

## CANADIAN IMMIGRATION CATEGORIES (in a nutshell)

<b>Temporary Residence</b> <i>Where and how to apply depends on whether you are from a "visa exempt" or "visa required" country</i>	<b>Permanent Residence</b>	<b>Citizenship</b>
<p><b>VISITORS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tourists: allowed 6 months in any 12-month period (can extend)</li> <li>- Business visitor</li> <li>- Supervisa (parents/g.parents)</li> <li>- Religious worker</li> <li>- "Short term work without a work permit" permit</li> </ul> <p><b>STUDENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International students</li> </ul> <p><b>WORKERS</b></p> <p><b>LMIA-Required work permits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regular LMIA</li> <li>- Global Talent Stream</li> <li>- Owner/Operator LMIA</li> <li>-</li> </ul> <p><b>LMIA-exempt work permits (examples):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provincial Nominees (interim)</li> <li>- Treaty-based (NAFTA, CETA, etc)</li> <li>- Dependents of temporary workers or international students</li> <li>- Working holiday permit/ IEC</li> <li>- Post-Graduation Work Permit</li> <li>- Intra-company Transferees</li> <li>- Significant Benefit Entrepreneur</li> </ul> <p><b>OTHER TEMPORARY STATUS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugee claimants</li> <li>- Deferred removal/deportation</li> </ul>	<p><b>HUMANITARIAN AND REFUGEE CLASSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refugee Resettlement</li> <li>- Inland protected person (refugee)</li> <li>- Humanitarian &amp; Compassionate exemption</li> </ul> <p><b>FAMILY CLASS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- spouse/dependent child</li> <li>- parent/grandparent</li> <li>- lonely Canadian</li> </ul> <p><b>ECONOMIC CLASSES</b></p> <p><b>Federal Programs</b></p> <p>Express Entry – points-based (max 1200):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Federal skilled workers</li> <li>b. Federal skilled trades</li> <li>c. Canadian Experience Class</li> <li>d. Provincial nominees (some go through EE)</li> </ol> <p>Other Federal Programs: Start-Up Visa; Self-employed (rockstar/superstar)</p> <p><b>Provincial Programs (Nova Scotia)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nova Scotia Skilled Worker (24 mos)</li> <li>- Nova Scotia Entrepreneur (3-4 years)</li> <li>- Nova Scotia Experience Express Entry (6 mos after 1 year work in NS)</li> <li>- Atlantic Immigration Pilot (6-9 months)</li> </ul>	<p><b>BY BIRTH</b> – jus soli</p> <p><b>BY NATURALIZATION</b> – 3/5 rule</p> <p><b>BY DESCENT</b> – just sanguinis (Canadian parent – 1<sup>st</sup> gen born abroad only!)</p> <p><b>BY STATUTORY OPERATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For exceptional service</li> <li>- To relieve statelessness</li> </ul>

<p><b>Maintaining temporary residence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- any criminality</li> <li>- medical inadmissibility (unless refugee, protected person or family class)</li> <li>- terms and conditions (activity, location, duration) on permit</li> <li>- implied status</li> </ul>	<p><b>Maintaining permanent residence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- residency obligation (730 days in 5 years)</li> <li>- serious criminality</li> <li>- re-availment (refugees)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Maintaining citizenship:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can only be lost in limited circumstances</li> </ul>
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**Basic Requirements for Permanent Residence in most economic class Immigration programs:**

Completed high school, usually need an ECA (Education Credential Assessment for proof)

1 year work experience in related job in the past 3 or 5 years (self-employed work experience is often not recognized)

English or French (CLB 4, 5 or 7 depending on program and skill level)

1 year work experience in Canada or a full-time job offer (full time = 30 hours per week x 52 weeks) in a semi-skilled or higher occupation

Pass criminal, medical and security checks

No admissibility issues and no inadmissible family members

Meet LICO (low-income cut-off), have some savings

**WHAT IS WORK?**

**DEFINITION:** Work includes any activity which might be considered ‘competitive’ within the Canadian labour market, even if unpaid. For example, if the work might be a valuable work experience for a Canadian student (for example, an internship with a television station or with a high-profile NGO, even if unpaid).

Can I just volunteer and not get paid? (no)

Can I work part time? (no)

Can I just do a trial period unpaid while I am a visitor? (no)

Can I own the business and not be involved in the day-to-day operations? (yes)

Can I hire people to work for me? (yes, as long as you are not entering the Canadian labour market, involved in productive work, day-to-day operations or taking a position away from a Canadian)

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