



Health Authority Teams Up With Immigration to Recruit Doctors



For the first time, Nova Scotia Immigration staff will join the Nova Scotia Health Authority at an international job fair to help recruit physicians to work and live in Nova Scotia. The health authority's recruitment team will attend the British Medical Journal (BMJ) Careers Fair Oct. 20-21 in London, England, and has asked Nova Scotia Immigration and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia for their help and expertise. "Nova Scotia Immigration is pleased to support the Nova Scotia Health Authority in attracting more health-care professionals to Nova Scotia," said Lena Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration. "Immigration is one option we can use to recruit more skilled workers, including

physicians, to Nova Scotia. Our role will be to provide potential recruits with information on the immigration process." Dr. Simon Bonnington, a family physician originally from the United Kingdom who now practices in Annapolis Royal and who immigrated here in 2010, will also join the recruitment team. The trip is part of the health authority's ongoing recruitment work, as well as its effort to increase its focus on the United Kingdom. "We've had success with recruitment and retention of physicians from the UK," said health authority vice president of medicine and integrated health Dr. Lynne Harrigan. "Nova Scotia has a lot to offer doctors- the opportunity to practice medicine on collaborative teams, enjoy the balanced pace of

the East Coast, and be a key part of their community." This will also be the first opportunity to showcase some of the health authority's new recruitment materials, which highlight the many opportunities that come with living and working in the province. "This is part of the health authority's continued efforts to recruit physicians to work in Nova Scotia, which is so important to our health-care system," said Health and Wellness Minister Randy Delorey. "Sharing our combined health-care and immigration expertise will help us promote Nova Scotia as a great place to live and work to doctors abroad." The BMJ Careers Fair is one of Europe's most prominent recruitment fairs, and promises access to more than 1,800 physicians.

Canada

The latest Express Entry draw

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The latest Express Entry draw for immigration to Canada took place on October 18th, inviting 2,757 candidates to apply. The number of Comprehensive Ranking System points required in order for a candidate to receive an Invitation to Apply this draw was 436. This score is 2 points down from the score required in the previous draw, which was 438 and took place on October 4th. Invited candidates have 90 days to submit a complete application for Canadian permanent residence to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) from the day they were invited. Accompanying family members, including a spouse or common-law partner, as well as dependent children, may also come to Canada along with the principal applicant. The CRS cut-off threshold has been around the mid-430's for the past six draws, though over this time there has been a slight dip in the number of ITAs issued per draw, compared to the size of draws that took place earlier in the year. The record low threshold of any draw so far was 413 on May 31, 2017, right before IRCC made improvements to the CRS that took effect on June 6. These changes introduced new additional points factors for candidates with a sibling in Canada, while candidates with French ability also benefited from additional points.

British Columbia:

Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC and Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued

On October 11 and October 18, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
Skills Immigration – International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
Express Entry BC –International Graduate

Ministerial Instructions

Ministerial Instructions respecting invitations to apply for permanent residence under the Express Entry system #74 – October 18, 2017

1. (1) For the purposes of paragraph 10.2(1)(b) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, the number of invitations that may be issued during the period beginning on October 18, 2017, and ending on October 19, 2017, is 2,757.

Required rank

(2) Foreign nationals who, on October 18, 2017, at 11:12:41 UTC, have been assigned a total of 436 points or more under the Comprehensive Ranking System that is set out in the Ministerial Instructions Respecting the Express Entry System, as published in the Canada Gazette, Part I, on December 1, 2014, and as amended from time to time, occupy the rank required to be invited to make an application for permanent residence.

Canada Immigration Ministerial Instructions

Intake: 74
Date: October 18, 2017
Points: 436
Number of Applicants: 2,757

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Ontario Federal skilled workers program: Minimum requirements

Skilled work experience

Your work experience must be:

- in the same type of job as your primary NOC
- within the last 10 years
- paid work (volunteer work, unpaid internships don't count)
- at skill type 0, or skill levels A or B of the 2011 National Occupational Classification (NOC)
- at least 1 year (1,560 hours total / 30 hours per week), continuous:
- full-time at 1 job: 30 hours/week for 12 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)
- equal amount in part-time: 15 hours/week for 24 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)
- full-time at more than 1 job: 30 hours/week for 12 months at more than 1 job = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)
- You must show that you did the duties set out in the occupational description in the NOC. This includes most of the main duties listed.
- If you can't show that your work experience meets the description in the NOC, you aren't eligible under this program.

Education

- If you went to school in Canada, you must have a certificate, diploma or degree from a Canadian:
- secondary (high school) or post-secondary school
- If you have foreign education, you must have:
- an Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) report from an approved agency showing that your foreign education is equal to a completed certificate, diploma or degree from a Canadian:
- secondary (high school) or post-secondary school

Proof of funds

- You must show that you have enough money to support yourself and your family after you arrive in Canada, unless you:
- are currently able to legally work in Canada
- have a valid job offer from an employer in Canada

Other requirements

1. You must be admissible to Canada.
2. You must plan to live outside the province of Quebec

Language ability

- You must:
- take an approved language test that shows you meet the level for:
- writing
- reading
- listening
- speaking
- get a minimum score of Canadian Language Benchmark

- (CLB) 7 in all four abilities
- include the test results in your Express Entry profile
- You must show that you meet the requirements in English or French. Your test results must not be more than two years old on the day you apply for permanent residence.

Selection factors

- If you meet all the conditions set out in the minimum requirements, your application will be assessed based on the following selection factors:
- age
- education
- work experience
- whether you have a valid job offer
- English and/or French language skills

- adaptability (how well you're likely to settle here)
- These factors are part of a 100-point grid used to assess federal skilled workers. You earn points for how well you do in each of the six factors. Your total points will show if you qualify for the Express Entry pool. The current pass mark is 67 points.

Principal applicant

- If you are applying on your own, you are the principal applicant.
- If you have a live-in partner, either you or they can apply under Express Entry as a principal applicant if:
- you are:
- married
- common-law partners, which means you:
- are an opposite-sex or same-sex couple
- have lived together in a

- marriage-like relationship for at least one year
- both meet the requirements to apply as a Federal Skilled Worker
- Your principal applicant should be the one of you most likely to:
- meet the eligibility requirements
- earn the most points in the selection factors
- earn the most points under the Comprehensive Ranking System for Express Entry

Alberta will Launch Express Entry Immigration Stream



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Alberta has announced that its going to launch an Express Entry stream in January 2018, allowing the province to use some of its allocation for the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program to nominate candidates in Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada's Express Entry pool. By doing this Alberta will finally join most other provinces in having at least one Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) stream aligned with Express Entry. By January, it will have been three years since IRCC's Express Entry system first came into operation. Express Entry candidates who receive a

provincial nomination through an Express Entry-aligned stream, also known as an enhanced nomination or stream, receive 600 additional Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) points and an Invitation to Apply (ITA) for permanent residence at a subsequent draw from the pool. An enhanced provincial nomination program is the most valuable factor under the CRS. The AINP is authorized by IRCC to issue up to 5,500 nomination certificates this year. When the government's new immigration levels plan is announced (it is expected on or before November 1, 2017), there may be room for this number to grow. At this time, it is not publicly known how many nominations may be issued under the AINP Express Entry stream.