



The Right Size for Business and Families

With a population of 1.1 million people and with diverse skills and multicultural backgrounds, Manitoba is the perfect size and place to start or purchase a business, and to raise a family. Manitoba's capital city, Winnipeg (population - 685,500), has all the features and facilities of a large metropolitan centre, but with short commuting times and the friendliness of a small town. Business people can access government, business and community leaders, and also enjoy an affordable and active lifestyle.

Excellent Quality of Life

Manitoba boasts among the most affordable high quality housing among major Canadian cities. With many lakes and parks within short distances, affordable recreation for the whole family is available. There is an excellent public health care system, and Manitoba's public education system offers high quality programs covering almost every field. Overall, Manitoba is a safe and secure society, ideal for families, and open to people from all regions of the world.

Manitoba welcomes you...

Manitoba invites you to explore the business-friendly atmosphere and abundant opportunities that await you in our province. We have a history of welcoming newcomers and fully recognize the importance of business immigrants to our province's economic, social and demographic development. Manitoba offers new opportunities for businesses that can expand our manufacturing and service sectors.

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THE MANITOBA PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM FOR BUSINESS



Manitoba, Canada...
**Open for Business
Immigration**

Manitoba

FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR BUSINESS, YOUR FUTURE

Manitoba's Business Advantages

As a province of Canada, Manitoba shares the outstanding quality of life that has inspired the United Nations to name it the best place to live in the world.

Entrepreneurs and other executives also value the province's many business benefits.

Ideal Location

Situated at the heart of North America, Manitoba offers convenient and virtually tariff-free access to the United States and Mexico through a north-south trade corridor. The province is an established transportation and distribution hub with developed industries in transportation equipment, food processing, agricultural equipment, aerospace and more. Our central time zone location and well-developed telecommunications infrastructure make Manitoba ideal for any business requiring regular, reliable contact with customers and suppliers from around the world.

A Diverse & Dynamic Economy

Competitive overall operating costs (as indicated in the KPMG study, "Competitive Alternatives G-7 - 2004 Edition"), a highly skilled and multilingual workforce, and a business-friendly climate have created a stable, balanced and export-oriented economy in Manitoba. Industrial and commercial rental costs, electricity and labor rates are among the lowest in North America.



People helping people...

The Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada share responsibilities regarding business people immigrating to Canada through the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business.

The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business allows Manitoba to recruit and nominate qualified business people from around the world who **have the intent and ability to move to Manitoba** and establish or purchase a business. To qualify for the program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum personal net worth of CDN \$250,000.
- Minimum investment of CDN \$150,000 to start a new business, buy an existing business or invest in and take an active role in the management of a business in Manitoba.
- Minimum 3 years of successful business ownership experience or extensive experience in senior management of a company.
- Have conducted a visit to Manitoba prior to applying to investigate business opportunities and Manitoba's quality of life.



Manitoba would like to accept all applicants who meet the program criteria for nomination. However, our agreement with the Government of Canada limits the number of

immigrants that we may nominate each year. Given this limitation, Manitoba will select the applicants who best meet the qualifications and who offer the most to Manitoba. As we still welcome all business immigrants who arrive in Manitoba, we would encourage you to consider your eligibility to apply under Canada Immigration's Business Immigration Program for entrepreneurs and the self-employed with Manitoba as your destination.

The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business can help...

If you're thinking of moving to Manitoba, we encourage you to contact a Program Officer who will...

- Provide more information about the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business;
- Provide information on the general business environment and many advantages of living and doing business in Manitoba;
- Assist in identifying key business organizations and resources in your industry sector;
- Provide consultation and advice to help the applicant decide the appropriate immigration category and prepare an immigration application.

If you have not already visited Manitoba, an exploratory visit is required to assess our province's business opportunities and to meet with members of our province's business community and explore first hand the many benefits of living in Manitoba.

HOW TO APPLY

How to Apply for the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business

Step #1

Contact the Manitoba Department of Industry, Economic Development & Mines (IEDM) to obtain an Application Kit for the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business. You also have the option of downloading the Application Kit from our website (www.manitoba-canada.com/pnp-b). For information on Manitoba's economy and business opportunities, contact IEDM or visit our website at www.manitoba-canada.com.

Step #2

Submit your application for the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business to IEDM.

Step #3

If your application is accepted for nomination, you will be required to sign a Deposit Agreement (contract) and make a deposit of \$75,000 into a bank account in Manitoba. You will forward your original Federal Immigration Forms and Landing Fees to IEDM. IEDM will then forward the package to the appropriate Canadian Embassy.

Step #4

The Canadian Embassy will review the file, conduct a security and a health check, and may request an interview. Upon favourable results, they will issue your Permanent Visa.

Step #5

Upon arrival in Manitoba, contact IEDM to receive settlement and business information. Once your investment has been verified in the business area you have proposed, your \$75,000 deposit will be returned to you. Any changes to the Deposit Agreement must be discussed and approved by IEDM before proceeding with your business.

CONTACT US FOR ASSISTANCE

Manitoba encourages people from all over the world to settle in our province. We invite you to take advantage of an extensive network of services available to newcomers. The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business allows us to assist you in the immigration process. The Province of Manitoba is committed to help you and your family settle successfully, identify business opportunities and establish your business in the province.

