets selected for the PR VISA Process based on the National Occupational Classification job groups currently open and different set of relevant factors.

Apart from the above documentation, you need to show a proof of funds that prove that you can support yourself and your family in Canada.

We at XIPHIAS Immigration, provides you the best possible methods to achieve your dream to migrate to Canada. We help you with your application submission, preparation of letters and required documentation. At every step we provide you with the required counselling. We also have a CRM which allows you to understand where your application stands and the future steps to be taken.

What XIPHIAS Immigration will do for you

- Profile assessment
- Submission of application and documents
- Application preparation
- Guidance about the applications and documents required
- Language proficiency tests
- Help till the point of getting your PR Visa
- Post landing counseling
- Post landing Job search assistance

Express Entry Program Calgary

What is Canada Express Entry Program?

Best Immigration Consultant in Calgary – This is very good news, who is searching for best immigration consultants in Calgary. Our Canada immigration consultants Calgary help you best out to get over all your Work Permit Canada.

Canada Work Permits at Calgary – Does anybody searching for Canada work permit at Calgary? Contact us for to work & settle in your dream job in Calgary. Express Entry Program for Canada is a New immigration Program launched by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) in 2015 for those Who Willing to Apply for Permanent Residency In Canada based on Economic Benefits. Our Immigration consultant at Calgary, Alberta Office helps you to get all your Application Process under the Express Entry Program without Any Hassles.

Immigration Services Calgary – Our experts will guide you and provide best immigrant services Calgary.

Express Entry System Calgary / Alberta

Immigration Consultant St. Albert – Are you looking for “immigration consultants St. Albert”? Canadian Express Entry System Allows the Employers of Alberta for Recruiting the Skilled Professionals and Immigrants Under the following Economic Immigration

Programs

- Federal Skilled Worker Program
- Federal Skilled Trades Program
- Canadian Experience Class

Work Permits are Required When Non-Canadians or Canadian temporary resident wants to work in Canada, it is required if the person's need to Work temporarily (Short term) Period and it is also required. Works permits are also required when the Employer of Canada wants to hire a foreign Employee on a temporary Basis.

Work Permits Available at Canada

Our Experienced Immigration Attorneys at XIPHIAS Immigration, Calgary Alberta helps you to Apply for all the available Canadian Work Permits. Some of the Available Work Permits are:

- Post Graduate Work Permit
- Open Work Permits
- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Work Permits
- General Agreement on Trade and Services (GATS) Work Permits
- Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA) Work Permits
- Intra-Company Transfers Work Permits

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XIPHIAS Immigration, An immigration Company at Calgary Providing the best Immigration and Visa Services for the Individuals who Wants to Immigrate to any Country of the World. Our Calgary, Alberta Office is available for all your Immigration Consultation, File Preparation and Representation for all your types of Immigration Cases.

Our Immigration Attorneys helps you to get done your Immigration process without any Frustration and Hassles. Our Immigration Consultants are available anytime to speak with you On Phone.

Our Locations includes and We are renowned as the Best Immigration Consultants across the following Cities of Canada, Immigration Consultants Calgary, Immigration Consultants Alberta, Immigration Consultant Cold Lake, Immigration Consultant St. Albert, Immigration Consultant Red Deer, Immigration Consultant Wetaskiwin, Immigration Consultant Lacombe, Immigration Consultant in Ontario, Immigration Consultant in British Columbia, Immigration Consultant in Manitoba

When this route may not fit

- Low CRS score or incomplete ECA/language results.
- Insufficient settlement funds (unless exempt by job offer).
- Incorrect or unsupported work experience documentation.

Skills, language and points

ACCEPTED TESTS

IELTS, CELPIP, TEF Canada, TCF Canada

MINIMUM LEVEL

CLB 7 (IELTS 6.0 each band or equivalent)

Job offer: Applicants without a job offer can still qualify by achieving a competitive CRS score under Express Entry.

Points factor	Maximum	Notes
Core/Human Capital Factors (age, education, experience, language)	500	Points for key personal and skill factors.
Spouse or common-law partner factors	40	Points from spouse's education and language.
Skill Transferability factors	100	Points for combined skills and experience.
Additional factors (provincial nomination, Canadian study, sibling in Canada, French)	600	Bonus points for extra eligibility factors.

Common eligible occupations (examples)

- Software engineers
- Civil engineers
- Registered nurses
- Financial auditors and accountants

How the process works

- 1 Language Test**
Take IELTS/CELP or TEF/TCF to prove English/French proficiency.
- 2 Educational Credential Assessment (ECA)**
Get your foreign education assessed by an approved organization.
- 3 Create Express Entry Profile**
Submit your online profile and enter the Express Entry pool.
- 4 Receive Invitation to Apply (ITA)**
Wait for a draw; if selected, you'll receive an ITA for PR.
- 5 Permanent Residence Application**
Submit your PR application within 60 days and complete biometrics.
- 6 Move to Canada**
After approval, land as a permanent resident and start your new life.

Document checklist

Identity & Civil

- Passport and national ID
- Birth/marriage certificates

Education & Credentials

- Educational Credential Assessment (ECA)
- Degree certificates and transcripts

Employment

- Reference letters from employers
- Payslips or tax statements as proof of work experience

Language Proficiency

- IELTS/CELPIP or TEF/TCF results

Health & Character

- Medical exam from panel physician
- Police clearance certificates

Questions clients ask

How long does Express Entry take?

Processing usually takes about 6–12 months after submission of your full PR application.

Do I need a job offer for Express Entry?

No. A job offer is not required, and since March 2025 a job offer no longer adds CRS points.

Can my family be included?

Yes, you can include your spouse and dependent children.

What is a competitive CRS score?

It depends on the draw. Recent cut-offs: Canadian Experience Class 516-523, Provincial Nominee Program 697-768, French-language 382-391, Health care 475, Transport 470. No general (all-programme) draws were held in August or September 2026.

What happens if my profile expires?

Profiles remain valid for 12 months — you can resubmit if not invited.

Important notes

- A CRS score in the high 400s no longer guarantees anything. With no general draws running, your realistic route is either Canadian Experience Class, a provincial nomination, or qualifying for one of the ten 2026 categories.
- CRS cut-offs move with every draw. Any score quoted here is the most recent published figure, not a promise.
- A provincial nomination is worth 600 CRS points and is the single biggest lever available to most candidates.

Compliance

- The 2026 category-based selection categories are: Education, Trades, Transport, Health care and social services, STEM, Physicians with Canadian work experience, Researchers with Canadian work experience, Senior managers with Canadian work experience, Skilled military recruits with a Canadian Armed Forces job offer, and

French-language proficiency.

- Four categories were added for 2026 — physicians, researchers, senior managers and skilled military recruits. Agriculture and agri-food was dropped.
- There have been no general or all-programme draws between August and September 2026. Every round in that window was Canadian Experience Class, Provincial Nominee Program, or category-based.
- Recent CRS cut-offs: Canadian Experience Class 516-523, Provincial Nominee Program 697-768, French-language 382-391, Health care 475, Transport 470, Senior managers 389, Physicians 198.
- Provincial Nominee Program draw cut-offs sit near 700-770 because a provincial nomination adds 600 points, not because those candidates are stronger.
- The timeline shown on this page is XIPHIA'S own observed average from our case files, not an IRCC published figure. IRCC publishes live processing times through its own checker tool; your individual case can run faster or slower than either.
- IRCC charges a processing fee and a Right of Permanent Residence Fee for each adult applicant, and a processing fee for each dependent child. XIPHIA'S confirms the current amounts on canada.ca before filing.

Official sources: IRCC — Express Entry rounds of invitations; IRCC — Category-based selection for Express Entry; IRCC — Check processing times.



NEXT STEP

Plan your Canada application with our Dubai team

Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will confirm whether **Canada Express Entry – Skilled Immigration Pathway** fits, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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