

## Visa Application Centres to open around the world to assist travellers coming to Canada

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two years. By November 2019, there will be at least 149 VAC locations in 99 countries. VACs are managed by third-party service providers. These companies are authorized to provide specific services to visa applicants under the terms of a formal contract with the Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. VACs allow for a higher level of points of service in countries where there are few or no visa offices. VACs also ensure that visa applications are completed properly, reducing the number of incomplete applications that must be returned to the applicant. Canada has one of the most extensive VAC networks in the world—more than 96% of applicants will be able to access a Visa Application Centre in their country of residence by November 2019.

Visa Application Centres (VAC) are a very cost-effective way for the Government of Canada to provide services to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) applicants around the world. The Government of Canada is pleased to announce the winning supplier for the VAC contract: VF Worldwide

Holdings Ltd. On behalf of IRCC, Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) awarded this contract through a fair, open and transparent process. The initial value of this contract is estimated at \$26 M. Canada uses a network of Visa Application Centres around the world, where each year, hundreds of thousands of people submit

their applications and, if required, provide biometrics (fingerprints and a photo) to come to Canada. Since 2000, VACs have helped provide administrative support to visa applicants before, during and after their application is assessed at a Canadian visa office. Canada is expanding the network of Visa Application Centres over the next

## MPNP Information and Employer Engagement Sessions in Berlin, Germany (May 7-11, 2018)

Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program staff will be in Berlin, Germany between May 7th to May 11th along with Manitoba employers to conduct interviews with individuals who meet the candidate assessment criteria and who can demonstrate qualifying skills in the following areas:

### Management Occupations

- Advertising and Marketing Managers (NOC 0124)
- Manufacturing Managers (NOC 0911)
- Purchasing Managers (NOC 0113)

### Trades and Transportation:

- Industrial Mechanics (NOC 7311)
- Long Haul Transport Drivers (NOC 7511\*)
- Dispatchers (NOC 1525\*)
- Tilesetters (NOC 7283)
- Floor Covering Installers (NOC 7295)
- Carpenters (NOC 7271)
- Heavy Duty Equipment Operators (NOC 7521\*)
- Construction Trades Helpers (NOC 7611\*)
- Welders (NOC 7237)
- Heavy Duty Mechanics (NOC 7312)

### Finance and Administration:

- Accounting Technicians (NOC

- 1311)
- Product Owner (NOC 1221)

### Natural and Applied Sciences:

- Drafting Technicians (NOC 2253)
- Industrial Engineer Manufacturing (NOC 2233)
- Mechanical Engineer Technologist (NOC 2232)
- Application Developers (NOC 2173)
- Senior UI/UX Developer (NOC 2174)
- Senior Java Developer (NOC 2174)
- Senior Software Developer (NOC 2173)
- Mobile Developer (NOC 2173)
- Android Developer (NOC 2173)
- iOS Developer (NOC 2173)
- Machine Learning Developer (NOC 2173)
- Data Architect (NOC 2172)
- Security Analyst (NOC 2171)
- Cloud DevOps Engineer (NOC 2173)
- Computer Network Technicians (NOC 2281)
- Senior Graphic Designer (NOC 5241)

### Agriculture:

- Swine Technicians Farrowing (NOC 8252)
- Swine Technicians Finishing (NOC 8252)

### Sales and Service:

- Technical Sales Specialist (NOC 6221)

### Manufacturing:

- Assembling Workers (NOC 9524\*)

Employment opportunities are available to qualified and interested candidates. Candidates are required to meet the minimum assessment criteria below to be eligible for an interview:

### Eastern European 2018 Candidate Assessment Criteria

NOTE: Employers may have additional requirements than listed below which may include additional training, experience or higher language assessments for certain positions.

In addition to receiving a guaranteed offer of employment from a Manitoba Employer, every candidate who would like to be considered under the Skilled Worker Overseas stream must score at least 60 points based on the five factors in order to be eligible.

**Age** – 21 – 45 (unless otherwise specifically requested by the employer)

**Education** – Have completed at least a one-year, post-secondary program from a recognized education institution for which

you received a diploma, degree or certificate; or have completed specific training for the position you are being selected. NOTE: National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2016 codes, 7611, 7511, 7521, 1525 and 9524 please see \*below regarding education

**Work Experience** – Have at least 3 years full time employment experience\*\* in the past 5 years related to the occupation for which you are being selected; for NOC 7511, have at least 3 years employment experience\* as a Class 1 driver in the past 5 years

### Official Languages

**Proficiency** – submit official results of an approved language test taken within the past two years showing you achieved scores equivalent to at least CLB/NCLC 5 overall, demonstrating a minimum of L – 5, R – 4, W – 5, S – 5 in each test category (skill area). Use our CLB Language Grid to determine your CLB-equivalent scores.

**Adaptability and Settlement Supports** – Candidates who demonstrate stronger ties to another province of Canada, through previous employment or previous post-secondary studies in another province may be deemed a retention risk and may not be selected for an interview.

**Additional Occupation NOTICE regarding education**

\*NOC 7611 – Completion of secondary school is required.

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duration, through a vocational school or community college, is required.

\*NOC 7521 – Completion of a one-to two-year apprenticeship program or some college or industry courses in heavy equipment operating combined with on-the-job training are required.

\*NOC 1525 – Completion of secondary school is required.

\*NOC 9524 – Completion of secondary school is required.

**Additional Employment NOTICE**

\*Only full-time employment of six months (continuous) or longer will be considered. Candidates including

those who are self-employed individuals, business owners or owner-operators will be required to provide proof of work experience, if and when invited to submit a full application to the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP).

## Alberta Opportunity Stream

**Requirements:****1. Occupation**

At the time of 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.

**2. Residency and Work Permit At the time of your application:**

You must have valid temporary resident status in Canada that authorizes you to work. Refugees, those under appeal or removal proceedings and temporary residents living outside of Alberta are ineligible.

You must have a valid work permit based on a positive Labour Market Impact Assessment, or an LMIA exemption.

**3. Language**

At the time of your application you must have minimum Canadian Language Benchmark 4 for all disciplines in English or French for the majority of NOC codes. If you apply under NOC code 3413 (nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates), the minimum language score rises to 7.

**4. Education**

At the time of your application you must have completed minimum Canadian high school diploma or equivalent, verified through an Educational Credential Assessment. You do not require an ECA if your

degree, diploma or certificate is from a recognized Canadian institution, or if you have work experience that qualifies you for the AINP in a

compulsory or optional trade.

**5. Work Experience**

At the time of your application, you must have either:

Minimum of 12 months full-time work experience in your current occupation in Alberta within the last 18 months; or

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.

At the time of your application:

You must have the required licensing, registration or certification to work in your current occupation in Alberta.

You must have a bona fide full-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 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

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 premises in Alberta, such as those who work in a “virtual” location or serve the employer by telecommuting from a location outside Alberta.

**6. Income Level**

At the time of your application, you must meet a minimum gross annual income level based on your family size. A family can include:

You, and

Your spouse or common-law partner

Your dependent children

Your spouse or common-law 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 must be under the age of 19 and not have a spouse or common-law partner, or 19 or older and are unable to be financially self-sufficient since before the age of 19 due to a physical or mental condition

**Request for Reconsideration**

Effective March 1, 2018, the AINP now has a reconsideration process for application decisions. Applicants can submit a reconsideration request for their application decision to be reviewed under certain conditions. You may submit a request for reconsideration on the decision of your AINP application if the following conditions have been met:

Request for Reconsideration must: be submitted within 30 calendar days of the date the decision letter

was issued;

be the only request of reconsideration submitted on the application;

be submitted by the applicant named on the decision letter.

Grounds for Request for Reconsideration must:

be directly related to the reason(s) stated in the decision letter; and demonstrate that an error was made in applying program criteria to the application.

A Request for Reconsideration cannot be used:

to ask for an exemption or exception to program criteria;

as an opportunity to submit new evidence or re-state the evidence submitted in the application;

if unsatisfied with the final decision or a component of the final decision;

to request Humanitarian and Compassionate consideration.

**Once a Request for Reconsideration has been submitted:**

1. An automated email will be sent acknowledging receipt of the request.

2. A response will be issued within 30 calendar days of the date the request was received

3. The Request form will be reviewed and an email will be sent notifying the applicant if the request meets the conditions required for a review on the decision of your application.

4. If the request meets the conditions required, an officer who was not involved in the original decision will conduct a review of the decision on your application.

There is no guarantee that your request for reconsideration will result in your application being re-assessed.

Only one request for reconsideration per application will be considered. If a decision on a reconsideration request has been made, subsequent requests will not be considered.

If you do not meet the conditions listed above to request reconsideration, you may wish to review the AINP website for information and updates to AINP criteria, to determine if you meet all eligibility criteria to re-apply.