



Saskatchewan Express Entry reopened



On October 26th, the International Skilled Worker – Express Entry sub-category of the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program reopened for 1,000 new applications, presenting an opportunity for eligible candidates in the government of Canada’s Express Entry immigration pool to apply for a provincial

nomination without needing a job offer. A successful application for a provincial nomination under the SINP International Skilled Worker – Express Entry sub-category, results in 600 additional Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) points being awarded and an Invitation to Apply (ITA) for permanent residence being

issued during a subsequent draw from the pool. The last time this sub-category opened, in late July, the intake of 600 new applications was filled within days as this is a very popular program. Of the 42 occupations on the new list, 19 do not require any professional licensure in order for a nomination to be issued.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

In order to be eligible for the SINP’s International Skilled Worker – Saskatchewan Express Entry sub-category, candidates must:

- Have proof of legal status, if currently residing in Canada;
- Have an Express Entry Profile Number and Job Seeker Validation Code;
- Score a minimum of 60 points out of 100 on the SINP point assessment grid.
- Provide language test results from a designated testing agency that match the language level declared in

- the Express Entry profile;
- Have completed at least one year of post-secondary education or training which is comparable to the Canadian education system and which has resulted in a degree, diploma, or certificate;
- Have a minimum level of work experience related to their field of education or training in a highly skilled occupation (NOC 0, A, or B) that is considered to be in-demand in Saskatchewan (See in-demand occupations list above);
- Have at least one of the following in the field of education or training occupation:

- One year work experience in the past 10 years in a skilled profession (non-trades),
- Two years work experience in a skilled trade in the past five years; or
- Twelve months work experience in Canada in the past three years (trades and non-trades).
- Obtain proof of eligibility for Saskatchewan licensure if their profession is regulated in Saskatchewan and requires mandatory (compulsory) certification or licensing; and
- Have proof of sufficient settlement funds and a settlement plan.

Alberta Opportunity Stream

Applications are not being accepted under this stream until January 2, 2018. The criteria below is listed for reference purposes only. Applications to the Alberta Opportunity

Stream postmarked before January 2, 2018 will not be accepted. In January 2018, the AINP website will be updated with further details on how to apply to this stream

including application forms. In 2018, the AINP will be implementing intake and nomination guidelines that will set the maximum number of applications accepted and

nominations issued each year, as well as maximums for applications and nominations by sector and occupation.

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postmarked and at the time the AINP assesses your application you must be working in an eligible

occupation in Alberta. Most occupations under National Occupational Classification (NOC) skill

levels 0, A, B, C and D are eligible under the AINP.

Ineligible occupations – Occupations that are not eligible are:

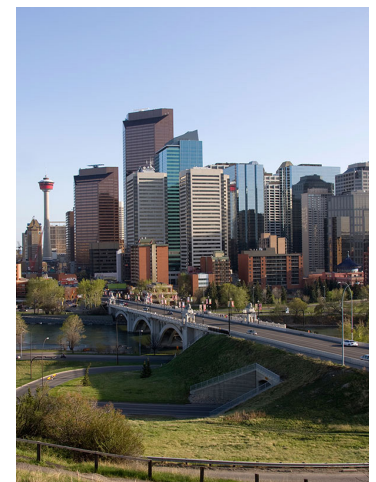
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Updates

Effective January 2, 2018, the AINP will be making changes to its streams. The Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program will reduce the number of streams available. These changes will simplify application processes, reduce wait times, and make it more fair for applicants across all sectors and industries in Alberta. The AINP will also be more responsive to emerging labour market needs while supporting the goal of building a skilled, permanent workforce and a more diversified economy. As of January 2, 2018, the AINP will accept applications under two streams: the new Alberta Opportunity Stream and the Self-Employed Farmer Stream. The Alberta Opportunity Stream will replace the Employer-Driven Stream and Strategic Recruitment Stream. Complete applications for the Employer-Driven Stream and Strategic Recruitment Stream postmarked on or before January 1, 2018, will be accepted for processing and those already in queue for processing will be assessed under the eligibility criteria that was in place at the time the application was received. The AINP will also have an Alberta Express Entry stream operational in January 2018. This will allow Alberta to nominate a limited number of qualified applicants from the Government of Canada’s Express Entry system. We will update as we learn more about the changes.



At the time your application is postmarked you must demonstrate you meet the following language test score in English or French:

Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) test score required

Minimum of 4 for each English language skill

Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC) test score required

Minimum of 4 for each French language skill

4. Education requirements

At the time your application is postmarked you must have completed at least a Canadian high school diploma or equivalent.

- To show you meet this requirement you must have your highest level of foreign education verified through

5. Work experience requirements

- Your “current occupation” is the occupation you are working in at the time your application is postmarked to the AINP.
- You must be working in the same occupation when the AINP assesses your application for nomination.

Qualifying Work Experience

At the time your application is postmarked you must have either:

- A minimum of 12 months full-time work experience in your current occupation in Alberta within the last 18 months; or
- A minimum of 24 months of full-time work experience in your current occupation in Canada and/or abroad within the last 30 months
- This work experience can be a combination of experience gained in Alberta, in Canada (outside Alberta) and/or abroad.

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6. Income level requirements

At the time your application is postmarked, you must meet a minimum gross annual income level based on your “family unit” size. Your “family unit” includes:

- you, and if applicable:
- Your spouse or common-law partner
- Your dependent children
- Your spouse or common-law

Manitoba:

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada has revised the definition of a dependent child.

Effective October 24, 2017, children qualify as dependents if they

As of January 2, 2019, the test score required for English and French language skills will be increased to a minimum of 5 in each language skill.

Note

If you apply to the AINP under NOC code 3413 (Nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates), the AINP requires a minimum language test score as follows:

- CLB of 7 for each English language skill; or
- NCLC of 7 for each French

an Educational Credential Assessment (ECA). The AINP only accepts the ECAs accepted by IRCC. Find out which ECAs will be accepted.

- You are not required to provide an ECA if you have:
- A Canadian degree,

qualifying period:

- Must have been full-time, for a minimum of 30 hours/week; part-time work will not be considered,
- Must be for the same occupation as your current occupation,
- Must have been authorized by IRCC and with valid temporary resident status if completed in Alberta or Canada, and
- Cannot have been gained while studying in Canada and doing co-op work placements or internships as part of a study program

At the time your application is postmarked and at the time the AINP assesses your application for nomination:

- You must have the required licensing, registration or certification to work in your current occupation in Alberta.
- You must have a bona fide full-

partner’s dependent children

- Any dependent children of your dependent children
 - Any dependent children of your spouse or common-law partner’s dependent children
- Dependent children include all children related by blood or legal ties (including adopted and foster children) who are:
- Under the age of 19 and do not

meet both of these requirements:

- they’re under 22 years old, and
- they don’t have a spouse or common-law partner.

Children 22 years old or older (also

language skill

- You must provide your official test results with your AINP application for one of the following language tests:
- Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP) General Test,
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) General Training Test, or
- Test d’évaluation de français (TEF)

diploma or certificate from a recognized Canadian post-secondary, technical college or secondary institution, or

- Work experience that qualifies you for the AINP in a compulsory or optional trade and you have a valid

time job offer from an Alberta employer to work in your current occupation in Alberta and be working full-time for that employer in Alberta in that occupation.

- Your Alberta employer must be incorporated or registered by or under an act of the legislature of a province, territory, or the Parliament of Canada and operating as a business that has an established production capability, plant or place of business in Alberta, and
- Your job offer must be signed by you and your Alberta employer and must offer:
- Continuous, paid work,
- Full-time work, defined as a minimum of 30 hours/week for 12 months,
- Work in your current occupation, and
- Work for an eligible AINP

have a spouse or common-law partner, or

- 19 years of age or older and are unable to be financially self-sufficient since before the age of 19 due to a physical or mental condition

Even if you do not plan to bring members of your family unit until after you become a permanent resident, you must still include

known as an overage dependent children) qualify as dependants if they meet both of these requirements:

- They have depended on their parents for financial support since before the age of 22, and

- Official test results must be less than two years old at the time your application was postmarked. The AINP will not accept confirmation of registration to take a language test in place of a test result.

- Check the IRCC guideline on CLB/NCLC equivalency for each of the tests.

Alberta Qualification Certificate or trade certificate that is recognized by Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training

occupation for which you have a work permit that meets AINP work permit requirements

- The following individuals are not eligible, even if they have a job offer to work 30 hours a week or more in a 12-month period:
- Part-time employees, regardless of their working hours,
- Independent contractors, business owners or temporary agency workers, or
- Employees who work in Alberta in a place of employment that is not zoned for commercial or industrial operations, such as a home-based business
- Employees who do not work on a premises in Alberta, such as those who work in a “virtual” location or serve the employer by telecommuting from a location outside Alberta

them as members of your family unit and meet the minimum income requirements for that family unit size.

If you are not married, do not have a common-law partner, and do not have any children, then you are a family unit of one.

- They are unable to financially support themselves because of a mental or physical condition.