



CANADA

EXPRESS ENTRY
PERMANENT RESIDENCY
PROGRAM SUMMARY

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CANADA EXPRESS ENTRY PERMANENT RESIDENCY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Express Entry is the fastest and most popular pathway for individuals who have the skills and potential to live in Canada. The program organizes and processes applications for people who wish to immigrate to Canada and acquire Canadian permanent residency.

PROCESSING TIME

6 months

FAMILY

Spouse and dependent children may be included in your application.

LIFESTYLE BENEFITS

Ability to live, work, start a business and study in Canada

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

To maintain permanent residency status, you must be physically present in Canada for at least 730 days (2 years) in every 5 year period

CITIZENSHIP ELIGIBILITY

After a minimum of 5 years of permanent residency. You must have been physically present in Canada or at least 1,095 days (3 years) of the five year period prior to applying for citizenship.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

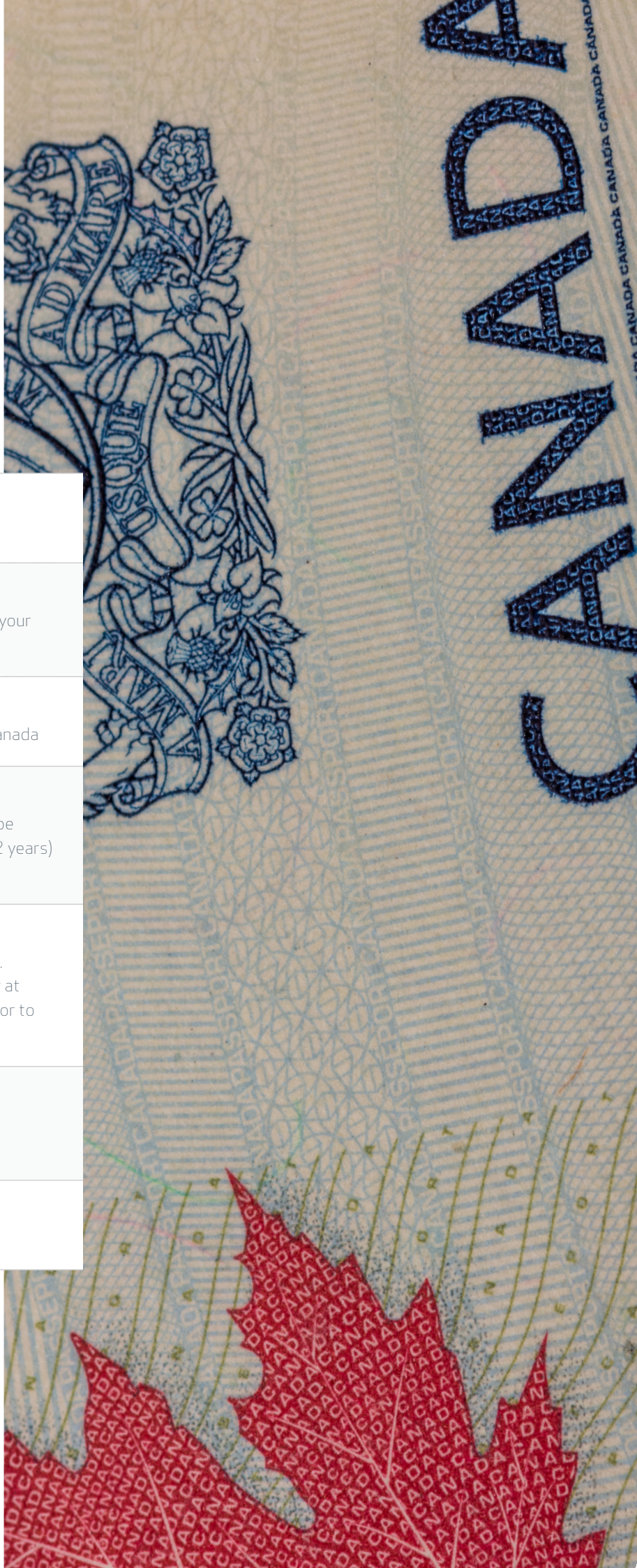
Must show that you can speak and listen at a minimum of Canadian Language Benchmark CLB7.

DUAL CITIZENSHIP

Permitted

Please Note:

Processing time is a guideline only and is based on estimates provided by the federal government. You may be required to provide biometrics as part of your application. Processing time includes the time you need to obtain your biometrics.



Candidates with university or college degrees with skilled work experience and moderate proficiency in English and/or French are ideal candidates to submit an application under the Express Entry program to immigrate to Canada.

ELIGIBILITY

1 HAVE A QUALIFYING EDUCATION

An Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) for immigration purposes from a designated organization showing that your education is equal to a completed certificate, diploma or degree from Canada.

2 MEET THE LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The ability to communicate and work in English, French or both will help you to succeed in Canada. You must take a language test from an approved agency and meet the Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) 7 in either English or French or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) minimum score of 7. The results must be included with your application.

Your language tests are valid for 2 years after the date of the test result. They must be valid on the day you apply for permanent residence.

3 MEET THE WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Skilled work experience means that you've worked in 1 of these National Occupational Classification (NOC) job groups: Managerial jobs (skill type O), Professional jobs (skill level A), Technical jobs and skilled trades (skill level B). Your skilled work experience must be:

- within the last 10 years
- paid work (have been paid wages or earned commission—volunteer work or unpaid internships don't count)
- at least 1 year of continuous work or 1,560 hours total (30 hours per week).

4 BRING ENOUGH MONEY TO SETTLE

You will need to supply proof that you have enough money to support yourself and your dependents after you arrive in Canada.

IDEAL EXPRESS ENTRY CANDIDATE

There is no one-size-fits-all type of profile that is eligible for Express Entry. Candidates who enter the pool receive a comprehensive ranking system (CRS) score. Those who rank higher, are more likely to receive an invitation to apply. Selection factors that can influence your CRS score are language proficiency, age, level of work experience, education, and Canadian connections.

Ideal candidates would meet the following requirements:

- Be under 35 years old
- Hold at least Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree
- Have at least three years of skilled work experience.
- Be able to demonstrate moderate to high English and/or French language proficiency (Canadian Language Benchmark [CLB] level 7 or higher)

Other factors that can boost your CRS score:

- Higher language proficiency in English and/or French
- A Master's degree or Ph.D. education
- A nomination from a provincial nominee program

CANADA EXPRESS ENTRY PERMANENT RESIDENCY PROCESS

The Government of Canada regularly issues Invitations to Apply (ITAs) for Canadian permanent residence to the highest-ranked candidates through draws from the pool.

STAGE 1: EDUCATION EVALUATION CREDENTIALS

You must gather a report from a designated organization showing that your education is equal to a completed certificate, diploma or degree from Canada. **The report takes about 35 days to complete.**

STAGE 2: SUBMIT AN EXPRESS ENTRY PROFILE

If you want to come to Canada as a skilled immigrant, you must first submit your profile to the Express Entry pool. Individuals are then granted points based on education and qualifications.

Individuals with a PNP Certificate are automatically granted 600 points to add to their Express Entry Core of 300-500 points. The PNP certificate gives applicants an Express Entry score of 900+ which is significantly higher than the current cutoff selection score of 400-500 points.

STAGE 3: INVITATION TO APPLY

Once you receive an invitation to apply, **you have 60 days to submit your application for permanent residence.** You'll need to show proof of the information you provided in your Express Entry profile. You must also show that you have enough money for you and your family to settle in Canada.

STAGE 4: PRE-ARRIVAL TO CANADA

Once your application is approved, you will receive a Confirmation of Permanent Residence (COPR) and a Permanent Resident Visa (if you're from a country that requires a visa).

DEPENDENTS

To include dependent family members you must give proof that you can support them and yourself after you arrive in Canada. The amount you need depends on the size of your family.

# of Dependents	Funds Required (CAD)
1	\$15,263
2	\$19,001
3	\$23,360
4	\$28,362
5	\$32,168
6	\$36,280
7	\$40,392
Each additional	\$4,112

PROCESSING FEES

- Main Applicant - \$950
- Spouse - \$950
- Children (21 years of age and under) - \$260

RIGHT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE FEE

- Main Applicant - \$575
- Spouse - \$575

BIOMETRIC FEES

- Single Applicant - \$85
- Family - \$170

THIRD PARTY FEES

Depending on your situation, you may be required to pay for third party services, such as:

- medical exams
- police certificates
- language testing



ABOUT CANADA

Canada is a large, diverse country known for its welcoming attitude and beautiful nature. Canada is one of the most scenic countries in the world, full of picturesque forests, mountains, and lakes with beautiful landscapes almost everywhere you look.

Canada also takes pride in its multi-culturalism calling it a 'Mosaic' - brightly colored bits of ethnicity, culture, racial identity and language living side by side, coming together to create a beautiful piece of art.

LOCATION: North America

CAPITAL: Ottawa

TOTAL AREA: 9,984,670 sq km

TIME DIFFERENCE: UTC -3:30 (East), UTC -8 (West)

LANGUAGE: English (Official) and French (Official)

GOVERNMENT TYPE: Federal Parliamentary Democracy

CURRENCY: Canadian Dollar

GDP (PER CAPITA): \$54,000 (USD)

POPULATION: 41,000,000

AGE STRUCTURE:

0-14 years:	15.43%
15-24 years:	11.62%
25-54 years:	39.62%
55-64 years:	14.24%
65+ years:	19.08%

GLOBAL RANKINGS

Rank 10 - UNDP Human Development Index
Rank 6 - Passport Power Index (2019)
Rank 7 - World Happiness Report (2018)
Rank 14 - Global Competitiveness Index
Rank 9 - Index of Economic Freedom
Rank 18 - Ease of Doing Business (2018)

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

United Nations (UN) and Specialized Agencies
Group of 7 (G7)
World Trade Organization (WTO)
Commonwealth of Nations
The International Monetary Fund (IMF)
World Health Organization (WHO)

One of the many benefits of the Express Entry Program is that those who physically reside in Canada under the program have the opportunity to apply for citizenship.

CITIZENSHIP PROCESS

To be eligible to become a Canadian citizen:

PHYSICAL RESIDENCY - Must have been physically resident in Canada for at least 1095 days during the 5 year period prior to applying.

INCOME TAX - Must have filed income taxes in Canada for at least 3 years of the 5 year period prior to applying.

LANGUAGE SKILLS - If you are aged 18 to 54 years of age, you must show that you can speak and listen at a minimum of Canadian Language Benchmark Level 4.

CANADIAN KNOWLEDGE - If you are 18 to 54 years of age, you need to take a citizenship test demonstrating knowledge of history, geography, economy, government, laws and symbols.

These guidelines allow for an incredible opportunity for applicants. Beyond the opportunity to reside in Canada, there is a clear path to citizenship, in just over 5 years.

BENEFITS OF CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

The right to live, work and start a business in Canada.

The ability to travel visa-free to 166 countries including the United States, UK, European Union and UAE.

Citizenship can be passed on to your children whether born in Canada or internationally.

You are eligible for social benefits, such as health care and education

As a permanent resident, you are required to be physically present in Canada for at least 730 days in every 5 year period to maintain your status. But as a citizen, there are no residency requirements. You are free to leave and re-enter Canada at will.

VISA-FREE TRAVEL TO 166 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

AMERICAS

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba*
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay*
- Peru
- Saint Kitts & Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
- Suriname*
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United States of America
- Uruguay

AFRICA

- Angola*
- Botswana
- Burkina Faso*
- Cape Verde*
- Comoros**
- Cote d'Ivoire**
- Djibouti*
- Egypt*
- Eswatini
- Ethiopia*
- Gabon*
- Gambia
- Guinea-Bissau*
- Kenya*
- Lesotho
- Madagascar*
- Malawi*
- Mauritania*
- Mauritius
- Morocco
- Mozambique*
- Namibia
- Nigeria*
- Rwanda*
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Senegal
- Seychelles*
- Somalia*
- South Africa
- Tanzania*
- Togo*
- Tunisia
- Uganda*
- Zambia*
- Zimbabwe*

ASIA

- Bangladesh*
- Brunei
- Cambodia*
- Hong Kong
- India**
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos*
- Macao
- Malaysia
- Maldives*
- Mongolia
- Myanmar (Burma)*
- Nepal*
- Palestinian Territories
- Philippines
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Sri Lanka
- Taiwan
- Tajikistan*
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste*
- Uzbekistan
- Vietnam*

MIDDLE EAST

- Bahrain*
- Israel
- Jordan*
- Kuwait*
- Lebanon*
- Oman*

- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia*
- Turkey*
- United Arab Emirates

EUROPE

- Albania
- Andorra
- Armenia*
- Austria
- Azerbaijan*
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Kosovo
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Moldova

- Monaco
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- San Marino
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- Vatican City

OCEANIA

- Australia**
- Fiji
- Kiribati
- Marshall Islands*
- Micronesia
- New Zealand
- Palau*
- Papua New Guinea*
- Samoa*
- Solomon Islands*
- Tonga*
- Tuvalu*
- Vanuatu

The Canadian passport is ranked 6th in the world ***

* Visa on Arrival ** E-Visa Required *** Ranking based on Arton Passport Index (2019).

ABOUT ELEVAY

WHO ARE WE?

WE ARE CITIZENSHIP AND RESIDENCY PLANNERS COMMITTED TO EXPANDING YOUR FREEDOM

Our name is inspired by the French word *Élevé*, meaning 'to rise' or 'to elevate'. We are a company dedicated to helping elevate our clients; to connect with the world on their own terms, secure their children's future, diversify their investments and conserve their wealth.

We are a Dubai-based international organization that has 25+ years of experience in navigating the complex citizenship and residency by investment process on behalf of hundreds of highly satisfied clients.

We help our clients to achieve the freedom that they've always dreamed of, unlocking the doors to a life with fewer boundaries and more opportunities that can sometimes only come with the right citizenship and passport.

But this isn't all we do, through years of helping people to get where they want to be, we have also expanded our services and the countries in which we work, delivering on our promise of a world class, reliable service to more people than ever before.

WHAT DO WE PROVIDE?

A highly refined and proven system for processing the volume of documentation necessary with zero margin for error.

A well-established network of legal, immigration and real estate professionals, on the ground in the majority of places where the very best programs are offered.

An established culture of going the extra mile for our clients and a real understanding for the trust they place in us.

A firm belief that rather than just a product or service we are assisting people to change and improve their lives forever.

APPENDIX A

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS*

Please note that the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) might request additional documents/information that we have not listed.

BIOMETRICS

In most cases, you must pay a biometrics fee when you submit your application, even if you gave your biometrics in the past for another application. The biometrics fee covers the cost of collecting fingerprints and a digital photo.

After you pay the biometrics fee with a complete application, you will receive a letter confirming that you need to give your biometrics and where you can go. You must show this letter when you give your biometrics. You have 30 days to do this from the date of on the letter.

MEDICAL EXAMS

You must have a medical exam before you come to Canada. Your family members must also have one, even if they aren't coming with you.

Your application will be rejected if:

- your health is a danger to Canada's public health or safety; or
- your health would cause too great a demand on health or social services in Canada.

Elevay warrants that all information contained in this document was accurate at the time it was originally published but as changes do occur which are beyond our control we cannot guarantee the same level of accuracy beyond the publication date.

Here is a list of required documents which must be included with your application:

1. Travel documents and passports

Copy of the pages of your passport or travel documents for you, your spouse or common-law partner and your dependent children, showing:

- the passport number
- date of issue and expiry
- the photo, name, date and place of birth
- pages showing any amendments in name, date of birth, expiration, etc.

You must hold a valid regular passport. Diplomatic, official, service or public affairs passports are **not valid** for immigration to Canada. If you live in a country or territory other than your country or territory of nationality, include a photocopy of your visa for the country or territory in which you currently live.

2. Proof of language proficiency

You must take a language test from an approved agency and meet the Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) 5 in either English or French or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) minimum score of 5.

3. Identity and Civil Documents

You must provide the following documents for you and your spouse or common-law partner.

- Birth Certificates
- Legal documents showing name or date of birth changes (if applicable)
- Marriage certificate(s), final divorce or annulment certificate(s). If married more than once, include certificates from each marriage and divorce or annulment you, your spouse or common-law partner have had.
- Death certificate for former spouse(s) or common-law partner(s) (if applicable)
- National IDs, family/household registry/book (if applicable)
- If you have a common-law partner, complete and include the Statutory Declaration of Common-Law Union (**IMM 5409 - original**) and provide evidence that you have cohabited with your partner for a period of at least 12 continuous months. Provide the following documents listing both your names, for example:
 - copies of joint bank account statements
 - copies of leases
 - utility bills, etc.

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APPLICATION DOCUMENTS (CONT'D)

CONFIRMATION OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE

When your application is approved, you will be issued a permanent resident visa. This visa includes your Confirmation of Permanent Residence (COPR) and your entry visa. You must have these items with you when you arrive in Canada.

PREPARE TO ARRIVE

If you are already in Canada, you will need to have a short interview with an immigration officer. The officer will make sure all documents are valid, ensure you still meet the terms to immigrate to Canada and confirm your Canadian mailing address to send your Permanent Resident Card.

If you're outside of Canada, you will be greeted by an officer of the Canada Border Services Agency. You must have a valid passport and/or travel documents, a valid permanent resident visa and your Confirmation of Permanent Residence, and proof that you have enough money to support yourself and your family.

DISCLOSURE OF FUNDS

If you arrive in Canada with more than \$10,000 CAD, you must tell this to the CBSA officer. This includes cash, securities, bankers' drafts, cheques, travellers' cheques and money orders.

4. Children's Information (if applicable)

- Children's birth certificates (which name their parents)
- Adoption papers issued by recognized national authorities showing the legal, approved adoption of adopted dependent children
- Proof of full custody for children under the age of 18 and proof that the children may be removed from the jurisdiction of the court
- If the other parent of your children is not accompanying you to Canada, you must submit a signed Statutory Declaration from Non-Accompanying Parent/Guardian for Minors Immigrating to Canada (**IMM 5604 - original**). You must submit one form for **each** child and a copy of the non-accompanying parent's photo ID showing their signature.
- You must submit proof if the child is 19 years of age or older and depends substantially on the financial support of the parent since before the age of 19 and is unable to be financially self-supporting due to a physical or mental condition.

5. Police Certificates and Clearances

You must get a police certificate from each country or territory where you have lived for six or more months in a row since the age of 18. You are strongly encouraged to submit your police certificates with your application to the CIO. If you are unable to obtain all the necessary police certificates, you may still send your application to the CIO without them. However, we strongly recommend that you take steps to obtain your police certificates **now** to avoid future delays. You must be ready to submit them when requested by an officer.

Note: Police certificates are generally considered to be valid for one year from date of issue; therefore depending on the processing time of your application, you may be requested to submit new certificates.

6. Photo Requirements

Include **two (2) photos** for each member of your family, whether accompanying or not, and yourself. Follow the instructions provided in "**Important tips for photography used in your application**".

On the **back of one (1) of the photographs**, write the name of the person who appears in the photo as well as the date the photo was taken. Leave the other photograph blank.

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APPLICATION DOCUMENTS (CONT'D)



IMPORTANT TIPS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY USED IN YOUR APPLICATION

A full front and close up view of the head and shoulders with the head taking up 70% to 80% of the photograph

Must be taken without sunglasses. Tinted prescription glasses may be worn as long as the eyes are still visible

Must show you looking straight at camera, your eyes open, no hair in your eyes and without anything covering part of your head

Must be taken with a neutral expression (not laughing or frowning) with your mouth closed

Must be a true image and not altered in any way, with a plain, white background, clear, sharp and in focus

Approximately 35 x 45 mm in size, of good quality, in colour and on high quality paper

Each photo must be the same in all aspects

Photo must have been taken within the last 6 months

7. Settlement Funds and Proof of Net Worth

Provide proof of readily transferable funds in a convertible currency available for settlement in Canada.

- current bank certification letter; or
- evidence of savings balance; or
- fixed or time deposit statements

In addition, you may be required to disclose all assets and liabilities belonging to you and your spouse or common-law partner to establish net worth. Do not provide supporting documents at this point. If necessary, you will be asked to provide supporting documentation later in the process.

8. Business Ownership, Senior Management Experience, and Education Experience

Depending on the province, you may be required to include various documents which show proof of employment, business ownership or educational experience, such as, but not limited to:

- resume
- financial statements
- letter of reference from employers
- copies of applicable degrees, diplomas, or certificates and original transcript in a sealed envelope from the institution.

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