



BC Provincial Nominee Program

# Supporting B.C.'s Childcare Workforce Needs

Immigration Programs Branch Ministry of Municipal Affairs

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## Agenda



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## BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP)

### **General Overview**



### Overview of BC PNP

B.C.'s only direct immigrant selection tool

- BC PNP offers an immigration pathway to support permanent residence of economic immigrants; constitutes 46% of all B.C. economic immigrants.
- Provincial role: criteria design, outreach, assessment and nomination for permanent residence, program integrity (federal government makes final permanent residence decision).
- In 2021, B.C. allotted 6750 nominations

The BC PNP has two immigration streams each with different categories

Skills Immigration (SI)

Entrepreneur Immigration (EI)



### **Current Skills Immigration Categories**

**Skilled Worker** - managers, professionals and skilled tradespeople

**International Graduate** – graduates with a degree, diploma or certificate from an eligible post-secondary institution in Canada. Diplomas and Certificates from private institutions are not eligible

**Health Authority** – workers employed by a B.C. health authority

**International Post Graduate** – graduates with a master's or doctoral degree in the natural, applied or health sciences from a B.C. university.

**Entry-Level and Semi-Skilled** - workers in tourism/hospitality, food processing and long-haul trucking, OR entry level and semi-skilled workers who are residing in the Northeast Development Region of the province

Certain occupations, such as Early Childhood Educators, are not standalone categories





## Eligibility Requirements for

## **Early Childhood Educators**



## General Skills Immigration Program Requirements

- Indeterminate, full-time job offer with eligible employer
- Must be qualified for the offered position
  - o i.e. education, experience, certified/licensed
- Meet minimum language proficiency of CLB 4
- Meet wage and income requirements



## **Certification Requirements**

Certification is required to work as an Early Childhood Educator in B.C.





## Minimum Language Requirements

- Minimum requirement of CLB 4 or higher
- English (IELTS, CELPIP) or French (TEF, TCF) accepted

Minimum Language Test Scores Required							
	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking			
IELTS	4.5	3.5	4.0	4.0			
CELPIP	4	4	4	4			
TEF	145	121	181	181			
TCF	331	342	4	4			



## Wage Requirements

- The offered wage must be at market rate and comparable to the rate paid to workers with a similar level of experience and training
- For examples of market wage rates by occupation, please visit: www.jobbank.gc.ca/trend-analysis





### Minimum Income Requirements

### Ability to Economically Establish

Family Income Threshold by Area of Residence						
Size of Family	Metro Vancouver Regional <u>District</u>	Rest of B.C.				
1	\$26,426	\$22,024				
2	\$32,899	\$27,418				
3	\$40,445	\$33,706				
4	\$49,106	\$40,925				
5	\$55,695	\$46,416				
6	\$62,814	\$52,350				
7 or more	\$69,935	\$58,284				

The income thresholds in this table represent 100% of an amount calculated from the 2019 Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) figures set by Statistics Canada.



## Skilled Worker category

- Designed for experienced professionals
- Must have a minimum of two years of skilled work experience within the past 10 years
- Open to all occupations



## International Graduate category

- Designed to retain recent graduates from Canadian post-secondary institutions
- Must have graduated within the past 3 years
- Programs of study must have at least 8 months (two semesters) of full-time equivalent coursework.



## Who can support an application to the BC PNP?

#### **Employer Requirements**

- Established in British Columbia
  - Minimum 1 year in business
  - Has 5 employees (3 if outside Metro Vancouver)
- Valid licence from appropriate governing body
- Offered indeterminate, full-time job
- Satisfied recruitment requirements

#### **Employer Responsibilities**

- Accuracy of employer documents and info sections of the online application
- Notify of changes in the employment status or if the business has closed or changed ownership



## Licensing Requirement

#### Your employer must have:

- a valid municipal business license that allows your employer and their employees to engage in business at a fixed location in B.C.
- confirmation from the appropriate governing body, such as a public health authority, that demonstrates your employer is approved to operate.



## Recruitment Requirements

The employer must demonstrate that genuine and bona fide efforts were made to recruit from the local labour market, and that hiring a foreign worker will not adversely affect employment or development opportunities for local candidates (Canadian citizens and/or permanent residents).





## **Skills Immigration**

## **Application Process**



## Targeted Draws for the 'Care Economy'





## Registration Scoring

Economic Factors	110	Human Capital Factors	80
NOC	60	Language	30
Wage	50	Work experience	25
Location	10	Education	25
Additional Points		Additional Points	
NOC 00	15	1year of directly-related work experience in Canada	10
		Post-secondary education in Canada	8
Currently working in offered position		ECA or trades certification	4

For information about ITAs, visit: <a href="https://www.welcomebc.ca/Immigrate-to-B-C/B-C-Provincial-Nominee-Program/Invitations-to-Apply">www.welcomebc.ca/Immigrate-to-B-C/B-C-Provincial-Nominee-Program/Invitations-to-Apply</a>



## **Invitations To Apply**



Before 2015:

First-in, Firstout 2015:

EOI System introduced

2017:

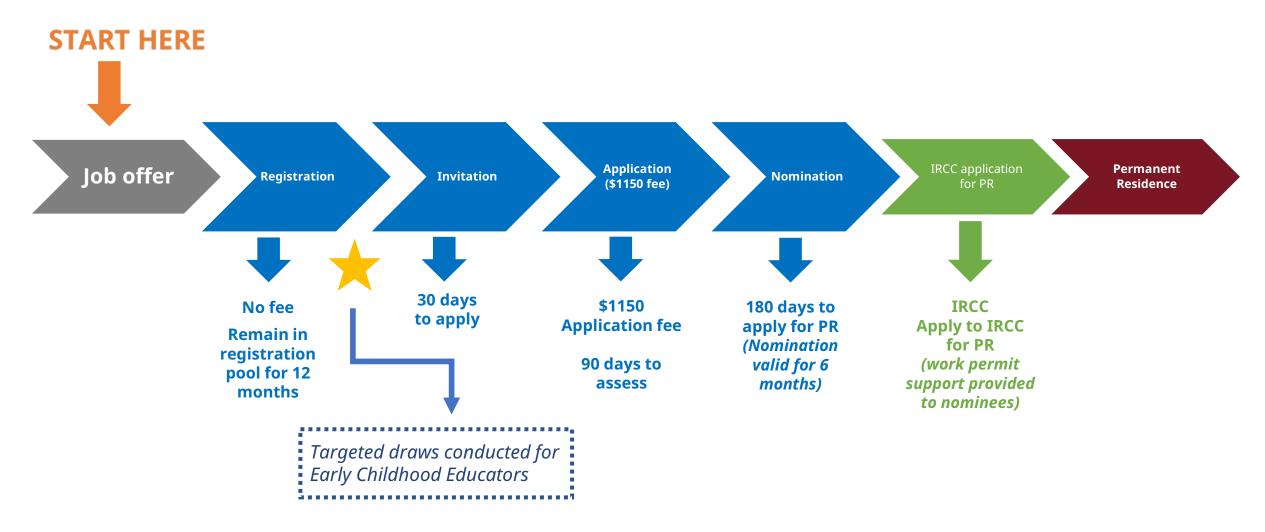
General ITAs & Tech Pilot

2022:

General & Targeted ITAs



## **Skills Immigration Stream Process**





### For more information



### Contact BC PNP staff with any questions

Employers: PNPConcierge@gov.bc.ca

Applicants: <a href="mailto:PNPInfo@gov.bc.ca">PNPInfo@gov.bc.ca</a>

Resources are available at www.WelcomeBC.ca/pnp

