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Profile of Our Firm



- Licensed Immigration Consultant.
- Member of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants.
- Started the Canada immigration practice in 1993.
- Contributed articles to various newspapers, conducted TV shows in USA and India on immigration issues and conducted seminars in many countries around the world.
- Offices in Canada, USA and India.

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during Team
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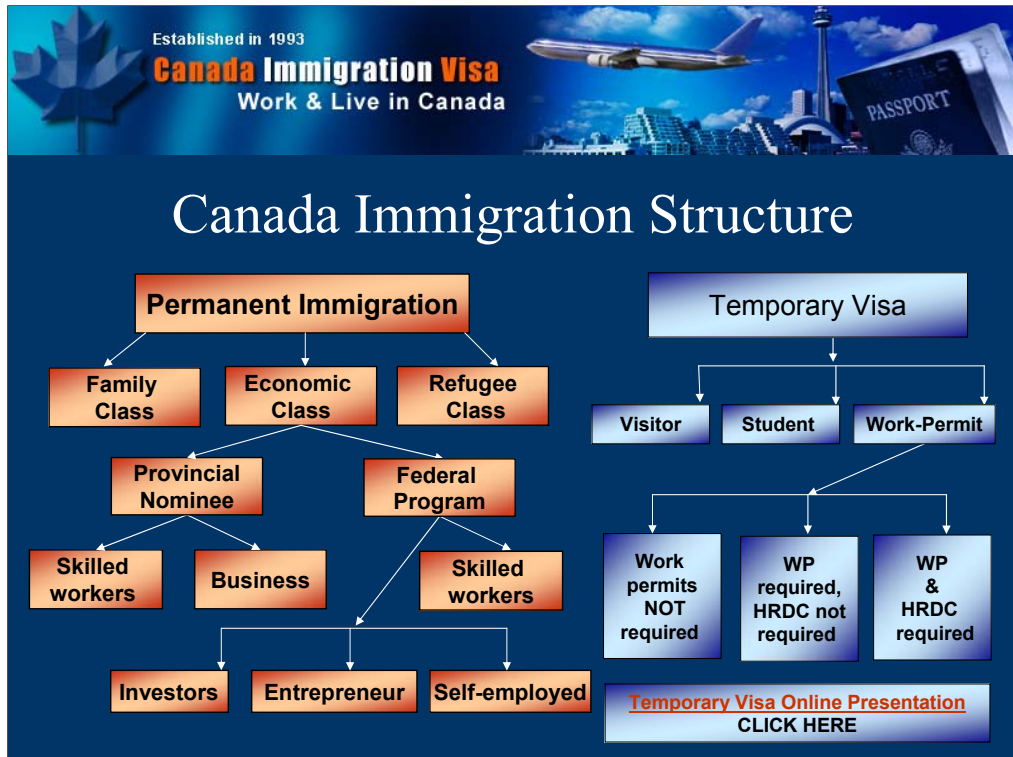
Our firm is licensed to practice as an immigration consultancy – a process that requires passing of a knowledge and ethics examination based on the Canadian Immigration Act, rules and regulations.

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To begin with, let's review the Canadian immigration system.

The immigration system is divided into two separate parts: Permanent Immigration and Temporary Visa Status.

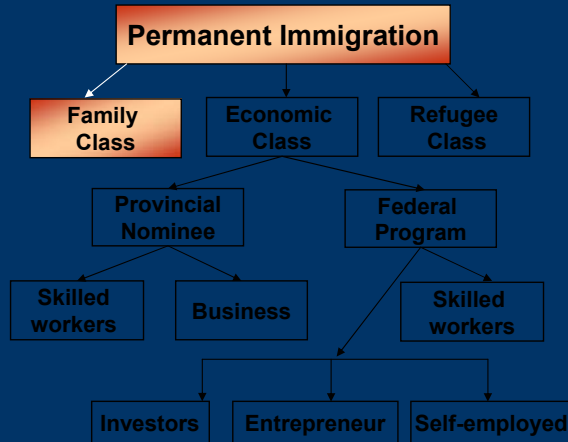
The temporary visa status has three subsections: Visitor, Student and Work permit. For a detailed presentation on the work permit process in Canada, you may view our online presentation at the internet address shown here.

The permanent immigration class is also divided into three subsections: The Family Class, The Refugee Class and The Economic Class. Our firm deals mainly with the Economic class that is further divided into two programs: The Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) - which deals with skilled workers and businesses, and the Federal Program - which deals with skilled workers, investors, entrepreneurs and self employed individuals.

Now we will take a closer look at each of the three classes associated with permanent immigration to Canada.



Family Class



The Family Class is for individuals with blood relatives in Canada.



Family Class



- If you are a Canadian Citizen or Permanent resident of Canada, over the age of 18, residing in Canada and HAVE THE NECESSARY INCOME IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS and you are ready to give under taking to provide for their basic requirement, you can sponsor your:
 - Parents, Grand parents, adopted children and
 - Orphan brother or sister, nephew, niece, grandchildren who is under 18 and not married.
 - When you sponsor your parents you can sponsor your brother and sister who are under age of 22 or over 22 but they are in full time education at the university or over 22 but financially dependent on your parents due to physical problem.

If you are a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident of Canada, over the age of 18 years, residing in Canada and have the necessary income in the last 12 months to be able to provide for their basic requirements, you may sponsor your parents, grandparents or adopted children. You may also sponsor your orphaned brother or sister, nephew, niece or grandchildren who are under the age of 18 years and unmarried.

When you sponsor your parents you may also sponsor your siblings who are under the age of 22 years. You may also sponsor them if they are over 22 if they are full time students, or if they are financially dependent on your parents due to a physical problem or disability.



Family Class



- If you are in default of previous sponsorship, have deportation order against you, you are in prison, un-discharged bankrupt, convicted of sexual or serious criminal offences – you can not sponsor your family members.
- The sponsor in Canada makes the first sponsorship application and once the application is approved in Canada, an immigration application has to be made to the visa office abroad.

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Family Class – Spouse Sponsorship



- If you Canadian Citizen or Permanent resident of Canada, over the age of 18, residing in Canada and you are ready to give under taking to provide for their basic requirement, you can sponsor your:
 - **Spouse, common-law or conjugal partner who has no dependent children.**
 - Sponsor is not required to show any financial ability.

Within the Family Class there is also Spouse Sponsorship.

If you are a Canadian Citizen or permanent resident of Canada, over the age of 18, residing in Canada and are able to provide for their basic requirements, you may sponsor your spouse or common-law or conjugal partner who has no dependent children. In this class the sponsor is not required to show any financial ability.



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- If you are in default of previous sponsorship, have deportation order against you, you are in prison, un-discharged bankrupt, convicted of sexual or serious criminal offences – you can not sponsor your family members.
- First sponsorship application is made by sponsor in Canada and on approval of the same immigration application is to be made to the visa office abroad.
- If Canadian citizen living out side Canada the sponsorship is viable provided the couple intends to stay in Canada after obtaining immigration visa for the foreign spouse.
- Under the new IRPA and Regulations sponsor can make application for sponsorship within Canada while foreign spouse is on temporary status in Canada.

You may not sponsor a spouse if you are in default of a previous sponsorship, have a deportation order against you, are in prison, have an un-discharged bankrupt or have been convicted of sexual or serious criminal offences.

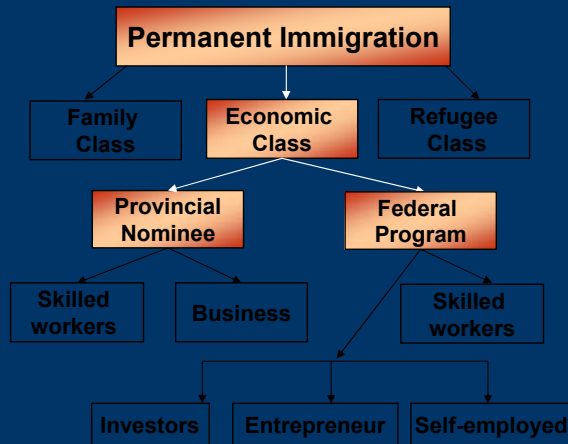
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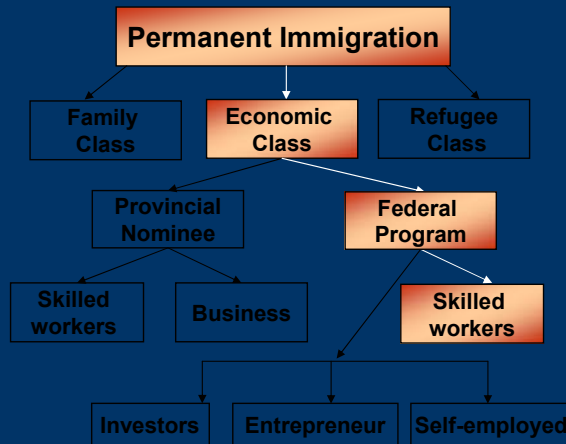
Economic Class



The Economic Class is divided into two programs, the Provincial Nominee Program and the Federal Program.



Federal Program



The Federal Immigration Regulations are well known to the general Canadian population and much information regarding these regulations is available through the official government websites as well as on the Internet.



Federal Immigration Regulations



- All occupations which require post secondary education can qualify with skill level O, A & B on NOC
- Passing points – 67 out of 100
- Criteria: Education, Age, Language, Experience, Job Offer and Adaptability (spouse's education, relatives in Canada, Canadian education and work experience)
- Language Test – IELTS for English & TEF for French – **exemption possible in certain cases**
- Dependants 22 years and under can accompany the applicant

The qualifications are for skilled workers and all occupations which require a post secondary education can qualify and with skill level of O, A and B, on the National Occupation Classification. Certain criteria are evaluated and the applicant is required to score 67 points out of 100 points. The points are calculated based on criteria such as age, language, work experience and educational level.

An important part of the Immigration Regulations includes a language test to prove language proficiency. The two accepted language tests are the IELTS for English and the TEF for French. Contrary to popular belief, it is possible to obtain an exemption from these language exams in certain cases.

Along with this Permanent Immigration status application, spouses and dependants under 22 years of age may accompany the applicant and can be included in the same application.



Federal Immigration Regulations



- Necessary proof of funds are generally \$10,000 Canadian Dollars for the applicant and \$3000 Canadian Dollars for each additional member of the family.
- Medical examination and background screening are required.
- Applications must be processed from the country in which the applicant resides.
- Under the new rules applications may no longer be transferred from one visa office to another.
- Processing time is dependant on the current volume in the visa office.

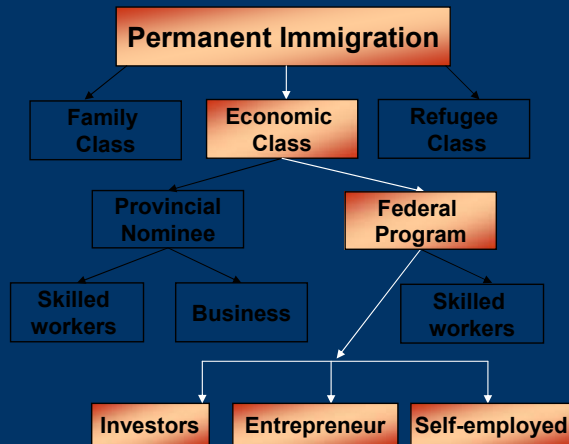
There are also requirements for necessary proof of funds, which is generally ten thousand Canadian dollars for the principal applicant and three thousand dollars for each additional member of the family. These funds must be in liquid form.

An additional step for applicants is to pass a medical examination and background screening for any criminal records.

Applications must be processed from the country in which the applicant resides and/or the country in which the applicant has been living for more than 12 months on a valid visa. Under the new rules, applications may no longer be transferred from one visa office to another to reduce the processing time. The processing time will depend on the current volume at the visa office and applications are processed in the order received.



Federal Program



Now let's look at the business categories for Business Immigration to Canada.

Business Immigration is divided into three categories: the Entrepreneur Class, the Investor Class and the Self-employed Class.



Entrepreneur Class



- Net assets (Not cash)of \$300,000 CD obtained legally
- Loan cannot be taken to show Net worth, but is available to start a business in Canada
- 2 -3 years of business management experience in own business.
- Has a viable business plan to start new/run existing business, employ two persons, manage business within 3 years of arrival in Canada
- No language or education requirement
- Every province in Canada, except province of Ontario, has its own business immigration program which needs less capital.

Under the Entrepreneur Class, a business person must possess net assets of \$300,000 Canadian dollars, obtained legally. These are total assets and not cash amounts. A loan cannot be taken to show the net worth requirement but a loan can be available once you are in Canada, just like it is available to any other Canadian business person.

The applicant must have at least two to three years of business management experience in his/her own business.

There must be a viable business plan to start a new business or run an existing business in Canada. The applicant is required to employ two persons and start the business within three years of arrival in Canada. In addition to devising a business plan, undertaking an exploratory trip to Canada to assess the business viability will positively influence the outcome of the entrepreneur's application.

There are no language or education requirements, although in a dual language environment it may be helpful to settle and do business in Canada with French and/or English language skills.

Every province in Canada, except Ontario, has its own business immigration program and some provinces have decreased the capital requirements from \$300,000 for entry, to attract business people to those provinces.



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Investor Class



- Not required to start a business in Canada.
- Net worth of \$800,000 CD obtained legally
- 2 years of business experience or executive experience (ownership of business not necessary)
- Deposit \$400,000 CD for 5 years at no interest
OR
- Take a loan of \$400,000 CD and pay interest of \$120,000 CD ONLY AFTER APPROVAL OF APPLICIAION
- No language or education requirement
- Extensive application and presentation documentation

The next category is Business Immigration under the Investor Class.

The main difference between the Entrepreneur and the Investor classes is that the Investor is not required to start a business in Canada. The key requirement for the Investor Class is having a global net worth of \$800,000 Canadian dollars, obtained by the applicant's own business endeavours or obtained legally.

The applicants must have at least two - three years of business experience or executive experience where they managed a department or a company and managed at least five people. This immigration class is designed to attract upper management individuals who have a high net worth but may not have owned a business directly.

The applicant must make a deposit of \$400,000 Canadian dollars for a period of five years with no interest in specific Government approved Banks. This deposit is to be made only after approval of the visa application and is closely monitored to insure the transaction is secure with the government. If the applicant does not wish to liquidate assets, there is an option to obtain a loan of \$400,000 Canadian dollars and pay interest charges totalling \$125,000.

There is no obligation to start a business. There are also no language or education requirements. This business category requires extensive paperwork and presentations to document how the money has been generated. The applicant must also prepare for an interview with the immigration officer and it is crucial to document the generation of the wealth year by year.

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Self Employed




- FARMERS – CULTURAL – ATHLETIC
- Assets of \$300,000 CD or greater
- 2 years of farm management experience
- Ready and willing to purchase a farm in Canada and manage and operate it
- Should support family through farming activity
- Participated at the world class level in culture or athletic activity.
- Under the Quebec Self Employed class any occupation in which person can be self employed and employ himself in Quebec can qualify for immigration to Canada provided he has also net assets of \$100,000 CD.

The final business immigration category is the Self- employed Class. This category applies to three main classes of applicants: Farmers, Cultural activity individuals and Athletic activity individuals.

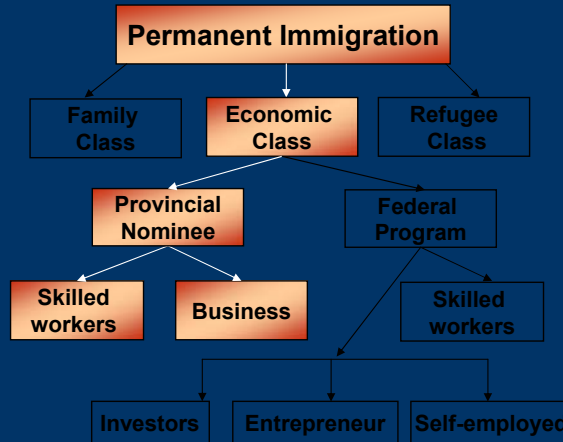
For farmers, there is no specific money requirement, but experience has shown that assets worth \$300,000, or greater, in Canadian dollars is the basic requirement. The applicant should have two years of farm management experience and should be ready and willing to purchase, manage and operate a farm in Canada. The applicants should also be able to support their family through the farming activity, although they are not required to employ any additional individuals in the farming business.

The Cultural or Athletic activity applicant should have participated in an activity at the world-class level in order to make an application for business immigration.

There is a special program under the Quebec Self-employed Class. Any occupation in which a person can be self-employed in Quebec can qualify for immigration to Canada, provided he meets the net asset requirement of \$100,000 Canadian dollars and other requirements.



Provincial Nominee



The Provincial governments have signed agreements with the Federal government of Canada that has resulted in another form of permanent immigration.

Within Canada there exists the Federal Immigration Regulations that apply to permanent immigration throughout Canada. In 1993, the province of Quebec signed an agreement with the Federal Immigration Department, which gave the Quebec government direct immigration powers for its particular province. This action allowed Quebec to target specific needs within the province for workers and laborers. Since that time, all other provinces, except Ontario, have signed their own agreements with the Federal government. These Provincial Immigration Programs differ slightly across the provinces, so let's look at them individually.



Quebec Immigration Program



- Any professionals and skilled workers on NOC with skill level of O, A, B and C can apply.
- Quick processing of the application.
- Must have knowledge of French language – Speaking and comprehension at intermediate level.

The Quebec Immigration Program was the first provincial program. The qualifications for this program expand the NOC skill level to include O, A, B and C applicants.

The number of applicants applying for immigration to Quebec is low and as a result there is quick processing of the visa application. Processing time for Quebec is about one to one and a half years, as opposed to up to three years for the Federal Immigration Program.

Since 85% of the population in the province of Quebec is French speaking, the applicant must speak and comprehend the French language at an intermediate level. While the application is pending, the applicant may take up French language courses.



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Quebec Immigration Program



- Criteria: Age, Qualifications, French & English Language, experience, Spouse's education experience and French language, Number of children, proof of funds etc.
- Two step application process
- Final visa issued by Canadian government and can stay anywhere in Canada.

The point system for Quebec is slightly different and includes several additional criteria that are listed here that relate to language and spouse's education.

The Quebec program is a two-step application process. The applications are approved on merit and a Selection Certificate is issued. Based on the Selection Certificate, the applicant is required to make an application to the Government of Canada for medical and security clearance, after which the final visa will be issued to them. Once the final visa is issued, the applicant is free to stay anywhere in Canada and residency is not restricted to the province of Quebec.



Manitoba Immigration & PNP Programs



- Manitoba, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan program:
- Occupation must be on the occupation Demand list
- Must have a permanent job offer from that province (for Manitoba, a relative staying in the province can help to qualify)

The next program is the Manitoba Immigration Program and other Provincial Nominee Programs.

The provinces of Manitoba, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan have developed a high demand occupation list. Applicants may only apply for immigration status under the PNP program for those occupations specifically. In addition, the applicant must have a permanent job offer from an employer residing in one of the fore-mentioned provinces.



Manitoba Immigration & PNP Programs



- Criteria: Age, Education, Demand of occupation, Job offer, Experience, Language, Adaptability, Proof of fund, etc.
- Passing Points: MB – 55/105, SK – 60/100, NF – 40/100, NB – 50/83
- For the province of British Columbia, Alberta, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia occupation must be in the priority industry.

The selection criteria are the same as the Federal program but there is some difference in the number of passing points required in each PNP, as shown here.

For the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, there is a Priority Industry Category instead of an occupation list.

Similar to the Quebec system, the applicant is first approved as a Provincial Nominee and the applicant is then required to make an application to the Federal government of Canada for medical and security clearance. Once visa is issued, the applicant may live anywhere in Canada.



Our Process of File



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1. Assessment of Applicant
2. Retainer Agreement and Deposit to start file
3. Letter stating list of documents
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The first step in the process is the initial assessment of the application. We will obtain the necessary and relevant information from the applicant in order to make the initial assessment.

Once the assessment is completed, we send it to the applicant with our retainer agreements. Once the signed agreement and a retainer deposit are received from the applicant, we begin the information gathering process. The applicant is sent a letter stating the documentation they must provide, as well as a set of forms for them to fill out. When our office receives the documents from the applicant, we prepare the application, fill out the forms and submit the application. We ensure that the information package is complete in its entirety before submitting the application to the Canadian government.



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6. Communication with Canadian government
7. Interview preparation
8. Full post landing services

Once the file has been submitted, we communicate with the Canadian government in a manner that will help to expedite the immigration process. Within 4-12 weeks after submission, the applicant will receive a file number. The number is an acknowledgement of receipt of the file and generally specifies the length of waiting period before processing can be completed. We do not receive any communication from the Canadian Government during this processing period.

Once an officer reviews the file, the first decision made is whether an interview will be required or not. If no interview is required, the file is approved and instructions for medical and security clearance are issued.

If the officer has questions or concerns regarding the file and would like to address them directly with the applicant, a request for personal interview will be made. Our office will assist the applicant in preparing for the interview and provide the applicant with information that will increase the possibility of passing the interview and satisfying the queries of the officer. Within 2-4 weeks time after the interview the decision will be sent to the visa post. The applicant is then required to carry on with medical and security checks.

The medical examination results are valid for a period of one year from the date of the examination. If for any reason the visa is not issued within that time frame, the medical examination must be redone.

During the entire visa application process if there are any changes in the applicant's family structure, employment status, education status, residency, etc., the Canadian government must be notified.

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Please look at our other presentation for general information about living and working in Canada and a guide for newcomers.

Thank you for joining us.