

Introduction

The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP) is an immigration program. It allows the Government of Manitoba to recruit and assess immigrants who are best suited to contribute to the province's economy and who intend to live and work in Manitoba. The MPNP seeks out potential immigrants who are good candidates for Manitoba but who otherwise may not qualify under Canada's immigration criteria. An applicant nominated by Manitoba should receive favourable and prompt consideration from Citizenship and Immigration Canada as long as they comply with medical and statutory requirements, submitted bona fide documents, or are not proven to have intentions of going to a destination other than Manitoba.

There are two categories of immigrants under the Provincial Nominee Program. One is skilled workers and the other is business immigrants. This application kit has information and forms for business immigrants. Business people who intend to reside in Manitoba and who propose to establish or purchase businesses in Manitoba may apply provided they meet the following requirements:

- Have a minimum of 3 years business experience or management background;
- Are willing to commit adequate funds for a business venture (minimum \$150,000 CDN);
- Have a minimum personal net worth of \$250,000 CDN (Canadian dollars);
- Have conducted a comprehensive exploratory visit to Manitoba prior to submitting the PNP-B application. During your exploratory visit, **an interview with the Business Immigration and Investment Branch is required**. Details regarding the exploratory visit are found in this kit.
- Are able to provide documented assessment of business opportunities in Manitoba and general knowledge of the province;
- Able to provide an outline of their business proposal which can be assessed; and
- If Nominated, will be able to deposit \$75,000 CDN with the Province until their business has been established.

If Nominated You will be Instructed to:

- Sign a deposit agreement (contract) and make a deposit of \$75,000 CDN into a bank account in Manitoba.
- Forward the original Federal Immigration Forms, processing and Right of Permanent Residency fees to the Business Immigration and Investment Branch.
- The Manitoba Department of Labour and Immigration will then forward the package to the appropriate Canadian Visa Office.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) reviews the file, conducts a Security and a Health check, and may request an interview. CIC retains final authority in issuing the Permanent Resident Visa.