

The Manitoba Provincial Nominee
Program for Business

Manitoba, Canada...

Open for Business Immigration



Manitoba
spirited energy

Manitoba 

Manitoba's business advantages

Manitoba shares with the rest of Canada an outstanding quality of life that consistently inspires the United Nations to rank our country in the top 10 best places to live in the world. Entrepreneurs and business executives also value Manitoba's many business benefits.

Ideal Location

Situated at the heart of North America, Manitoba offers convenient and virtually tariff-free access to the United States and Mexico through a north-south trade corridor. The province is an established transportation and distribution hub with developed industries in transportation equipment, food processing, agricultural equipment, aerospace and more. Our central time zone location and well-developed telecommunications infrastructure make Manitoba ideal for any business requiring regular, reliable contact with customers and suppliers from around the world.

A Diverse & Dynamic Economy

Competitive overall operating costs, a highly skilled and multilingual workforce and a business-friendly climate have created a stable, balanced and export-oriented economy in Manitoba. Industrial and commercial rental costs, electricity and labour rates are among the lowest in North America.





The Right Size for Business and Families

With a population of over 1.1 million people, and with diverse skills and multicultural backgrounds, Manitoba is the perfect size and place to start or purchase a business and to raise a family. Manitoba's capital city, Winnipeg (population of 706,900), has all the features and facilities of a large metropolitan centre, but with the short commuting times and friendliness of a small town. Business people have access to government, business and community leaders. They can also enjoy an affordable and active lifestyle.

Excellent Quality of Life

Manitoba's cities boast some of the most affordable, high-quality housing in the nation. Many lakes and parks are located within short distances and affordable recreation for the whole family is available. There is an excellent public health care system, and Manitoba's public education system offers high quality programs covering almost every field. Overall, Manitoba is a safe, secure place to live, ideal for families and open to people from all regions of the world.

Manitoba welcomes you...

Manitoba invites you to explore the business-friendly atmosphere and abundant opportunities that await you in our province. We have a history of welcoming newcomers and we fully recognize the importance of business immigrants to our province's economic, social and demographic development. Manitoba offers new opportunities for businesses that can expand our manufacturing and service sectors.



People helping people...

The Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada share responsibility for business people immigrating to Canada through the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business (MPNP-B).

This program allows Manitoba to recruit and nominate qualified business people from around the world who have the intent and ability to move to Manitoba and establish or purchase a business. To qualify for the program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum personal net worth of \$350,000 Cdn
- Minimum investment of \$150,000 Cdn to start a new business, buy an existing business or invest in and take an active role in the management of a business in Manitoba
- Minimum three years of successful business ownership experience or extensive experience in senior management of a company
- Have conducted a visit to Manitoba for a minimum of seven days to investigate business opportunities and Manitoba's quality of life prior to applying





Manitoba would like to nominate all applicants who meet MPNP-B criteria. Because a large number of applications are received each year, Manitoba only selects applicants who best meet program objectives and offer the most potential for the provincial economy. If you are not nominated, you will be encouraged to choose Manitoba as your destination and apply under the federal government's Business Immigration Program for entrepreneurs and the self-employed.

The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business Can Help...

If you're thinking of moving to Manitoba, we encourage you to contact a Program Officer who will...

- Tell you more about the MPNP-B
- Provide information on the general business environment and the many advantages of living and doing business in Manitoba
- Help identify key business organizations and resources in your industry sector
- Help you decide on an appropriate immigration category and prepare an immigration application

If you have not already visited Manitoba, you must visit for a minimum of seven days to assess our province's business opportunities, meet with members of our province's business community and explore the many benefits of living, raising a family and conducting business in Manitoba.

How to Apply for the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business

Step #1

Contact Business Immigration and Investment Branch to obtain an application kit for the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business. You also have the option of downloading the application kit from our website at www.manitoba-canada.com/pnp-b. For information on Manitoba's economy and business opportunities, contact the Business Immigration and Investment Branch of Manitoba Competitiveness, Training and Trade or visit our website at www.manitoba-canada.com.

Step #2

Submit your MPNP-B application to the Business Immigration and Investment Branch.

Step #3

If your application is accepted for nomination, you will be required to sign a cash deposit agreement (contract) and make a deposit of \$75,000 Cdn into a bank account in Manitoba. You will forward your original federal immigration forms, required processing fees and the Right of Permanent Residency fees to a Canadian visa office that serves your area (address will be provided to you at that time).

Step #4

The Canadian Embassy will review the file, conduct a security and a health check, and may request an interview. At their discretion, they may issue you (and your dependents, if applicable) a Permanent Residency Visa.

Step #5

On arrival in Manitoba, contact Manitoba Business Immigration and Investment Branch to receive settlement and business related information. Once your investment has been verified in the business area you have proposed, your \$75,000 Cdn deposit will be returned to you. Any changes to the cash deposit agreement must be discussed with and approved by Manitoba Business Immigration and Investment Branch before proceeding with any alternate business.

CONTACT US FOR ASSISTANCE

Manitoba encourages people from all over the world to come and enjoy the business and life-style advantages we offer. An extensive network of services is available to newcomers. The Province of Manitoba, through its Business Settlement Office, is committed to helping you and your family settle comfortably, identify business opportunities and establish your business in Manitoba.

This program is co-ordinated by the Business Immigration and Investment Branch of Manitoba Competitiveness, Training and Trade and the Immigration Promotion and Recruitment Branch of Manitoba Labour and Immigration.





**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BUSINESS IMMIGRATION TO
MANITOBA AND EXPLORATORY VISITS, CONTACT:**

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OF THE MANITOBA PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM, CONTACT:**

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