

# Journey to Permanent Residence in Canada for International Students

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# Agenda



**Working in Canada during studies & after graduation**



**Impacts of COVID-19**



**Important concepts**



**Pathways to permanent residence**

# Extending your Stay as a Student and Implied Status



## Extend your Study Permit

- Make sure your school is on the Designated Learning Institutions List
- Gather all required documents
- Apply online, ideally 3-4 months in advance

## Implied Status

- If you apply for a new study permit before your old one expires, you can keep studying until a decision is made on your application
- You must remain in Canada

# **Working in Canada during studies & after graduation**



# Gaining Work Experience while Studying



## Work On-Campus

- Full-time student at an eligible educational institution
- Study permit says you can work on- or off-campus
- Have started studying
- Have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)



## Work Off-Campus

- Full-time student at a designated learning institution (DLI)
- Study program is minimum 6 months and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
- Study permit says you can work off-campus
- Have started studying and have a SIN

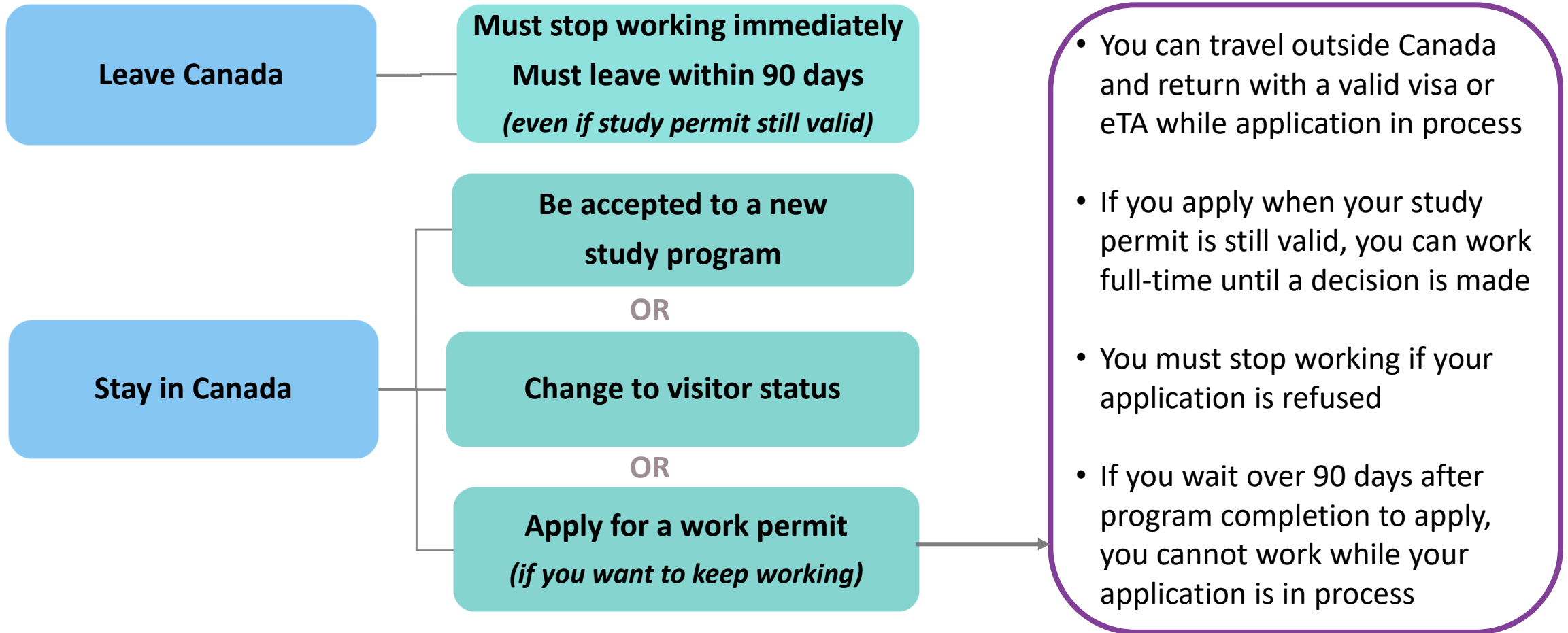


## Work in a Co-op or Internship

- Work is required to complete your study program in Canada
- Letter from your school that confirms all students in your program need to complete work placements to get your degree
- Totals 50% or less of your study program

# Options after completing your study program

**WITHIN 90 DAYS** of receiving your completion letter **OR** final transcript:



# Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

What is it?

- Open work permit
- Helps you gain Canadian work experience
- Helps support your PR application ([NOC 0, A, B or C](#))
- Not renewable

How long is it valid?

Depends on length of study:

- Less than 8 months: not eligible
- 8 months - 2 years: same length as study program
- 2 years and longer : 3 years

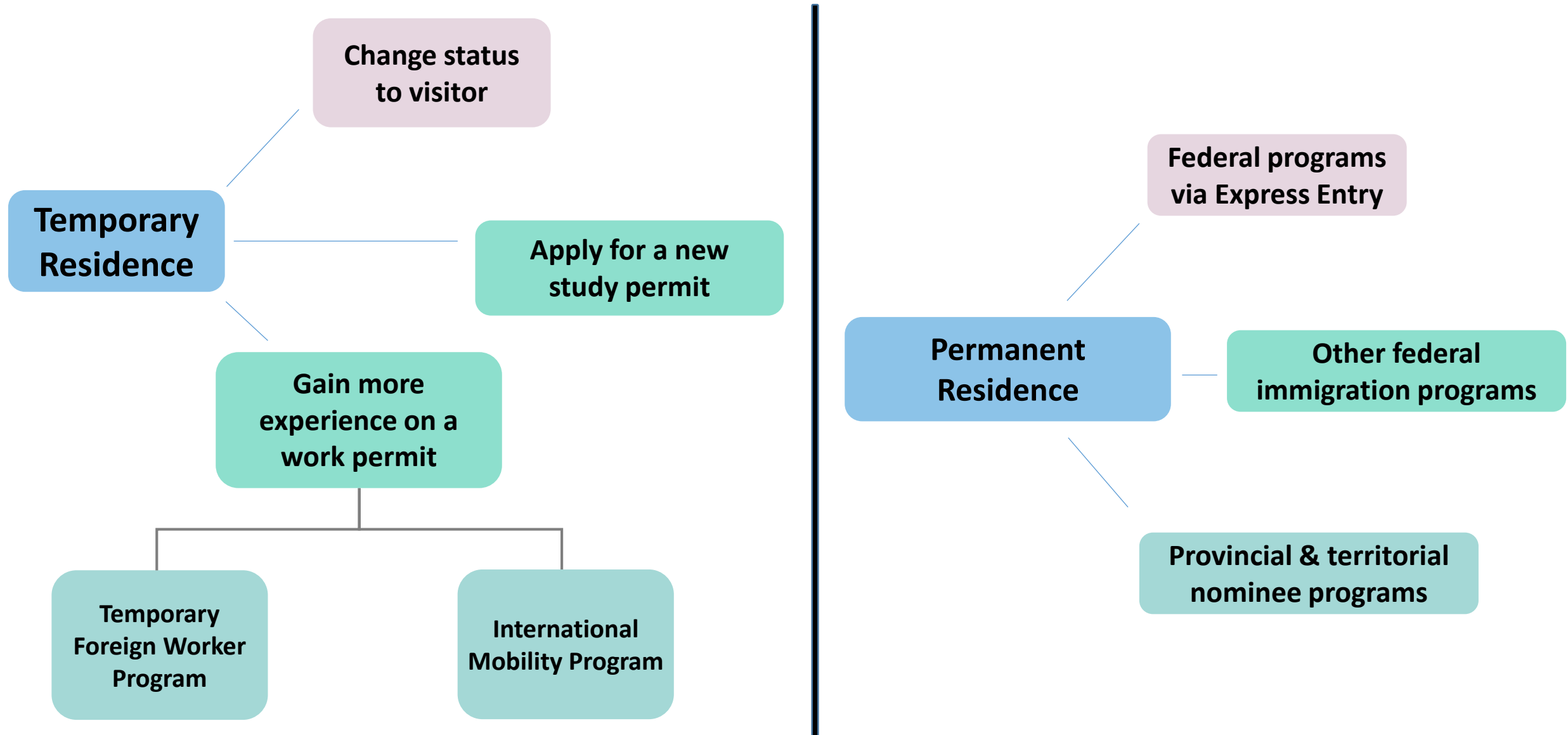
**A work permit cannot be issued for longer than the validity of your passport**


How do I qualify?

- Successfully complete an [eligible program](#)
- Study full-time at an eligible [Designated Learning Institution](#)
- Do not take unscheduled breaks or unauthorized leave
- Do not exceed the allowable hours of off-campus work
- Apply within **180 days** of receiving written confirmation (including **final transcript**) that you can graduate



# When your PGWP Expires...





# IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON IRCC'S CLIENTS

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# How working off-campus is affected

Temporary measures introduced for the winter, spring and summer 2020 semesters are **no longer in effect**.



**You must now maintain a full-time course load in order to work off-campus.**

You are subject to the 20 hrs/week restriction during the academic session even if you are working in an essential service.

You may temporarily use the 20 hrs/week from your study permit while waiting for your co-op work permit to be processed.

# How your PGWP eligibility is affected

You're still eligible for a post-graduation work permit if:

- your in-class courses in Canada are moved to an online-only format because of COVID-19, or
- you had to put your studies on hold or study part-time because of COVID-19 during the winter, spring or summer 2020 semesters.



**You must now maintain a full-time course load in order to remain eligible for a post-graduation work permit.**

# How your PGWP eligibility is affected if you're outside of Canada

You're still eligible for a post-graduation work permit if you can't travel to Canada at this time and

- you have a study permit; or
- you've been approved for a study permit; or
- you applied for a study permit before starting your study program in the spring, summer or fall 2020 semester, or
- you will apply for a study permit before starting your study program in the January 2021 semester.



If you're in this situation, you can begin your classes while outside Canada.

# How your PGWP eligibility is affected by online learning

How much of your program you can complete online depends on when you started studying and the length of your study program.

**You're taking a short-term program\* that started between May and September 2020**

- You can complete 100% of your program online.

**You're taking a program that is 12 months or longer or you started a short-term\* program before May 2020**

- You can complete up to 50% of your program online (until April 30, 2021).
- The other 50% must be completed in Canada.

\*between 8 and 12 months

## ...if you're outside of Canada

You won't have time deducted from the length of your post-graduation work permit for studies you complete outside Canada **until April 30, 2021.**

**You should plan to be studying in Canada by May 2021.**



# Can I come to Canada as an International Student?

If you plan to come to Canada as an international student after October 20, 2020:



- ✓ Your DLI must be on the list of DLIs with approved COVID-19 readiness plans **before you travel to Canada.**
- ✓ You must have a **valid study permit**, or have been **approved for a study permit.**

Immediate family members may be able to accompany you to Canada if their reason for travel is non-optional or non-discretionary.



# Important concepts



# National Occupational Classification (NOC)

Express  
Entry



**NOC 0:** management jobs

**NOC A:** professional jobs

**NOC B:** technical jobs and skilled trades

**NOC C:** semi-skilled jobs

**NOC D:** entry-level jobs

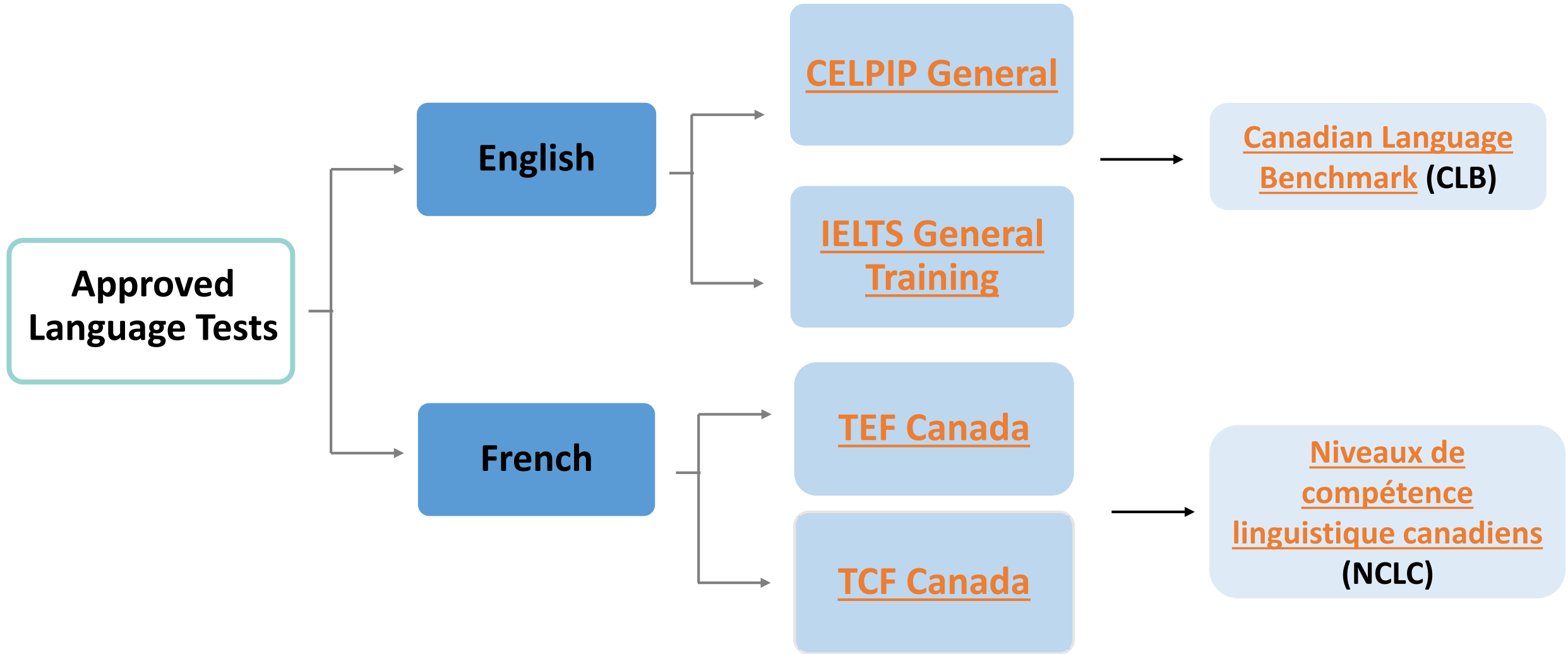
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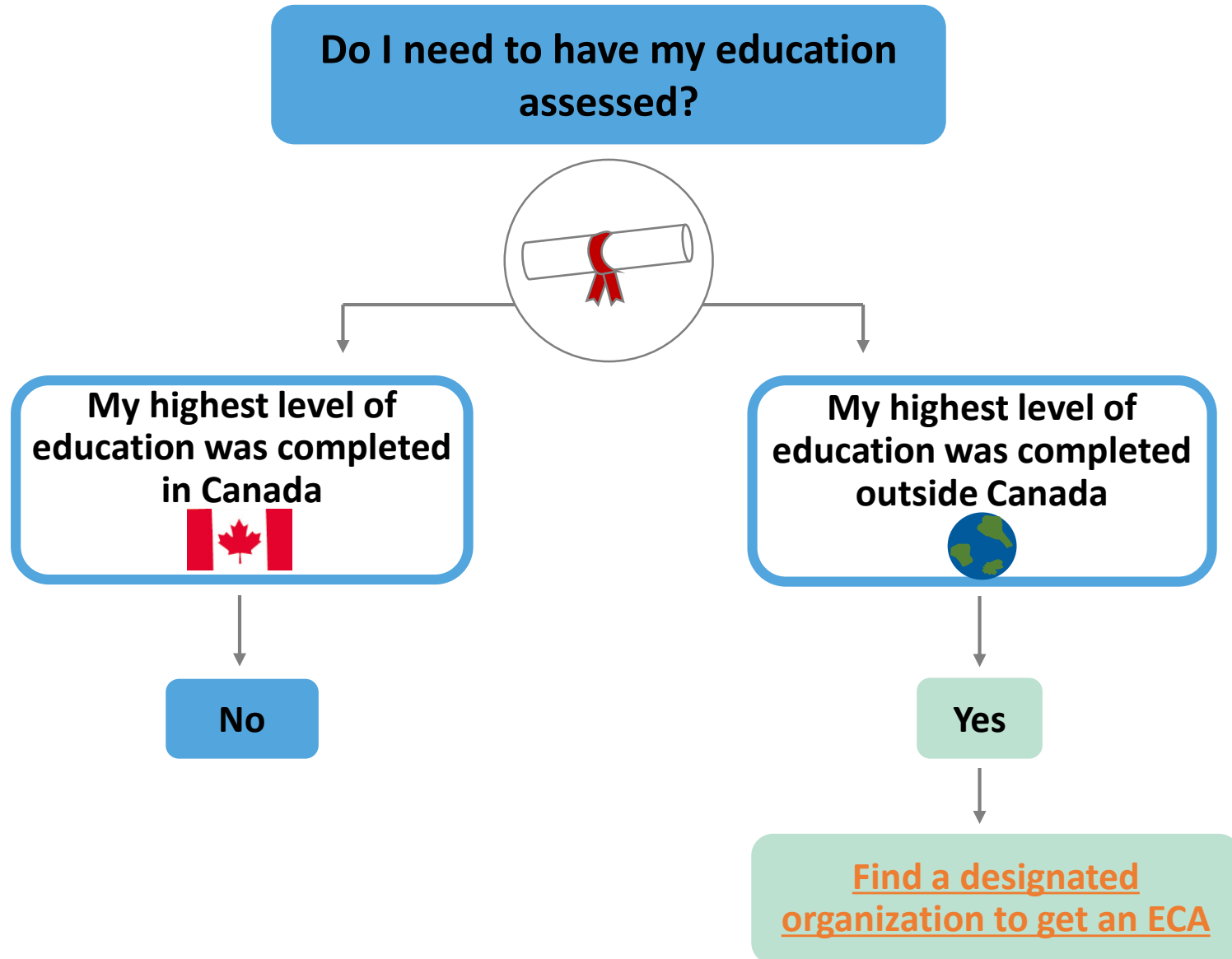
**IMPORTANT:** Work experience in **skilled jobs** (NOC 0, A, or B) is required before you can apply for PR through **Express Entry**.

Work experience in **skilled jobs** (NOC 0, A, B or C) is required before you can apply for PR through the **Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program**.

# Language testing



# Educational Credential Assessment (ECA)



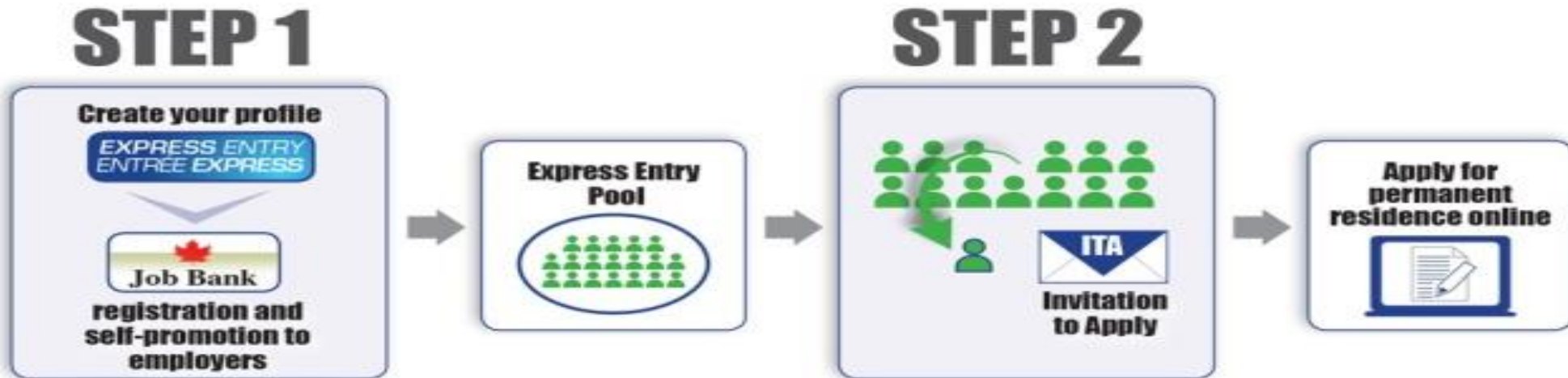
# Pathway to permanent residence through Express Entry



# EXPRESS ENTRY



- Online system that manages expressions of interest in becoming a permanent resident of Canada
- Must meet minimum requirements to create a profile
- Your profile will be given a score and ranked against other candidates
- Creating a profile is free



# Pathway to permanent residence through Express Entry



**Express Entry** is your first step to immigrate permanently as a skilled worker under:



Federal Skilled Worker  
Program (FSW)



Federal Skilled Trades  
Program (FST)



Canadian Experience  
Class (CEC)



A portion of the  
Provincial Nominee  
Program (PNP)

- Only skilled work experience (NOC 0, A, B) qualifies for Express Entry
- Pass an approved language test — results must be **less than two years old** when you
  - complete your Express Entry profile, **and**
  - apply for permanent residence

# Minimum eligibility criteria for Express Entry



## Federal Skilled Worker Program

At least 1 year continuous skilled work experience (in Canada or elsewhere)

Official Language Proficiency (CLB 7)

Secondary education or above (supported by ECA)

At least 67 points in the Federal Skilled Worker points grid



## Federal Skilled Trades Program

At least 2 years work experience in a skilled trade

Official Language Proficiency (CLB 4-5)

Meet the job requirements of that trade described in the NOC

Full-time employment offer or trade certification from a Canadian province or territory



## Canadian Experience Class

At least 12 months skilled work experience (in Canada)

Official Language Proficiency (CLB 7 for NOC 0, A; CLB 5 for NOC B)

Secondary education or above (supported by an ECA)

**Provincial / Territorial Nominee Programs**



# Minimum work experience requirement



## Federal Skilled Worker Program

**1 year** of **continuous** work in **one** skilled occupation

Experience while studying *can* count

Experience through self-employment *can* count



## Federal Skilled Trades Program

**2 years** of work in an eligible skilled trade

Experience while studying *can* count

Experience through self-employment *can* count



## Canadian Experience Class

**1 year** of work in Canada in **any** skilled occupation

Unauthorized work does **not** count

Experience during full-time study does **not** count

Experience through self-employment does **not** count

**Full-time:** 30 hours/week for 12 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours), or

**Part-time:** 15 hours/week for 24 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)

**More than 1 job:** 30 hours/week for 12 months at more than 1 job = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)

# Express Entry is a step-by-step process

## Step 1: Create your Express Entry Profile



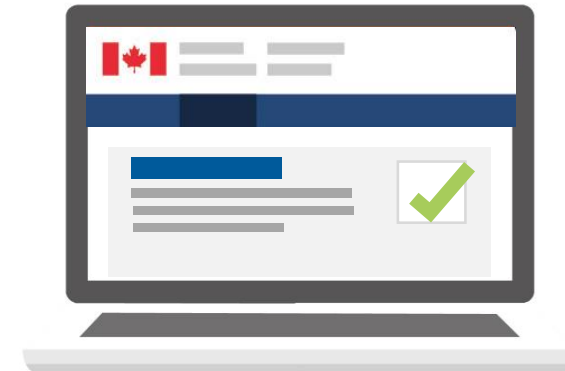
## Express Entry Pool



## Step 2: Receive an Invitation to Apply



## Apply for Permanent Residence Online



# Express Entry profile

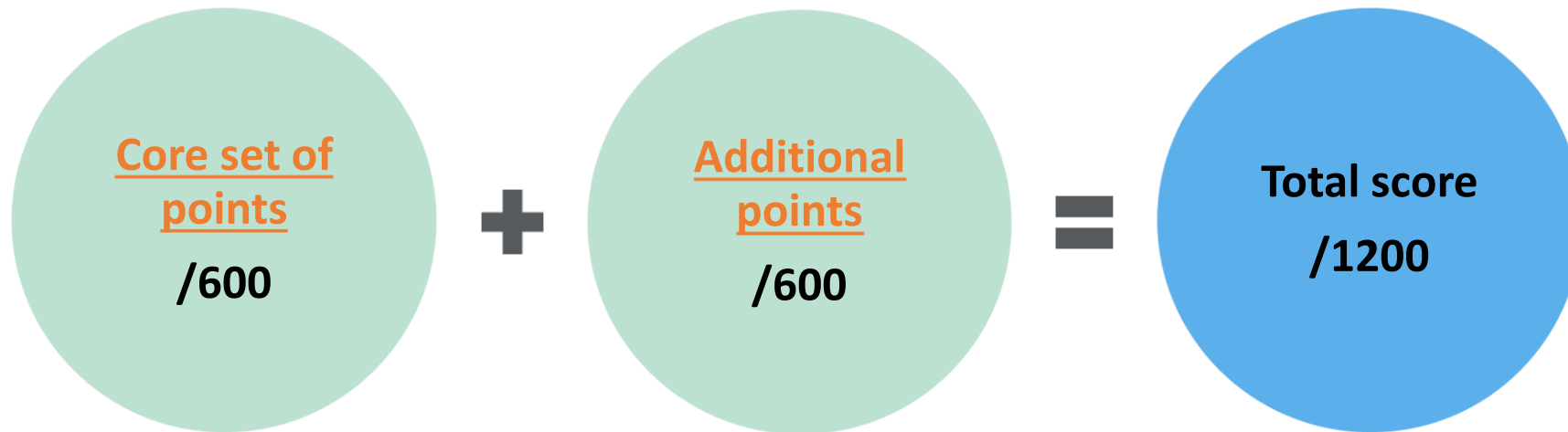
## IMPORTANT

- Profile is valid for one year
- Keep it up-to-date
- There are no guarantees
- Be truthful



# Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS)

Comprehensive Ranking System  
Calculator Tool



## Invitation to Apply (ITA):

- Issued to the **highest scoring candidates** in the Express Entry pool in each invitation round
- **Minimum CRS score for ITA on September 30, 2020: 471**

# CRS: Maximum points for each factor

<b>Core Human Capital Factors</b>	<b>Single 500</b>	<b>Spouse 460</b>
Age	110	100
Education	150	140
1 <sup>st</sup> Official Language	136	128
2 <sup>nd</sup> Official Language	24	22
Canadian work experience	80	70
<b>Spouse Factors</b>	<b>40</b>	
Education	10	
1 <sup>st</sup> Official Language	20	
Canadian work experience	10	

<b>Skill Transferability</b>	<b>100 points max</b>
Education (with OL or CDN exp)	50
Foreign work experience (with OL or CDN exp)	50
Qualification cert (with OL)	50
<b>Additional Points</b>	<b>600 points max</b>
Provincial Nomination	600
Valid job offer	200 (max)
Canadian Education	30 (max)
French proficiency	50 (max)
Siblings in Canada	15 (max)

**Total: 1200 points max**

# CRS additional points: Canada's official languages

- ★ French test results at NCL 7 in all four abilities: **25 additional points**
- ★ French test results of NCL 7 in all four abilities + English test results at CLB 5 or higher: **50 additional points**



*Parlez-vous français?*

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to learn about Francophone life across Canada

# Apply for permanent residence online after receiving an ITA

## A Complete Application Requires:

- ☐ Electronic application for permanent residence (e-APR)
- ☐ Cost recovery fees
- ☐ Supporting documentation

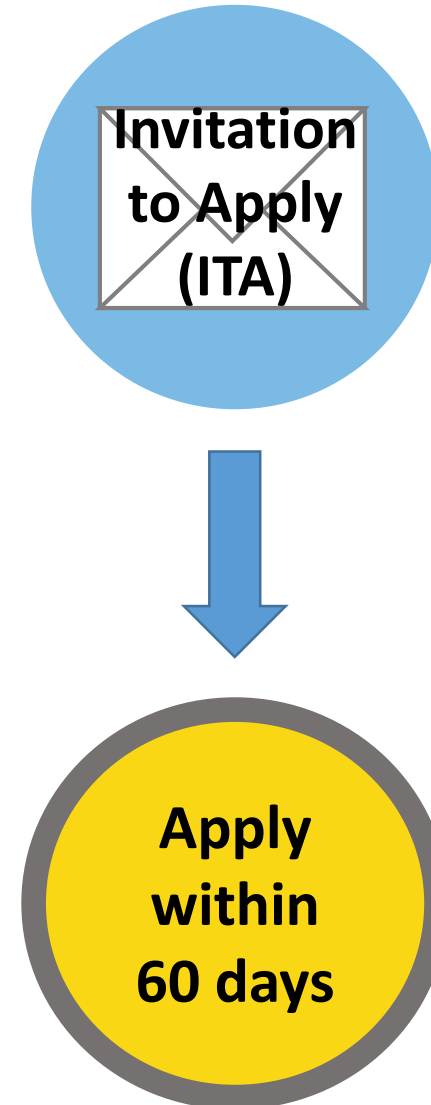
## Personalized Document Checklist

- ☐ Medical examination confirmation
- ☐ Police certificates
- ☐ Biometrics
- ☐ Copy of the biographical data page of a passport or travel document
- ☐ Proof of work experience
- ☐ Other documents as required

## For Complete Applications:

We verify all eligibility and admissibility criteria

We process them in six months or less, 80% of the time



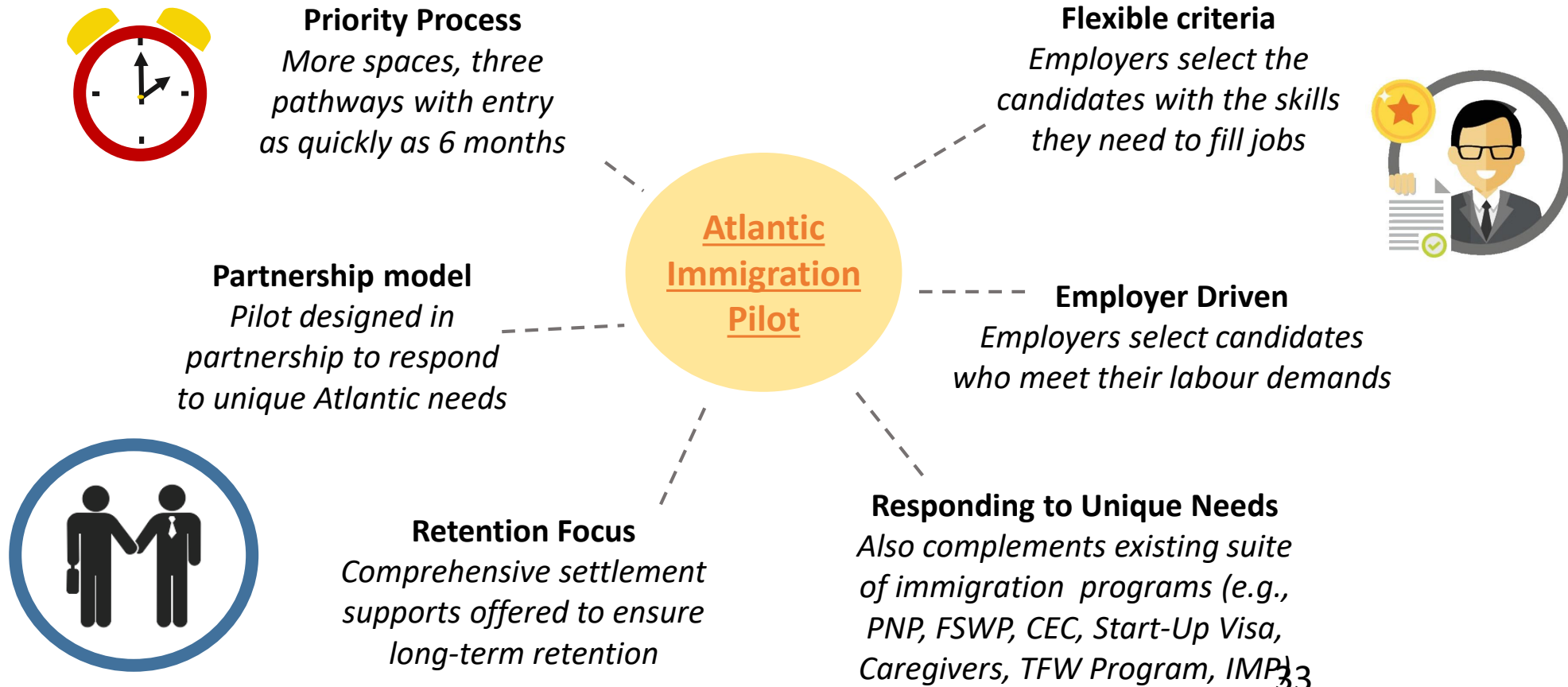
# Pathway to permanent residence through the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program





# Key features of the Atlantic Immigration Pilot

The Pilot is the first immigration program of its kind to help address unique needs and test new immigration approaches in Atlantic Canada



# Atlantic Immigration Pilot Process



**Provinces designate  
employers**



**Employers  
identify  
candidates**



**Provinces issue  
endorsements**



**Candidates submit  
immigration applications**

**Work permit  
(optional)**

**Permanent  
Residence**

# Atlantic Immigration Pilot: Minimum Selection Criteria



## Atlantic High-Skilled Program

Work Experience: 1 year in a **NOC 0, A or B** occupation

Job Offer: 1 year in a **NOC 0, A or B** occupation

High school graduation or higher

Official Language Proficiency (CLB 4 or NCLC 4)



## Atlantic Intermediate-Skilled Program

Work Experience: 1 year in a **NOC C** occupation

Job Offer: 1 year in a **NOC C** occupation

High school graduation or higher

Official Language Proficiency (CLB 4 or NCLC 4)



## Atlantic International Graduate Program

No work experience required

Job Offer: Full-time, one-year contract in a **NOC 0, A, B, or C** occupation

2 year post-secondary diploma from publicly funded institution in Atlantic region

Official Language Proficiency (CLB 4 or NCLC 4)

# How Much Money do I Need?

## Application Fee



**\$825**

Principal applicant



**\$825**

Spouse/partner



**\$225**

Dependent child

**Fee is for processing  
and is non-refundable**

## Right of Permanent Residence Fee



**\$500**

Principal applicant



**\$500**

Spouse/partner

**Refundable if you withdraw  
or we refuse your application**

## Proof of Funds



**\$12,960 (EE) / \$ 3,240 (AIP)**

Family of 1



**\$16,135 (EE) / \$4,034 (AIP)**

Family of 2



**\$19,836 (EE) / \$4,959 (AIP)**

Family of 3



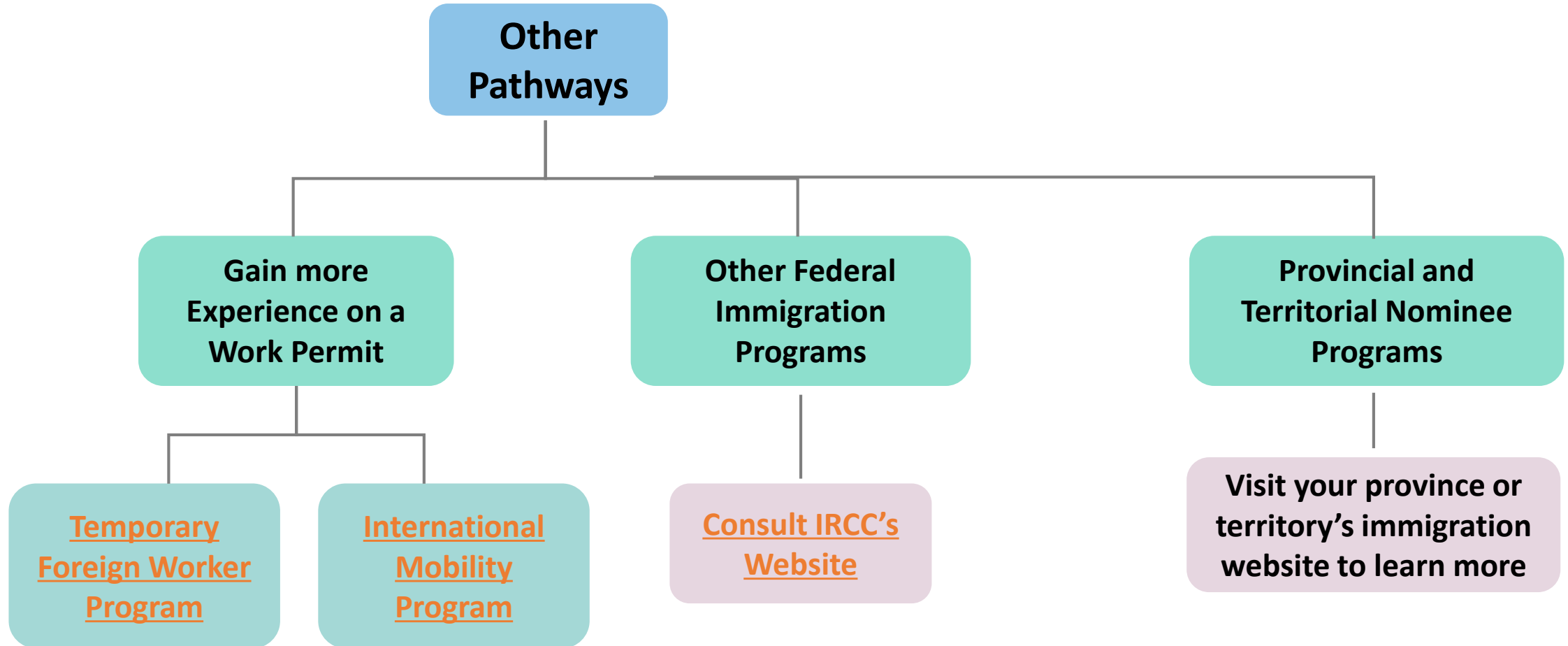
**\$24,083 (EE) / \$6,021 (AIP)**

Family of 4

EE: FSW and FST only; exemption if you have a valid job offer.

AIP: Exemption if living and working in Canada with a valid work permit

# If you are not eligible for Express Entry or the Atlantic Immigration Pilot



# How immigration applications are affected

We're still accepting most permanent resident applications. Unfortunately, our ability to review and process them is being affected by COVID-19.

We can't currently estimate any processing times.



If you apply, you still need to submit a complete application. If you can't get some of these documents right now, you should wait to apply until you can get them.

If you already applied for a document but it's delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you can send proof that you're trying to get it (like a receipt).

# How immigration applications are affected

You now have **90 days** to submit your Express Entry application after you've received your invitation to apply (rather than 60 days).

If you are missing documents (such as police certificates, biometrics, passports and medical exams)

- we won't close or refuse any applications in progress
- we'll automatically give you **extra time** to send us the documents
- we'll keep extending the deadline until you can get the documents

## For more information

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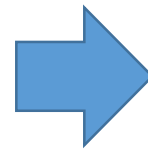
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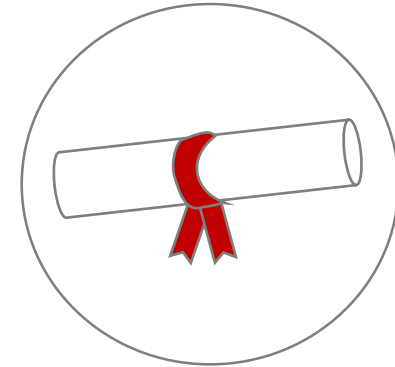
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# Annex

# CRS additional points: Education completed in Canada

- ★ Diploma or certificate (1 or 2 years): **15 points**
- ★ Degree, diploma or certificate (3 years or longer), Master's, entry-to-practice professional degree, or doctoral degree (minimum one academic year): **30 points**
- ! You must have completed the studies at a Designated Learning Institution (DLI)
- ! Each educational program needs to be entered separately into the Express Entry profile



# CRS Additional Points: Sibling in Canada



★ A sibling who is a Canadian permanent resident or citizen, is residing in Canada, and is at least 18 years old: **15 points**

- *Sibling* = the biological or adoptive children of candidate or accompanying spouse's
  - father or mother
  - father or mother's spouse
  - father or mother's common-law partner

# CRS additional points: Provincial/Territorial Nomination

## ★ Provincial/Territorial Nomination (PNP): **600 points**

- Candidates nominated under the Express Entry stream of a provincial or territorial nominee program
- Criteria and streams differ across the country



- ! To go through an Express Entry stream of a PNP you must first meet minimum criteria for 1 of the 3 Federal programs (FSW, FST, CEC)

# CRS additional points: Valid job offer

★ Valid job offer (NOC 00 executive): **200 points**

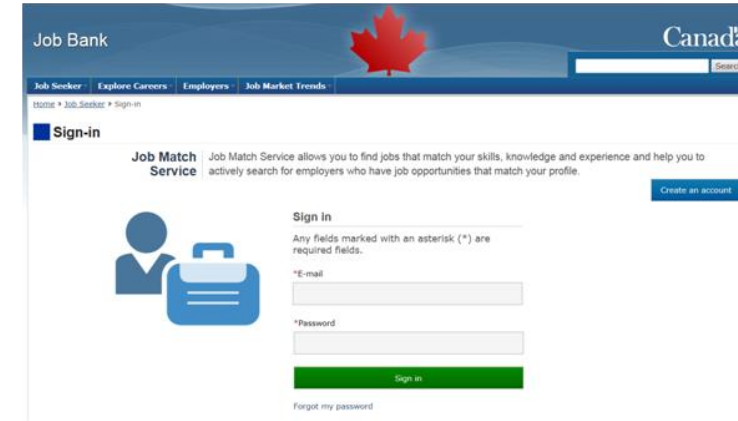
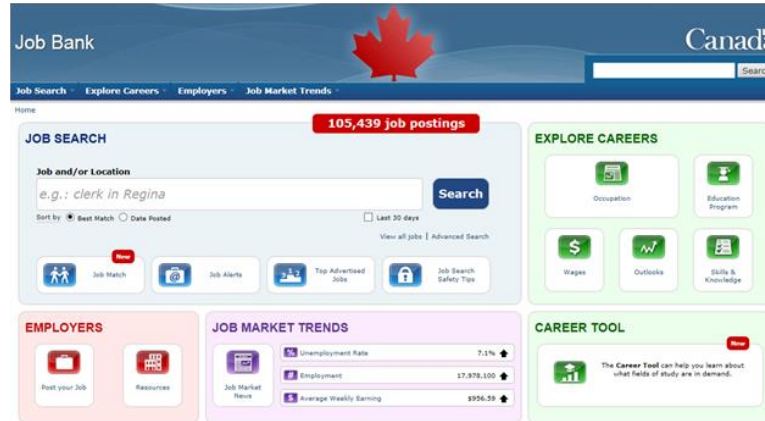
★ Valid job offer (NOC 0, A or B): **50 points**

- Job offer must be:
  - minimum **1 year** once you receive PR;
  - non-seasonal;
  - NOC 0, A, or B; and
  - supported by a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) unless one is not needed



! You can still get points for Canadian work experience without a valid job offer

# Register with Job Bank



- If you do not already have a valid job offer or provincial/territorial nomination, you are encouraged to register with Job Match after creating an Express Entry profile
- Connect with job opportunities in Canada based on your skills, knowledge, and experience: [www.jobbank.gc.ca](http://www.jobbank.gc.ca)