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Minor changes were made to the contact information in Appendix B of chapter OP 7b.

1 What this sub-chapter is about

Note: This chapter is divided into two sub-chapters: OP7(a) - Quebec Skilled Workers - and OP7(b) - Provincial Nominees.

Canada has entered into bilateral agreements with many of the provinces (see Appendix B for program contacts) to allow those provinces to nominate a limited number of persons to become permanent residents based on the province's assessment of the nominee's ability to contribute to the economic growth and development of that province.

This sub-chapter explains what the Provincial Nominee Class is and how to process applicants.

2 Program objectives

The Provincial Nominee Class is designed to enable provinces to support the immigration of persons who have expressed an interest in settling in their province and who the province believes will be able to contribute to the economic development and prosperity of that province and Canada.

The Regulations exclude from the Provincial Nominee class any applicant whom it would appear, based upon evidence, has participated or intend to participate in a passive investment scheme. As described in the Regulations, this refers to situations where the foreign national invests with the understanding that the investment will facilitate or lead to their nomination and immigration to Canada. This provision is meant to prevent the Provincial Nominee program from undermining the federal Immigrant Investor program.

3 The Act and Regulations

Selection of a member of the economic class: A12(2)
Federal-provincial agreements: A8
Provincial Nominee Class: R87(1)-(8)

3.1 Forms required

The forms required are shown in the following table.

Form title	Form number
Application for Permanent Residence in Canada	IMM 0008EGEN
Economic Classes – Provincial Nominees	IMM 0008Esch4

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4 Instruments and delegations

Nil.

5 Departmental policy

The Provincial Nominee rules are meant to recognize that provincial governments are best positioned to determine the specific economic needs of their provinces vis-à-vis immigration. Immigration officers can assume that a candidate nominated by a province does, in the view of the provincial officials, intend to reside in the nominating province and has a strong likelihood of becoming economically established in Canada. However, it may be that the immigration officer, in processing the applicant, becomes aware of information that might bring these assumptions into question. In these cases it is open to the immigration officer to ultimately refuse to issue a visa to the provincial nominee. Refusals of provincial nominees are discussed further below.

6 Definitions

6.1 "Passive Investment Proposal" [cf. PNP]

This is an investment proposal involving an investment by a foreign national that has as one of its objectives to facilitate or lead to the nomination of the foreign national by the province, and the foreign national's successful immigration to Canada. Characteristics of such a proposal would include:

- the foreign national will not have active, ongoing or direct responsibilities in managing or operating the enterprise financed; or
- the terms of investment include a redemption option exercisable after a specified period of time.

6.2 Provincial nomination certificate

This is a certificate issued by the government of a province under a provincial nomination agreement to an applicant who intends to reside in that province. The documentation goes directly from the province to the mission. It should not arrive via the applicant or any agent working on the applicant's behalf.

7 Processing Provincial Nominees

7.1 Forms required

Provincial Nominees will complete the IMM 0008EGEN application, and the accompanying IMM 0008Esch4.

7.2 Roles and responsibilities

Provinces have the authority and responsibility of establishing their own criteria for nomination, while the federal government maintains its responsibility for applying statutory admissibility criteria and exercising ultimate selection authority as described in the Regulations.

7.3 Receiving the provincial nomination certificate

When an individual is nominated by a province for selection in the Provincial Nominee Class, the province sends the certificate of nomination directly to the post abroad.

7.4 Receiving the application for immigration

Some provinces will ask the applicant to complete the immigration application and send it directly to the mission overseas; other provinces may choose to assist the nominee with the completion of the application and send the nominee's application to the mission on his or her behalf.

In either case, the mission will create a file once the nomination certificate and application are both received and the file will then go into normal processing.

7.5 Processing the application

When a person is nominated under the provincial Nominee Class, the officer should proceed to issue medical instructions and carry out normal security screening procedures.

Once all requirements have been met, the officer will proceed to issue the permanent resident visa.

7.6 Refusing the application

There are three bases upon which a provincial nominee who meets all statutory admissibility requirements can be refused a visa:

- the officer has reason to believe that the applicant does not intend to live in the province that has nominated them;
- the officer has reason to believe that the applicant is unlikely to be able to successfully establish economically in Canada;
- the officer has reason to believe that the applicant is participating in, or intends to participate in, an immigration-linked passive investment scheme as defined above and in the Regulations.

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In each case, the officer must have some evidence to support this belief and overcome the presumptions implied by the provincial nomination. Every provincial nominee agreement obliges the immigration officer to consult with an official of the nominating province regarding the intention to refuse before the refusal is actually made (Please see Appendix B for Provincial Contact Information). If the officer, after consulting with the province, still intends to refuse, the Regulations require that a second officer concurs in the decision to refuse before it can be made official. Both officers' names should be clearly recorded in the official file.

8 Coding Provincial Nominees

There have been some inaccurate coding of provincial nominees that has a negative impact on our ability to assess the success of the program. The two more recurring problems are as follows:

- While provinces have different reasons for nominating individuals (some because of occupational skills they possess, some because of their business acumen, some because of their willingness to settle in under-populated regions), **all** provincial nominees are to be considered members of the Skilled Worker class for federal coding purposes. Some officers have in the past erroneously coded provincial nominees with business skills as entrepreneurs or self-employed, for example.
- The nominating province should always be accurately coded, and this coding must remain unchanged throughout the landing process. There have been many cases where provincial nominees nominated by one province indicate upon landing that they are destined to another province, and the immigration officer has taken it upon themselves to change the nominating province on the file, even in cases where the new province does not have a provincial nominee agreement. It has been found that in most of these cases, the new permanent resident is simply visiting friends or family on their way to their new home, and most do end up reporting to and settling in the province that nominated them.

Appendix A Provincial Nominee Programme Contacts at Missions

Note: These names are subject to change.

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