



What are National Occupational Classification codes?

A National Occupational Classification code (NOC) is a 4-digit number used to identify the work done by many people who have a similar occupation.

Work experience for immigration programs managed by Express Entry is classified into three categories of these codes: O, A or B.

Skill Type O	Management jobs
Skill Level A	Professional jobs
Skill Level B	Technical jobs and skilled trades

What are your next steps?

- 1. Take a language test in English and/or French. If you do have any education outside of Canada, you may also need to have it assessed against Canadian standards.
- 2. Create an online Express Entry profile to tell us about your education, skills, work experience, language ability and anything else.
- 3. If you meet the criteria of one of the programs under Express Entry, you will be placed in a pool of pre-screened candidates.

The candidates with the highest score based on the CRS in the pool will then be invited to apply for permanent residence during a round of invitations. Invitation rounds happen regularly throughout the year.

EXPRESS ENTRY

International students:
How to apply for permanent residence in Canada

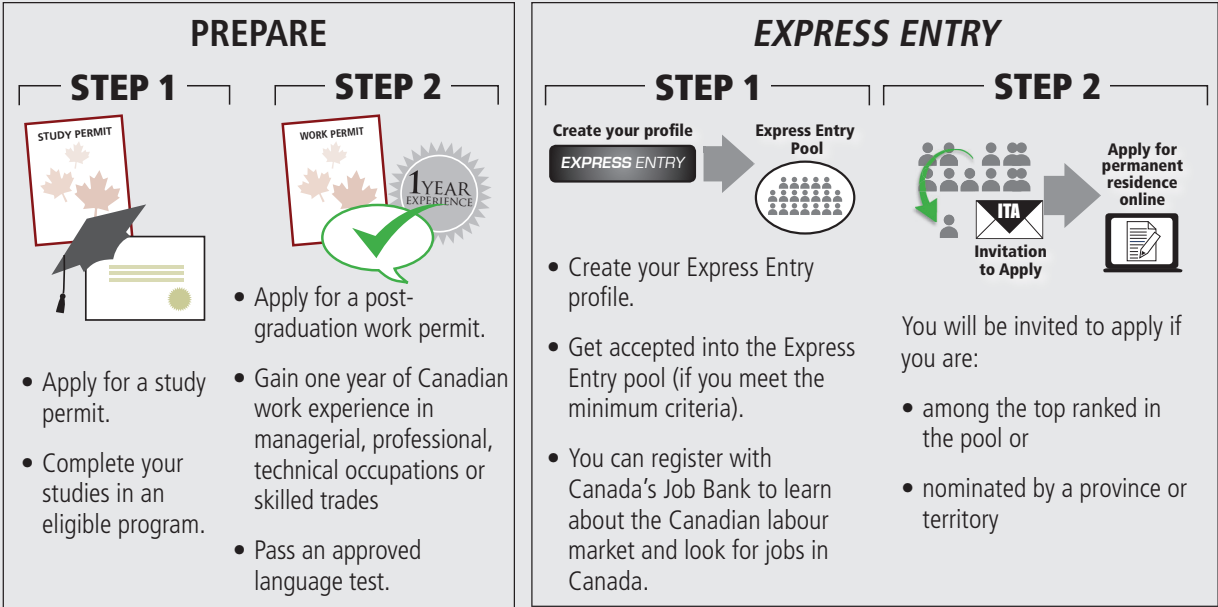
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International students have the education, skills and experience that Canada is looking for. Express Entry provides them a pathway to permanent residence in Canada.

To learn more about studying and working in Canada, visit **Canada.ca/international-students**. The Come to Canada tool is also a good resource if you want to explore your options to remain in Canada.

PATHWAY FOR STUDENTS TO STAY IN CANADA PERMANENTLY AFTER GRADUATION

Immigration is a multi-step process and requires time. The following diagram outlines the general steps to becoming a permanent resident through Express Entry. To learn more, visit **Canada.ca/ExpressEntry**.



How Express Entry works

Express Entry manages applications for permanent residence under these federal economic immigration programs:

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

Provinces and territories can also recruit candidates from Express Entry through their Provincial Nominee Programs to meet local labour market needs.

To be eligible for Express Entry, you need to meet the criteria of at least one of these programs.

If you meet the minimum criteria you will be placed into the Express Entry pool and ranked using the Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS). The CRS awards points based on various factors from your profile including language ability, education, skills and experience.

The highest ranked candidates in the pool are invited to apply for permanent residence during the regular rounds of invitations.

There may be other requirements to work in your field in Canada, apart from your degree. Visit **Canada.ca/newcomerservices** to find resources that will help you find work in Canada.

Do you speak French?

You can get additional points if you have strong French language skills.

French is one of Canada's two official languages. People speak it across Canada. From coast to coast to coast, there are many vibrant and welcoming Francophone communities with interesting job opportunities.

The ability to speak both French and English in one of these communities could give you a strong advantage over unilingual candidates with equivalent skills as you may be able to serve clients in both languages or possibly help employers tap into new markets.

As a permanent resident, you can take free language courses and access other services in French to help you settle in your new community. Your community will be there to make you feel at home right from the start.

Learn about francophone life across Canada by visiting **Canada.ca/francoimmigration**.

Note: If you are interested in immigrating to Quebec, you need to contact that province directly because Quebec manages its own economic immigration programs.

Candidates with the highest CRS scores have:

- at least 12 months of skilled work experience in managerial (skill type O), professional (skill level A), technical occupations or skilled trades (skill level B) in Canada
- strong language skills, supported by an approved language test
- Canadian secondary or post-secondary diploma/certificate/degree, or the foreign equivalent

If you obtained educational credentials in Canada, you may receive up to 30 additional points.

It is not mandatory to have a job offer or a provincial nomination to complete an Express Entry profile or to obtain an invitation to apply. However, a qualifying job offer or a provincial nomination will give you additional points in the Comprehensive Ranking System. This increases your chances of being invited to apply.

Visit **Canada.ca/ExpressEntry**

Provinces and territories can also nominate you

Most provinces and territories in Canada can nominate immigrants who want to settle there through the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP). Some can nominate you through Express Entry.

International students with recent Canadian education and/or work experience may be eligible for the PNP. Criteria varies among each province and territory.

You must apply directly to a province or territory to be considered under their PNP. Check the website of the province or territory you are interested in to learn more about being nominated.

