

THE NOMINATION PROCESS IS LINKED TO BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

Provincial Nominee candidates receive expedited temporary work permits and can promptly settle in British Columbia with their immediate family members. After conditions on their Performance Agreement are met, candidates will be confirmed as Provincial Nominees and their immigration process (permanent resident status) will be expedited.

There is also a **Strategic Occupations** category, which is used by British Columbia employers, in public or private sectors, facing critical skill shortages. This category is for skilled individuals who have a guaranteed job offer and are qualified to work in selected occupations showing a persistent shortage of qualified workers in British Columbia. Detailed information on this category can be obtained at: www.mcaaws.gov.bc.ca/amip/pnp

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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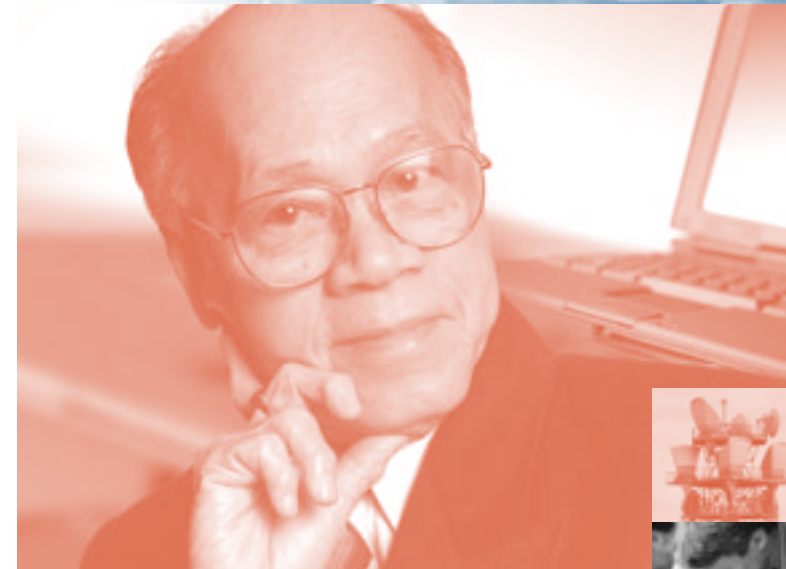
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THE BRITISH COLUMBIA *Provincial Nominee Program*



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BACKGROUND



The British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program was developed to provide British Columbia with a mechanism for increasing economic benefits of immigration to the province. It provides a means by which British Columbia may nominate candidates for immigration who are considered likely to contribute to the economic development and growth of the province and to successfully establish themselves in the province.

The **Business Skills** category is intended to assist people with proven skills and financial resources, who are residing elsewhere than Canada, to rapidly implement plans for business establishment or expansion expected to generate significant economic benefits to the province of British Columbia.

THE QUALIFYING CRITERIA ARE:

- Successful business experience;
- Minimum net worth: CAD\$ 2 million;
- Minimum investment: CAD\$ 800,000;
- Applicant to have a minimum $\frac{1}{3}$ equity;
- Comprehensive business plan;
- Business to create a minimum of 5 new jobs;
- Applicant to have an active management role.

The **Projects** category is designed to assist companies with the timely entry of skilled, key managers and key technical professionals essential to the success of a business expected to generate significant economic benefits to British Columbia.

THE QUALIFYING CRITERIA ARE:

- The company must have a proven record of successful experience in an area relevant to the proposed business;
- New investments or business expansions only (minimum CAD\$ 1 million);
- Key staff presence is essential to the success of the project.



THE APPLICATION PROCESS

BUSINESS SKILLS AND PROJECTS CATEGORIES

- Applicant or sponsoring company submits a Preliminary Information Form: business background and proposed business summary or proposed new investment or expansion and staff requirements.
- If it appears likely that the applicant or company meets program requirements, the applicant will be invited to submit formal application.
- Applicant or company submits formal application and payment of processing fees.
- PNP staff reviews the application and interviews the applicant or company official and key staff.
- A satisfactory Performance Agreement with specific investment activities and time frames is signed.
- Immediate entry and 2-year temporary work permits will be arranged for applicant or key foreign staff and family members.
- Applicant or company implements investment plan according to Performance Agreement. PNP staff monitors progress.
- When conditions on Performance Agreement are met, the Government of British Columbia nominates the applicant and family for permanent residence.
- The Government of Canada issues the permanent resident visas after medical, criminality and security requirements are met.