

Making an Exploratory Visit to Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan offers unlimited opportunities with many advantages for business people interested in establishing a business for themselves and their families in a culturally diverse province with abundant resources and a highly desirable quality of life. A visit to Saskatchewan is your first important and necessary step to applying as an Entrepreneur Immigrant under Saskatchewan's Immigrant Nominee Program.

Prospective immigrants will need to conduct their own assessment of commercial opportunities and will want to become knowledgeable about living conditions and operating a business in our province. For this reason, applicants must conduct an Exploratory Visit to Saskatchewan of at least five days to conduct all necessary research on their business proposal. It will also provide the applicant with confidence about the future success of their business venture.

In order to assist you as much as possible with appointments and referrals, we will require the following background information four weeks prior to your scheduled visit:

- A detailed résumé listing all of your training and education, work history and business activities. Please ensure you provide details on any business(es) you have started as well as on your managerial experience, specifically the various roles and responsibilities that you assumed;
- Copies of the latest financial statements for your business, or for the company for which you work, if available;
- Statement of your [Personal Net Worth](#) detailing your assets, liabilities and net worth.
- An indication of the amount of money you intend to transfer to Saskatchewan for establishing or purchasing a business and for settlement; and
- An indication of the type of business(es) you wish to explore while in Saskatchewan.

The above information will be treated as confidential and will serve to indicate your eligibility for this program. Some applicants may require a visitor visa to make an exploratory visit to Saskatchewan and this information may be used to inform Canadian Embassy officials on the applicant's intent to visit Saskatchewan.

To ensure that your business opportunity is adequately researched and matches your experience and financial capabilities, your itinerary would include:

- A mandatory meeting with a representative from SINP.
- Scheduled meetings as required with a representative from Saskatchewan Industry and Resources, Saskatchewan Regional and Co-operative Development, or other appropriate government agencies, potential business partners or contacts, appropriate industry associations, Regional Economic Development Association and Chambers of Commerce, Community Futures Development Corporations and municipal/rural government representatives.

- Exploring different communities and ascertaining available immigrant services, local schooling, banks and realtors.

Excellent information and advisory services are available at the Canada-Saskatchewan Business Service Centers located in both Regina and Saskatoon. Their Website: www.cbsc.org/sask provides a complete listing of all the resources and assistance available.

Other useful sources of information for applicants are:

- Saskatchewan Industry and Resources Business and Co-operative Development
<http://www.ir.gov.sk.ca/Default.aspx?DN=2951,2936,Documents>
- Saskatchewan Regional Economic Development Authorities
<http://www.ir.gov.sk.ca/Default.aspx?DN=2973,2970,2936,Documents> and
- Saskatchewan Community Futures Development Corporations
<http://www.communityfutures.ca/provincial/sk/locations/browse.index.shtml>

The detailed information you gather during your Exploratory Visit will become important for your business proposal, should you decide to proceed with a formal application.

When you have decided you wish to make an Exploratory Visit to Saskatchewan, please forward the above documents along with the proposed timing of your visit, to the following address:

Government of Saskatchewan
Immigration Branch
Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program, Business Immigration
2nd Floor, 1919 Saskatchewan Drive
Regina, SK. S4P 3V7

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