



Bulletin 15:

Program Clarifications, Application Fee Increase

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A letter of agreement has now been signed between the Government of Canada and Prince Edward Island to extend the Canada-Prince Edward Island Agreement for Cooperation on Immigration for a period of six months. A new Agreement is nearing completion and will be signed during the six month extension.

This Bulletin includes a number of clarifications and changes to the Prince Edward Island Provincial Nominee Program including and increase to the Application Fee.

Program Changes

1. The Provincial Nominee Program application fee for Immigrant Partners and Immigrant Entrepreneurs is increased to \$2,500 for files received by the PNP Office on or after April 1, 2006. The increase in fees will support more effective file processing.
2. There is now no application fee for Immigrant Connections applicants or for Skilled Workers, except for Skilled Workers-Self Employed, who will be subject to an application fee of \$500.
3. No interest will be paid on Good Faith Deposits, Language Deposits or Immigrant Entrepreneur Escrow funds for applications received by the PNP Office on or after April 1, 2006.
4. The PEI Program Application form has been simplified. A copy is attached as Appendix A.
5. The documents required have been simplified. A copy of the new PEI Nominee Program checklist is attached as Appendix B.
6. As announced in Bulletin 14, the formal requirement for access to \$350,000 liquid capital has been removed. Applicants will be required to arrange sufficient funds to become established and will be expected to explain their financial plans for relocation at the interview.
7. The minimum personal net worth Immigrant Partner applicants must possess and *prove with documentary evidence* remains at \$400,000. Documentary evidence is required only to support the \$400,000 net worth requirement unless otherwise requested.

8. Assets belonging to a business may be considered as personal assets, for the purpose of this application, according to the following rule:
 - The applicant, or the applicant and spouse in combination, may own no less than 70% of the equity in a business.
 - The most recent audited annual corporate statement and certified or notarized translation are required for verification (it is highly recommended this be provided with the original document package).
 - No more than 30% of net corporate assets may be considered as personal net worth.
 - No more than 30% of the \$400,000 personal net worth requirement, or \$120,000, may consist of corporate net assets as per this rule.
9. Where properties are used to meet the personal net worth requirement, the deed (to prove ownership) and an appraisal (to prove value) are required (as in the past). Internet appraisals will be accepted if supported by a letter from a bank indicating that the bank will lend against the property a sufficient amount to meet the personal net worth requirement.

Program Clarifications

The following are included to provide clarification of current practices:

Funds

1. Pension, insurance, "key money" and other funds held by third parties are not accepted unless unambiguous evidence is provided to indicate the specific amount available on a specific date, along with a clear, written statement from the agency holding the funds that the funds may be cashed or otherwise realized on that date.
2. Personal loans and gifts are not recognized where provided to meet the \$400,000 personal net worth requirement.

Personal History

3. No Applicant is accepted for consideration by the Provincial Nominee Program where:
 - the applicant, spouse or any family member have previously applied for immigration to Canada in the Investor class and have been refused;
 - the applicant, spouse or any family member have previously applied to the Province of Quebec for immigration to Canada and have been refused due to inability to prove that funds were legitimately earned or earned through legitimate business practices;
 - the applicant, spouse or dependents is in Canada at the time of application, or at any time through the period of processing, without formal approval of the Government of Canada.
4. Where applicants have previously applied for immigration to Canada, other than as identified in 3 above, and have been rejected, the PEI NP Office will review the file according to its own criteria. The rejection letter and notes must be provided at application.

5. Where the documentation indicates that there has been a distinct difference in capacity to generate personal net worth between husband and wife, the applicant must be the individual who has been the primary generator of net worth.
6. PEI reserves the right to decline applicants whose experience has been in sectors where skills developed are not readily transferrable to PEI. These may include individuals with careers related to gambling, personal services or minor entertainment activities.
7. Individuals who are in Canada (with formal approval) at time of application are required to explain at the interview their intentions for relocation to PEI. No support will be issued by PEI for visas, work permits or study permits until the applicant and family have relocated to PEI.
8. PEI also reserves the right, where it judges appropriate, to decline applicants who have had extensive military careers or have been involved in military-related activities.
9. Nominees who relocate to Canada between nomination (by PEI) and the issuance of Permanent Residency are expected to relocate to Prince Edward Island. PEI does not continue with a nomination where the applicant, or their family, has chosen to reside in another Province, whatever the reason.

PEI NOMINEE PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Immigrant Partner Immigrant Entrepreneur Skilled Worker Immigrant Connections

Applicant Name		Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Age	Date of Birth M/D/Y
		Female <input type="checkbox"/>		
Address				
Country of Residence		Nationality		
email		Telephone		Fax
National Occupation Code for Applicant (www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/2001/egeneric/welcome.shtml)				NOC
Spouse Name		Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Age	Date of Birth M/D/Y
		Female <input type="checkbox"/>		
Spouse Address if different		Country of Residence		Nationality
Please give the age and gender of any accompanying children.		Are applicant and this spouse birth parents of accompanying children? If no, explain.		
Are there children who will not be accompanying?				

1. Have you or any family members ever traveled to Canada? If yes, please indicate when and the reason.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If you have answered yes to any question at left, please explain, referencing question number.
2. Were you or your spouse educated in Canada? If yes, name the school and length of course.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Are any members of your family currently attending school in Canada? If yes, indicate Province, years.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Do you or your spouse have relatives living in Canada? If so, please indicate who and where.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Have you or any family member ever been refused a visa to enter Canada? If yes, please explain.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Do you or any family members have a criminal record?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Have you or your spouse ever applied for immigration to Canada whether through Canada or a Province? If yes, indicate under which name, class and/or Province.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

I will require an interpreter for an interview in English or French. <i>An interview may not be required for Skilled Workers or Immigrant Connections.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If you answered no to the above, complete this declaration.</i> I do not require an interpreter for my interview. I understand I may fail the interview if I cannot communicate effectively.	Sign if agreeing	

Applicant Signature	Date
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Personal information on this form is collected under the Prince Edward Island Nominee Program and will be used for immigration and program evaluation purposes. If you have any questions about this collection of personal information, you may contact the Provincial Nominee Office, Department of Development and Technology, Immigration and Investment Division, 94 Euston Street, Charlottetown, PE, Canada. C1A 7M8. Or phone 902-894-0351.

Bulletin 15 APPENDIX B

PEI NOMINEE PROGRAM - DOCUMENTS REQUIRED
Immigrant Partner / Immigrant Entrepreneur Categories

PEI FORMS:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PEI NP 01 (Self Assessment);) 2. PEI NP 02 (Application Form) 3. PEI NP 03 (Good Faith Agreement) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. PEI NP 05 (Information Release) 5. PEI NP 06 (Proof of English Form) 6. PEI NP 09 (Information Release) 7. PEI NP 10 (Language Proficiency Agreement) |
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PEI NP 07 (Intent to Work and Reside) no longer required; PEI NP 04 (Job Offer) required only if job offer.

FEDERAL FORMS:

1. Application for Permanent Residence
2. Schedule 1 for PA, spouse and any dependents age 18 or over
3. Additional Family Form 5406 - PA, spouse and any dependents age 18 or over
4. Use of a Representative 5476
5. Schedule 4
6. Schedule 6- Pages 4 & 5 only

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- All documents, if not in English or French, must include a notarized translation.
- The Province reserves the right to request further documents as it requires.

A. Net Worth:

1. **Full disclosure is required of all assets and liabilities of both the Applicant and spouse.** Documentary evidence must be submitted to verify \$400,000 net worth only.
2. **Accounts:** bank statements/ transaction records for the most current 3 month period.
3. **Fixed Term:** statement from financial institution confirming amount, ownership, value, date of deposit and date of maturity - 3 month history required.
4. **Property** - proof of ownership (title deed) and proof of value (appraisal). Online appraisal will be accepted if accompanied by a letter of intent from the financial institution. A full appraisal may be required prior to interview.
5. **Stocks/Bonds/MF** - bank statements/ transaction records for the most current 3 month period.
6. **Business** - the most recent audited financial statements and notarized or certified translation.
7. **Pensions and Other assets** - unambiguous confirmation of these assets is required. Private loans and/or gifts cannot be included to meet the Net Worth requirement.
8. **Liabilities** - all liabilities must be disclosed. Statement of balance owing from the financial institution is required.

B. Education: Copy of diploma/transcript.

C. Transferrable Business/Management Experience:

1. Resume, or equivalent, clearly showing duties and responsibilities, number of staff supervised and annual revenues for the operation managed by the applicant.
2. **NOC** for the applicant, and an explanation of how the applicant meets this NOC criteria. (For information see <http://www23.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/2001/e/generic/welcome.shtml>)

D. Other Supporting Documents:

1. Passport copy for each family member included in application.
2. Copy of one supporting document to confirm name, age and citizenship for all family members included in the application - this could be the passport, a birth certificate, identity card, Family Register or Household Register.
3. Marriage licence.
4. Original or a clear copy of a photo for each individual included in the application.
5. Status of all previous immigration applications (official confirmation of withdrawal, and /or rejection letters). If the file notes were received, copies of those must also be submitted).
6. Children's information - Our office will require documentation on issues dealing with children, such as custody, removal from the court's jurisdiction, proof of continual education for children over the age of 22. It is recommended that these items be submitted with the original package.

FEES AND DEPOSITS

1. To be processed, the application must include the \$2,500 application fee.
2. The \$25,000 Good Faith Deposit, \$20,000 Language Deposit (if required) and \$100,000 Escrow Agreement deposit, (for Immigrant Entrepreneurs only), may be provided at the interview.