Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP)

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. *Ontario Immigration Act, 2015 and Regulations*

❖ **What is the *Ontario Immigration Act, 2015* and when will it come into effect?**


Proclamation of the Act formally recognizes the long history of immigration to Ontario, and the important nation-building role it has played in fostering our social, economic, and cultural values.

The Act and its regulations put in place the tools and authorities needed to welcome immigrants who meet Ontario’s labour market needs. The importance of this legislation was underscored by the unanimous support it received from all parties during Third Reading in the Ontario Legislature.

The Act and its regulations:

- Formalize in law the requirements of the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program;
- Strengthen Ontario’s ongoing efforts to deter immigration fraud and detect misrepresentation; and
- Increase transparency and information sharing with Ontario’s immigration partners.

The Act and its regulations are part of the Government of Ontario’s plan to invest in people and support the sectors that boost the economy and create jobs for all Ontarians. They give Ontario important tools to attract and select global talent to promote business growth.

The Act and its regulations reflect Ontario’s status as a partner in immigration with the federal government and provide Ontario with a framework in which to design, deliver, and manage a streamlined and more efficient immigrant selection program.

❖ **Where can I find the *Ontario Immigration Act, 2015* and its regulations?**

The *Ontario Immigration Act, 2015* and its regulations can be found on the e-Laws webpage [here](#).
What is e-Laws? Are the Ontario Immigration Act, 2015 and its regulations accessible?

e-Laws provides online access to official copies of Ontario’s statutes and regulations.

e-Laws ensures all acts and regulations are accessible. Please contact e-Laws if you have further questions about accessibility.

How is the Ontario Immigration Act, 2015 and its regulations impacted by the federal Immigration and Refugee Protection Act?

Immigration is a shared constitutional jurisdiction between the federal and provincial governments. However the federal government must authorize a province or territory to operate a provincial immigration program before it can be established. The federal government is authorized to enter into agreements under section 8 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration is authorized to operate the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program under Annex A of the 2017 Canada-Ontario Immigration Agreement and proclamation of the Act is based upon that authorization.

Under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, the federal government retains the final right to grant or deny permanent residence.

What does “proclamation” mean? Why is the Ontario Immigration Act, 2015 being proclaimed in 2018 and not 2015?

A proclamation is issued by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario to bring an Ontario statute into force if it was not effective upon Royal Assent.

The Act received Royal Assent in May 2015. However the regulations made under the Act needed to be finalized before the Act could come into force. Consultations with stakeholders concluded in late 2017 and stakeholder feedback was used to inform the final versions, allowing for proclamation in January of 2018.

Will my application be affected by the Ontario Immigration Act, 2015?

Applications submitted before the Act was proclaimed on January 1, 2018 will be assessed under the process and program criteria in effect at the time of application submission and will not be affected by the Act. Applications submitted after January 1, 2018 will be assessed according to the process and criteria outlined in the Act and its regulations.
What program criteria have changed under the *Ontario Immigration Act, 2015* and its regulations?

Program criteria for existing Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program streams remain largely unchanged. Please carefully review the Act and its regulations, as well as the applicable Application Guide, before you apply to ensure that you understand the program requirements.

What are the compliance and enforcement authorities under the *Ontario Immigration Act, 2015*, and its regulations?

The Act provides the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration with new compliance and enforcement authorities to address failures to comply with the law. These new tools apply to all parties (applicants, employers, and representatives) and could include site visits, administrative penalties, banning orders, and prosecutions. These compliance and enforcement tools assist the Ministry in promoting compliance with the Act and its regulations and also allow for restricting problematic applicants, employers and representatives from participating in the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program.

How do the regulatory changes strengthen the integrity and transparency of the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program?

The *Ontario Immigration Act*’s enhanced regulations strengthen the transparency, accountability, and consistency of the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program. The regulations provide details on how the authorities in the Act will be operationalized, including establishing the eligibility criteria for Ontario Immigration Nominee Program, and how the program is administered. This provides more transparency to applicants, employers, and representatives.

Regulations provide new tools to address non-compliance in the immigration system and enhance program accountability and transparency. For example, penalties include fines for non-compliance and the ability to ban representatives from the program.

What is an administrative penalty?

In the *Ontario Immigration Act, 2015* and its regulations, “administrative penalty” refers to a monetary penalty imposed under subsection 26 (1) of the Act in response to non-compliance with the Act or its regulations. Administrative penalties are calculated using the formula set out in section 20 in the Minister’s regulation, Ontario Regulation 422/17 (General). The purpose of an administrative penalty is to promote compliance with the requirements established by the Act and its regulations.
What is banning?

If the director appointed under the Ontario Immigration Act, 2015 is satisfied, on reasonable grounds, that a person or body has contravened or is contravening a provision of the Act or its regulations, the director may ban the person or body from making an application for approval or acting as a representative or a recruiter for a period of up to two years. Banning provisions are found under section 19 of the Act and subsection 21 of the Minister’s regulation, Ontario Regulation 422/17 (General).

How does the Ontario Immigration Act, 2015 and its regulations help to detect and prevent fraud and misrepresentation?

Under the Act, investigators may be appointed to investigate the offences which are established under section 29. In instances where there are reasonable and probable grounds that an offence has been committed, including an offence relating to fraud or misrepresentation, investigators can obtain a warrant to search the premises of an individual or body to gather information to support appropriate enforcement action.

Can you provide more details which demonstrate how the Ontario Immigration Act, 2015 and its regulations help to detect and prevent fraud and misrepresentation?

The Act provides critical mechanisms to detect and deter fraud in Ontario’s immigrant selection programs.

The tools in the Act include information sharing authorities, inspection, investigation, offences, and penalties. Having a robust compliance and enforcement regime will:

- Protect applicants from predatory representatives,
- Ensure that perpetrators of program fraud cannot profit from the system, and
- Give Ontario’s immigration officers greater ability to catch misrepresentation and engage with those who inappropriately take advantage of immigrants and the system.

The Act further strengthens the integrity of Ontario’s selection program by clarifying and strengthening the provisions for representatives such as immigration consultants. It will ensure that only authorized individuals can act as representatives. As well, any misrepresentation would be subject to the offences and penalties under this Act.

These regulations bring into effect many important authorities included in the Act, including compliance and enforcement authorities like administrative monetary penalties and banning. They also facilitate the ministry’s work with its
partners in the immigration system by designating the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council for information sharing purposes.

❖ What is an internal review of an application decision?

The Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program previously provided applicants with the option to request a reconsideration of the program’s decision on their application if they believe an error was made by the program in making its decision. Beginning January 1, 2018, applicants who believe that the refusal of their application was made in error may request an internal review in accordance with the Ontario Immigration Act, 2015 and its regulations. This internal review procedure replaces the existing reconsideration procedure.

2. OINP e-Filing Portal

❖ What is the OINP e-Filing Portal?

The OINP e-Filing Portal is an online application system. Applicants must use the e-Filing Portal to submit an online application and payment for the:

- Employer Job Offer: Foreign Worker Stream,
- Employer Job Offer: International Student Stream,
- Employer Job Offer: In-Demand Skills Stream,
- Masters Graduate Stream,
- PhD Graduate Stream,
- Ontario’s Express Entry French-Speaking Skilled Worker Stream,
- Ontario’s Express Entry Human Capital Priorities Stream, and
- Ontario’s Express Entry Skilled Trades Stream,
- Corporate Stream,
- Entrepreneur Stream.

**Note:** Before you can apply under the Entrepreneur Stream, you must first submit an Expression of Interest in the OINP e-Filing Portal and be invited to apply.

❖ What is the application process?

Applicants to the Employer Job Offer streams and the Masters Graduate or PhD Graduate streams can apply directly to OINP online. They must use the OINP e-Filing Portal to submit their applications electronically. Applications must be submitted to the OINP within **14 calendar days** after registering a profile.

Applicants to Ontario’s Express Entry streams – Human Capital Priorities, French-Speaking Skilled Worker and Skilled Trades – must have received a Notification of Interest from Ontario through the Express Entry system before
they can apply to the OINP. They must use the OINP e-Filing Portal to submit their OINP applications electronically. Applications must be submitted to the OINP within **45 calendar days** from the date of the Notification of Interest from Ontario.

OINP assesses all applications to confirm the applicant meets the eligibility criteria. A positive decision results in a nomination.

A Confirmation of Nomination document will be issued for all successful nominees, who must then apply to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for permanent residence.

Individuals nominated by Ontario, and accompanying family members, must also satisfy IRCC requirements, including medical and background checks.

◊ **What are the fees?**

The OINP will charge a non-refundable processing fee, payable with each nominee application.

**Employer Job Offer Category:**
- Foreign Workers: $2000 (inside GTA), $1500 (outside GTA)
- International Students: $1500
- In-Demand Skills: $2000 (inside GTA), $1500 (outside GTA)

**Human Capital Category:**
- Masters Graduates: $1500
- PhD Graduates: $1500
- French-Speaking Skilled Workers: $1500
- Human Capital Priorities: $1500
- Skilled Trades: $1500

**Business Category:**
- Corporate: $3500 per key staff
- Entrepreneur: $3500

◊ **How do I access the OINP e-Filing Portal?**

You must access the OINP e-Filing Portal directly from the OINP website. Further instructions on how to register and apply to the OINP can be found [here](#).

◊ **Do I need to register for the e-Filing Portal?**

Yes, after you have successfully logged in to the OINP e-Filing Portal, you will need to select the stream under which you would like to submit an application. From there, you will be directed to the registration page, where you must create a profile. Please ensure that you carefully enter your information when creating
this profile, as the information will be used to populate the relevant fields in your application.

**I made an error when creating my profile. How do I edit this information?**

Certain fields can be amended within the OINP e-Filing Portal. Once you are logged in to your account, you can click on “My Profile” in the top left-hand corner, where you can make changes to your primary telephone number, email address and country of residence.

For all other fields, you must complete the [Change of Personal Information form](mailto:ontarionominee@ontario.ca). Once completed, you must send the form by email as an attachment to ontarionominee@ontario.ca indicating in the subject line “Application Change Notice – [File number]”.

If you make a data entry error (i.e. spelling mistake) in your name or your date of birth while registering, you must also complete the [Change of Personal Information form](mailto:ontarionominee@ontario.ca) to request a correction. Please ensure that you also include a copy of the personal details page of your passport to validate your request.

**Note:** The program will not accept requests for full name or date of birth changes.

**Do I need to create a new ONe-key account if I have previously registered for another Government of Ontario application?**

No, you do not need to register for ONe-key again. You can sign in using your existing ONe-key ID.

Once logged in, click on ‘Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP)’. This link will bring you to the main page of the e-Filing Portal.

**I forgot my ONe-key log-in and/or password. What do I do?**

The OINP is unable to retrieve your ONe-key ID due to security and privacy concerns. If you have forgotten your ONe-key ID, you will need to create a new ONe-key ID and password, unless you provided your email address during registration. If so, please follow the on-screen instructions to retrieve your ONe-key ID. You will then receive an e-mail containing your ONe-key ID. If you have forgotten your password, you can recover your password by answering the security questions you set up during ONe-key account registration.
**I got an error message when I tried to log into ONe-key. What do I do?**

Please close your internet browser and try to log in again. If you continue to experience issues, please visit ONe-key Help.

**How do I authorize a representative in the e-Filing Portal?**

Your representative must access the OINP e-Filing Portal directly from the OINP website where they will find further instructions on the process to register as a representative and submit an application on your behalf.

Once logged in to the OINP e-Filing Portal, your representative must register with the OINP as a representative and complete a profile on your behalf.

Once the profile is submitted, you will receive two emails from the OINP indicating that your representative has created a profile on your behalf. The first email will include your enrollment number and the second will include your PIN number.

You will need to register for a ONe-key account using these two numbers. Once you are logged in to your account, you can authorize your representative by clicking on “Authorize” found on the section entitled “My Representative”. Your representative will only be able to complete your online application once they have been authorized to do so by you.

**How do I authorize a representative if I have already created my own profile in the e-Filing Portal?**

If you have already created a profile in the OINP e-Filing Portal and you now wish to authorize a representative, you must complete the following steps:

1. Provide your representative with the application number found under “File Number” on the main page of your OINP e-Filing Portal.
2. Your representative must then log in to their ONe-key account and select “Add an Existing Application” on their main page.
3. Your representative will need to enter your “File Number” and your email address in the boxes provided.
4. Once your file number appears, your representative can click on “Add this Application”.
5. Once your representative successfully adds your application, you will receive an email notification from the OINP asking you to log in to your ONe-key account to authorize this representative. You can do so by clicking on “Authorize” found on the section entitled “My Representative”.
6. Once authorized, your representative will be able to log in to their ONe-key account and view and/or continue your application.
**Note:** Any fields that you have already filled out in your application will appear as read-only for your representative.

- **Can I cancel my representative? If so, how?**

  You may cancel your representative at any time. To do so, log into your ONe-key account and select “Cancel” under the “My Representative” section. Once you have cancelled your representative, they will no longer be able to access any information about your application with the OINP, nor will they be authorized to conduct any OINP-related business on your behalf.

- **As an appointed representative, how do I submit an application on an applicant’s behalf?**

  You must access the OINP e-Filing Portal directly from the [OINP website](http://oinpwebsite) where you will find further instructions on the process to register as a representative and submit an application on your client’s behalf.

  Once logged in to the OINP e-Filing Portal, you must register with the OINP as a representative and complete a profile on the applicant’s behalf. Once the profile is submitted, the applicant will receive two emails from the OINP indicating that you have created a profile on the applicant’s behalf. The first email will include the applicant’s enrollment number and the second will include the PIN number. The applicant will need to register for a ONe-key account using these two numbers. Once logged in, the applicant can authorize you as their representative.

  You will only be able to complete an online application once you have been authorized to do so by the applicant. Once you have been authorized, you can log in to your ONe-key account and begin the application on behalf of your client.

  All representatives, whether paid or unpaid, must be disclosed to the OINP. There may be only one active representative at a time per applicant, and this representative may only be appointed using the processes outlined above.

  All representatives must use their representative account to submit an application on their client’s behalf. Representatives must not submit an application through their clients’ ONe-key account.

  If an applicant has not appointed a representative, they are prohibited from using the email address or mailing address of a representative in their application.

  Once a representative is authorized to act on an applicant’s behalf during the OINP application process, all OINP communications will be directed to the
representative. However, the applicant may log in to their ONe-key account at any time to view the status of their application.

- **How can I check the status of my application?**

  After you log into the OINP e-Filing Portal with your ONe-key ID and password, you will be able to check the status of submitted applications on your main page under the ‘Status’ column.

- **What internet browsers are supported by the e-Filing Portal?**

  The following browsers are supported by the e-Filing Portal: Microsoft Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome and Apple Safari. Please ensure that your browser is updated with the most recent version.

- **What is the maximum file size of a document in the online application? What should I do if my document is too large?**

  The maximum file size is 5MB per document, with the exception of passport documents which is 10MB.

  **Troubleshooting:** If your documents continues to exceed the maximum file size, you may split the document into smaller documents in order to meet the file size limit. While it is recommended that all pages for a specific document are uploaded into one file, you will not be disqualified if you are unable to do so. In addition, you may scan your documents at a lower resolution to reduce the size of your documents and allow for a faster upload, however, if the document is unclear or eligible you may be required to send the document again.

- **I forgot to upload a document when I submitted my online application. Can I mail or bring in the additional document(s)?**

  The OINP no longer accepts paper documents submitted by mail, fax or in person.

  If you need to provide additional documentation to the OINP after you submit your application, please send an email to ontarionominee@ontario.ca and attach your documents. Be sure to include your file number in the email subject line. You will receive a confirmation email from the OINP when your documents have been received and added to your application.

- **How can I update the information I have submitted to the OINP?**

  The OINP must be notified if there are any changes to the information provided in your application, including (but not limited to):

  - Change in contact information
• Change in immigration status (expiration or change in temporary work permit)
• Change in family composition due to:
  o Marriage or common-law relationship
  o Birth of a child
  o Change of custody of a child
  o Divorce/separation
  o Death

Changes to your primary telephone number, email address and country of residence can be made online by logging into the OINP e-Filing Portal and clicking on “My Profile” on your main page. After the change has been made, click “Save”.

For all other changes, you must complete the Change of Personal Information form.

This form must also be used to request a correction of a data entry error (i.e. spelling mistake) in your name or your date of birth made while registering.

**Note:** The program will not accept requests for complete name or date of birth changes.

Once the form is completed, you must send it by email as an attachment to ontarionominee@ontario.ca indicating in the subject line “Application Change Notice – [File number]”. If you are requesting a correction to your name or date of birth, please also include the personal details page of your passport to validate your request.

Failure to notify the OINP of any changes to personal information will impact the outcome of OINP and IRCC applications.

You must not send in additional documents and/or information to the OINP unless you need to notify the program of a change, or unless you have received a request for additional information. In both cases, you must contact the OINP by email.

**Note:** Paper documents are no longer accepted by mail, fax or in person.

**How can I withdraw my application and have my fees returned?**

You can request a withdrawal of your application at any time. However, the province of Ontario charges fees to recover the cost of administering the OINP. Since the application fee helps pay for the cost of processing applications, payments will not be refunded if you withdraw your application after processing has begun.
If you wish to withdraw your application, you may do so in one of two ways. You can withdraw by clicking on the “Withdraw” button next to your application on your main page of the OINP e-Filing Portal. You can also send a withdrawal request by email to ontarionominee@ontario.ca asking the OINP to withdraw your application. You will need to include your full name, date of birth, and OINP file number.

❖ In case of questions or technical difficulties, who should I contact?

Any questions or issues related to e-Filing can be sent to: OINP.technical-POCI.technique@ontario.ca.

3. General for All Streams

❖ Can I apply if I am residing outside of Canada?

You are eligible to apply to the OINP if you are residing either outside of Canada or in Canada with legal status.

For the Skilled Trades Stream, you must be residing in Ontario with a valid work permit at the time of application.

For Masters Graduates, you must be residing in Ontario with legal status or outside of Canada to apply.

❖ If I am in Canada, what does the OINP consider as “legal status”?

Applicants are eligible to apply to the OINP from within Canada if they are authorized to be in Canada, which can be demonstrated by having a:

- valid work permit, or
- valid study permit, or
- visitor record.

❖ Are refugee claimants eligible to apply to the OINP?

Refugee claimants who have a failed refugee claim or have withdrawn their claim are able to apply to the OINP only after they have left Canada. Refugee claimants with pending applications to remain in Canada are not eligible to apply to OINP.
**What is the National Occupational Classification (NOC)?**

The National Occupation Classification (NOC) is the authoritative resource on occupational information in Canada. It is used to understand the jobs found throughout Canada’s labour market. The NOC is updated in partnership with Statistics Canada according to five year Census cycles. It is based on extensive occupational research and consultation conducted across the country, reflecting the evolution of the Canadian labour market.

**What language tests does the OINP accept?**

Acceptable tests include: International English Language Testing System (IELTS) General Test and Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPiP) General Test for English testing, and the Test d’Évaluation de Français (TEF) for French testing.

**What do you mean by settlement funds?**

You must possess sufficient funds and/or income to cover the settlement costs for yourself and your dependent family members, if applying under one of the following streams:

- Employer Job Offer: In-Demand Skills Stream
- Masters Graduate Stream
- PhD Graduate Stream
- Ontario’s Express Entry Human Capital Priorities Stream
- Ontario’s Express Entry French-Speaking Skilled Worker Stream
- Ontario’s Express Entry Skilled Trades Stream

The settlement fund requirement can be met through one or both of the following:

1. Unencumbered funds that are readily transferable in a convertible currency that meet or exceed the required amount for your family size. “Unencumbered” means that your funds are easily accessible and free of debt or other financial liability. You must be able to use this money to pay the costs of living for you and your dependent family members; **and/or**

2. A job offer in an eligible occupation in Ontario with an annual salary that meets or exceeds the required funds for your family size, or an annual salary, that when combined with your savings, meets or exceeds the required funds for your family size.

To determine the settlement funds required for your family size, please review the chart found on [IRCC’s website](https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/apply-settlement.html). These amounts are updated every year.

You must maintain the minimum amount of funds required from the time of application submission up until the time a decision is made on your application.
I have dependent children who are Canadian citizens/permanent residents. Do I need to include them when calculating my available funds?

Yes. To help us determine your settlement funds requirement, you need to include your immediate family members including your dependent children who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents.

How can I demonstrate my intention to reside in Ontario?

All applicants to the OINP must intend to reside in Ontario. In your application, you can list your ties to Ontario that can include (but are not limited to):

- Current and/or previous employment in Ontario,
- Job offers or jobs applied/interviewed for in Ontario,
- Education in Ontario,
- Volunteer work in Ontario,
- Lease agreements for a residence in Ontario or property ownership,
- Professional networks and affiliations,
- Family ties,
- Social connections or personal relationships, and/or
- Previous visits to Ontario.

4. Information for Employers

What is the application process for employers?

The Employer Job Offer streams are a one stage application process and no longer require a pre-screen of the employer or position.

Instead, as part of their application, an applicant must submit a completed and signed Employer Form from the Ontario employer making the full-time job offer of an indeterminate nature. Through this form, the employer attests to meeting the OINP criteria. The Employer Form is available for download here.

Please note that, although this is a one stage application process, both the applicant and the employer must meet stream criteria. The OINP will still assess both parties. The Employer Form is the main information source for OINP assessment of employer and position criteria. The OINP may contact the employer should documentation or additional information be needed.

Note: For the In-Demand Skills Stream only, the employer is required to submit supporting documentation at the time of application submission.
What if the place of work for the prospective nominee is at a location or locations outside of the business premises of the employer?

In certain cases, such as the construction sector, the work that the nominee applicant would carry out may not be located at the business premises of the employer. If the actual work is done at another location or as part of the employer’s normal business operations, the OINP will deem that the work takes place at the business premises where the employer administers the business.

What if the employer’s business premises are a home office?

An employer may operate its business from a home office as long as the employer has a lease for the business premises.

Will the OINP accept an accountant’s or bookkeeper’s address as the business premises requirement of employer applicants in certain sectors such as construction?

OINP will accept applications from companies that list an accountant’s or bookkeeper’s address as their company’s business address to reflect the reality that some companies such as those in the construction sector do not operate out of traditional head offices. For example, a modern construction firm is able to have sufficient visibility through a company website or other listing on the internet, and is able to conduct its business over the phone and through onsite consultations. The formal business documentation and administration for these types of companies is sometimes hosted by the company’s accountant/bookkeeper.

OINP will also continue to accept applications from home-based employers, provided that appropriate business documentation is received.

I want to apply as an employer – can you provide me with a list of nominees that are seeking employers?

Employer applicants are responsible for their own recruitment. The OINP does not perform a job matching function.

I am an employer interested in participating in this program. Will I need to apply for a Labour Market Impact Assessment?

No. Employers are not required to obtain a Labour Market Impact Assessment to qualify for the Employer Job Offer streams of the OINP. To learn more about the Employer Form, please visit the Employers section of our website.
5. Employer Job Offer Streams

❖ Are there language requirements that prospective nominees need to meet to qualify for the Employer Job Offer streams?

English or French proficiency is not a prerequisite for applicants applying to the Foreign Worker or International Student streams. In such cases, we rely on employers to put forward applicants who possess sufficient language skills to be able to work in the approved position.

However, to qualify for the In-Demand Skills Stream, applicants must demonstrate English or French ability at Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) level 4 or above for each language competency (i.e., listening, reading, writing, and speaking).

❖ Do I need to obtain proper registration or trade certification if my job offer is for a regulated occupation or requires certification in Ontario?

Yes, you must obtain the proper registration or trade certification if your job offer is in a regulated occupation or requires certification in Ontario. There are many regulated professions and trades in Ontario. For information on these occupations, please visit our [website](#).

Please note that for some skilled trades, certification may either be voluntary or mandatory. OINP will only require you to obtain certification if your skilled trade requires mandatory certification. To determine if your skilled trade requires mandatory or voluntary certification, please visit the [Ontario College of Trades](#) website.

❖ What is considered a full-time job of an indeterminate duration?

A full-time job consists of a minimum of 30 hours per week and at least 1,560 hours in a one year period.

Under the Employer Job Offer streams, the job offer must **not** be for a position that:

- is seasonal or part-time, regardless of hours worked; or
- is a subcontractor or an agency position.

A job offer of an indeterminate duration is continuous employment in a position designated as permanent and which has no specified end date.
What should be included in the job offer?

The original job offer signed by the employer must meet the following requirements:

- Printed on business letterhead and identify business address, telephone/fax numbers, email, and website addresses;
- Identify the responsible Officer/Supervisor and include his/her signature;
- Stamped with the business’s corporate seal (if applicable); AND
- includes:
  - Occupation title
  - Wage for position being offered
  - Duties and responsibilities
  - Number of hours per week and a number of weeks of work per year
  - Number of days/weeks of vacation
  - Workplace location
  - Employment start date, and
- An indication that the offer being made is for a full-time position of an indeterminate duration.

Can I apply if I don’t yet have an employer or a job offer?

No. Individuals can only apply through the Employer Job Offer streams if they have received a full-time job offer of an indeterminate duration from an Ontario employer. Additionally, applicants must meet all eligibility criteria and have a completed Employer Form from the Ontario employer to submit as part of the application.

I want to apply – can you provide me with a list of employers that are seeking employees?

Applicants are responsible for finding their own offers of employment. The OINP does not perform a job matching function.

6. Employer Job Offer: Foreign Worker Stream

How do I meet the work experience requirement?

To qualify for the Foreign Worker Stream, you are required to have one of the following:

1. a minimum level of work experience,

OR
2. A valid licence or other authorization from the applicable regulatory body in Ontario for the same occupation as the one listed in your job offer.

To meet the work experience requirement, you must demonstrate that you have at least two years of cumulative full-time work experience obtained within the five years immediately preceding the date of application submission. Your work experience must also meet the following requirements:

- Your work experience must be in the same NOC code as the occupation listed in your job offer in Ontario.
- Your work experience must have been paid (volunteer and unpaid internships do not count).
- Your work experience must have been full-time, which means at least 30 hours of work over a period of one week in one job.

To meet the licence requirement, you must hold a valid licence or other authorization for the same occupation as the one listed in your Ontario job offer from the applicable regulatory body in Ontario.

For more information on licences and authorizations in Ontario, please visit the OINP website or the Ontario College of Trades’ website.

7. Employer Job Offer: International Student Stream

Why are international students who attend Canadian colleges and universities part of the program?

We want to retain the best and brightest Canadian-trained international students. They will give Ontario an advantage in the global competition for talent and they will easily integrate into Ontario’s labour force and society.

What diploma, degree or certificate programs are eligible for international students?

International students who have graduated or met the requirements of a degree or diploma from an eligible publicly-funded Canadian college or university that is at least two years in length if pursued on a full-time basis or who have graduated or met the requirements of a full-time degree, diploma or certificate from an eligible publicly-funded Canadian college or university that is at least one year in length if pursued on a full-time basis, which requires the completion of a previous degree as a prerequisite, are eligible.
How do I prove that I am or was authorized to study in Canada?

All students must have a valid study permit, or if applying within two years of the time of graduation, proof of a previous study permit and/or current post-graduation work permit.

Does my field of study have to be related to the job offer?

No, international students do not need to have the job offer that relates to their field of study in Canada.

Do I need a full-time job of an indeterminate duration if I am an international student?

Yes, job offers for individuals applying under the International Student Stream must be full-time and of an indeterminate duration.

Which documents can I provide to demonstrate that I have graduated or completed my degree requirements?

If your education credential has been granted, provide the following:
- Copies of degree(s), diploma(s) or certificate(s) earned from an academic institution(s) in Canada; and
- Copies of official transcripts issued from the academic institution in Canada that granted the degree, diploma or certificate.

If your education credential has not been granted, provide the following:
- A copy of your official letter (on institution letterhead) from the academic institution in Ontario which will be granting the degree, diploma or certificate confirming that program requirements have been successfully completed by the applicant; there are no outstanding fees to be paid by the applicant; and the scheduled date on which the applicant’s degree, diploma or certificate will be granted; and
- A copy of official transcripts issued from the academic institution in Canada that granted the degree, diploma or certificate.

8. Employer Job Offer: In-Demand Skills Stream

Can I apply if I am residing outside of Canada?

Yes. You may to apply to the Employer Job Offer: In-Demand Skills Stream if you are residing either outside of Canada or in Canada with legal status.
What is the minimum level of education I must have to qualify for the In-Demand Skills Stream?

You must have the equivalent of a Canadian secondary school diploma. If your studies were completed outside of Canada, you must obtain an Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) report produced by a designated organization indicating that your foreign education is the equivalent of a Canadian secondary school diploma. The ECA report must not be more than five years old when you submit your application.

Please see the Application Guide - Employer Job Offer: In-Demand Skills Stream for a list of designated ECA organizations.

What occupations are eligible under this stream?

The Employer Job Offer: In-Demand Skills Stream focuses on in-demand occupations in the construction and agriculture sectors. Eligible occupations are:

- NOC 7441 – Residential and commercial installers and servicers;
- NOC 7521 – Heavy equipment operators (except crane);
- NOC 8431 – General farm workers;
- NOC 8432 – Nursery and greenhouse workers;
- NOC 8611 – Harvesting labourers;
- NOC 7611 – Construction trades helpers and labourers; and,
- NOC 9462 – Industrial butchers and meat cutters, poultry preparers and related workers.

For a complete list of job titles and duties under these NOCs, please refer to Employment and Social Development Canada’s website.

I have work experience in a NOC occupation that is not one of the eligible occupations. Will this count towards my one year of cumulative work experience in Ontario?

No. Your work experience must have been in one of the eligible occupations, have taken place in Ontario, and must be in the same occupation (by NOC code) as your job offer.

Does work experience outside of Ontario but within Canada counts towards the one year of work experience requirement?

No. To qualify, you must have a minimum of one year of full-time (or the equivalent in part-time), cumulative, paid work experience in Ontario in one of the eligible occupations (by NOC code) obtained within the three years prior to your application submission date.
In addition, if you worked in a regulated occupation in Ontario, meaning that it requires a mandatory license or certification, work experience gained while completing apprenticeship training will only be considered if it was paid work experience and you performed the duties set out in the lead statement of the occupational description in the National Occupational Classification (NOC), including all the essential duties and most of the main duties listed.

❖ **Does work experience gained through an apprenticeship program qualify for the In-Demand Skills Stream?**

Experience gained through an apprenticeship program may qualify for this stream if the work was paid and you performed the duties set out in the lead statement of the occupational description in the National Occupational Classification (NOC), including all the essential duties and most of the main duties listed.

Please note that any work completed in an apprenticeship program that was part of unpaid training as part of formal studies does not qualify as valid work experience under this stream.

For more information on trade certifications in Ontario, please visit the [OINP’s website](#) or the [Ontario College of Trades’ website](#).

❖ **How do I get my skills recognized by the Ontario College of Trades?**

For more information on trade certifications in Ontario, please visit the [OINP’s website](#) or the [Ontario College of Trades’ website](#).

❖ **Do I need to be currently working in Ontario?**

No, you do not need to be currently working in Ontario at the time of application to qualify under the In-Demand Skills Stream. However, you must have one year of paid, cumulative and full-time (or an equal amount in part-time) work experience in Ontario within the three years before the date of your application to the OINP.

❖ **Do I need to complete language tests?**

Yes. To qualify for the In-Demand Skills Stream, you must demonstrate English or French ability at Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) level 4 or above for each language competency (i.e., listening, reading, writing, and speaking). Your language test must have been taken within two years of submitting your application to the OINP.
9. Masters Graduate Stream

❖ I have recently graduated from a Master’s program and I plan to continue with full-time studies (for example: PhD, additional Master’s degree). Do I qualify for the Masters Graduate Stream?

No. The Masters Graduate Stream is for individuals who have graduated or who have met the degree requirements of a Master’s program at an eligible publicly funded university in Ontario who are ready to enter the labour market on a full time basis. It is not intended for international students who are continuing their studies.

An exemption to this rule is made for Master’s Graduates who are continuing to study:

- but are working on full time basis in Ontario;
- towards meeting licensure requirements in a regulated occupation in Ontario.

❖ I’m in my last semester of Master’s studies. Can I still be nominated?

You can only apply to the OINP once you have met your degree requirements.

If your degree has not yet been granted, you must submit the following with your online application:

- A copy of an official letter (on institution letterhead) from the academic institution in Ontario which will be granting the degree confirming:
  - that degree requirements have been successfully completed by the applicant,
  - that there are no outstanding fees to be paid by the applicant, and
  - the scheduled date on which the applicant’s degree will be granted.

AND

- A copy of your official transcripts from the academic institution in Canada that has granted the degree.

You will not be eligible to apply until you have met your degree requirements.

❖ Why do you require language testing of Master’s graduates?

A high level of language proficiency is one of the most important determinants of an immigrant’s ability to find gainful employment and successfully integrate in the province. By nominating students with a high level of language proficiency, we are helping to ensure that our nominees can find gainful employment and contribute to the economy.
I obtained my IELTS/CELPIP results more than one year ago, but they are still valid. Can I submit these?

No. Your language test must have been taken within one year from the date that you submit your application under the Masters Graduate Stream.

What proof of residency do I need to submit?

You need to demonstrate one year of physical residence in Ontario in the last two years.

You will need to provide supporting documentation demonstrating residence in Ontario. These include leasing documents or bills with your name and your Ontario address. For more information on supporting documents, please consult with the Application Guide: Masters Graduate Stream.

10. PhD Graduate Stream

I am a foreign exchange student completing my PhD in Ontario. Can I qualify for nomination under the PhD Graduate Stream?

Yes, you may qualify for the program if you can demonstrate that you completed at least two years of study at a publicly funded Ontario university and the degree must also have been granted by that university. If you have a return of service obligation then you will not be able to qualify until you have fulfilled your obligations.

I am an international student - through which stream should I apply?

If you are a PhD graduate from a publicly funded Ontario university, then you may qualify for the PhD Graduate Stream. You do not require a job offer to be eligible to apply under this stream. If you are not a PhD graduate or if you are studying in another province or territory, and you have a full-time job offer of an indeterminate duration in Ontario, you may qualify for the Employer Job Offer: International Student Stream.

11. Ontario’s Express Entry Streams

What is Express Entry?

Express Entry is a federal application management system for applications to the Federal Skilled Worker Program, the Canadian Experience Class, the Federal
Skilled Trades Program, and portions of Provincial Nominee Programs.

For more information on Express Entry, please visit Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada’s (IRCC) website.

❖ **Who can apply to Express Entry?**

To qualify for Express Entry, you must meet the eligibility requirements for at least one of three federal programs: the Federal Skilled Worker Program, the Canadian Experience Class, or the Federal Skilled Trades Program.

Please see the visit the IRCC website for more information on eligibility for Express Entry.

❖ **Does Ontario have any streams that use the Express Entry system?**

Ontario has three streams that can be used for Express Entry: the Human Capital Priorities Stream, the French-Speaking Skilled Worker Stream and the Skilled Trades Stream.

Please visit our website to learn more about the stream criteria.

❖ **Why do I have to meet federal criteria and provincial criteria for Ontario’s Express Entry Streams?**

Express Entry is a federal system. The federal government requires that all candidates who use Express Entry meet certain minimum criteria. The provincial criteria are tailored to meet Ontario’s needs and are therefore different from federal criteria.

❖ **How do Ontario Express Entry stream criteria differ from those of other the OINP streams?**

Each OINP stream has different requirements and seeks to attract different types of applicants to fill Ontario’s labour market demands.

Ontario’s Express Entry streams – Human Capital Priorities Stream, French-Speaking Skilled Worker Stream and Skilled Trades Stream – are designed to attract those who have the language abilities, work experience, and education to fill job openings and thrive in Ontario’s labour market.

The Masters Graduate and PhD Graduate Streams target international students with an Ontario education and who have an attachment to the province while the Employer Job Offer streams – Foreign Workers, International Students and In-Demand Skills – allow Ontario businesses to fill permanent positions in professional, managerial, in-demand or skilled trade’s occupations.
Does Ontario have a job offer stream for Express Entry?

No, however, additional CRS points are awarded for having a job offer which may increase your chance of being issued a Notification of Interest. If you have a job offer, you may wish to explore the Employer Job Offer streams – Foreign Workers, International Students and In-Demand Skills – or the federal programs under Express Entry to see if any are appropriate for you.

I don’t qualify for Express Entry. How can I get a nomination?

Please visit our website to see if any of our other streams are suitable for you.

How many nominations will Ontario issue under Express Entry?

Each year the federal government determines the number of nominations Ontario can issue. In 2017, that number was 6000. Of these, 2500 were allocated to Express Entry.

Is the application process for Ontario’s Express Entry streams different from other the OINP streams?

Yes. Ontario’s Express Entry streams – Human Capital Priorities, French-Speaking Skilled Worker and Skilled Trades – require that you first create a profile in the federal Express Entry system. Once your profile is placed into the Express Entry pool, and if you meet Ontario’s criteria, you may be sent a Notification of Interest (NOI) through your IRCC online account. You must have a valid profile in Express Entry and have received a NOI from Ontario before you can apply for Ontario’s Express Entry streams.

Please visit our website to learn how to apply to the stream that is most appropriate for you.

Can I apply directly to one of the Ontario Express Entry streams?

No. You must receive a Notification of Interest (NOI) from Ontario to be eligible to apply for one of Ontario’s Express Entry streams.

Ontario will identify candidates in the Express Entry pool who may meet its criteria. If you are identified, you will receive a NOI through your IRCC online account. Only those candidates who receive this notification will be able to apply to one of Ontario’s Express Entry streams.
Once I receive a Notification of Interest, how many days do I have to apply?

Under all Ontario Express Entry streams, you have 45 calendar days to submit a complete application to the OINP once you receive your Notification of Interest from Ontario.

I meet Ontario’s stream criteria. Why haven’t I received a Notification of Interest?

In 2017, Ontario was allocated 2500 nomination spaces by the federal government to use with Express Entry. The number of people who are eligible for our streams and who wish to apply for a nomination may surpass that number. Because of this, not everyone who qualifies for our stream will receive a Notification of Interest. Please note that OINP monitors the intake of applications with respect to the limits of Ontario’s federal nomination allocation.

Please continue to monitor our website for program updates.

After I receive a nomination from Ontario under one of its Express Entry streams, what happens next?

Once your application has been processed and Ontario offers you a nomination, you will have 30 calendar days to accept the nomination through your IRCC online account. Once you accept, your Express Entry profile will be automatically updated with 600 additional points to your score in the Comprehensive Ranking System. You will then receive an invitation to apply for permanent residence shortly after by IRCC. You will be responsible for submitting an application for permanent residence directly to IRCC within 90 calendar days.

How long will it take for my application to be processed?

You can check the status of your application directly through the OINP e-Filing Portal. You may log in to your ONe-key account at any time to view the status of your registration and/or application. If you have registered for more than one OINP stream, you can manage all of your registrations and/or applications from your ONe-key account.

I submitted my online application to Ontario and paid the appropriate fees. I recently received an Invitation to Apply (ITA) from the federal government. What do I do?

If you wish to proceed with the ITA and withdraw your application for nomination, you must notify the OINP (see above question on withdrawing an application).
Please note, as the application fee helps pay for the cost of processing applications, payments will not be refunded if you withdraw your application after processing has begun.

❖ **Can I use my nomination from a non-Express Entry Stream for Express Entry?**

No. The eligibility requirements for the Express Entry streams are different from the non-Express Entry streams.

If you wish to use Express Entry as an Ontario nominee, you must have been nominated under Ontario’s Human Capital Priorities Stream, French-Speaking Skilled Worker Stream or Skilled Trades Stream.

❖ **I have an application in process for a non-Express Entry stream. Can I switch to an Express Entry Stream? Can I submit applications to multiple streams or programs simultaneously?**

If you have an application in process and wish to switch streams, or apply to multiple streams, you will have to submit a separate application for each stream and pay the applicable fees. We advise that you consider carefully which streams are the most appropriate for you so that you avoid submitting multiple applications and paying additional fees.

❖ **My language test is about to expire. Do I need to re-take it?**

Any information on your Express Entry profile must be valid when you make an application to IRCC for permanent residence. If your language test will expire before you submit an application to IRCC, you will need to retake it.

If you retake your language test after you have been issued a nomination certificate, you are required to inform the OINP if your score changes. Please see the “Changes in Personal Information” section in the application guide for more details.

12. **Ontario’s Express Entry Skilled Trades Stream**

❖ **What occupations are eligible under this stream?**

Ontario’s Express Entry Skilled Trades Stream focuses on skilled trades related to the construction and agriculture sectors. Eligible occupations include those listed in Minor Group 633 and Major Groups 72, 73 and 82 of the National Occupational Classification (NOC).
• Minor Group 633 includes specialized service occupations, such as butchers and bakers.
• Major Group 72 includes occupations in industrial, electrical and construction trades.
• Major Group 73 includes occupations in maintenance and equipment operation trades.
• Major Group 82 includes supervisor occupations and technical occupations in natural resources, agriculture and related production.

For a complete list of eligible occupations under these NOC groups, please refer to Employment and Social Development Canada’s website.

❖ Does work experience outside of Ontario but within Canada count towards the one year of work experience requirement?

No. To qualify, you must have a minimum of one year of full-time (or the equivalent in part-time) work experience in Ontario in a skilled trade occupation listed in Minor Group 633 or Major Group 72, 73, or 82 of the National Occupational Classification (NOC) obtained within two years before the date of your Notification of Interest from Ontario.

In addition, if you worked in a regulated occupation in Ontario that requires a mandatory license or certification, only work experience acquired after becoming qualified to practice that occupation will qualify.

❖ Does work experience gained through an apprenticeship program qualify for the Skilled Trades Stream?

Experience gained through an apprenticeship program may qualify for this stream if the work was paid and you performed the duties set out in the lead statement of the occupational description in the National Occupational Classification (NOC), including all the essential duties and most of the main duties listed.

Please note that any work completed in an apprenticeship program that was part of academic training would not qualify as valid work experience under this stream.

For more information on trade certifications in Ontario, please visit the OINP’s website or the Ontario College of Trades’ website.

❖ Do I need a trade certification?

You are required to hold a licence or certification for any work experience you are claiming in an occupation where a licence or certification is required in Ontario.
Please note: Work experience acquired as part of an apprenticeship program may qualify as valid work experience if it was paid, and you performed the duties set out in the lead statement of the occupational description in the National Occupational Classification (NOC) list, including all the essential duties and most of the main duties listed.

For more information on trade certifications in Ontario, please visit the OINP’s website or the Ontario College of Trades’ website.

- **Do I need to be currently working in Ontario?**

  No, you do **not** need to be currently working in Ontario at the time of application submission to qualify under the Skilled Trades Stream. However, you must be currently residing in Ontario and hold a valid work permit at the time of application submission.

- **Can I apply if my work experience was seasonal only?**

  Yes, your seasonal work experience will qualify as long as you acquired one year of paid, cumulative and full-time (or an equal amount in part-time) work experience in Ontario in an eligible skilled trades occupation in the two years before the date of your Notification of Interest.

- **How do I get my skills recognized by the Ontario College of Trades?**

  For more information on trade certifications in Ontario, please visit the OINP’s website or the Ontario College of Trades’ website.

- **Do I need to complete language tests?**

  Yes. To qualify for Ontario’s Express Entry Skilled Trades Stream, you must be able to demonstrate proficiency at Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) level 5 or above, in English or in French, for each language competency (i.e., listening, reading, writing, and speaking).

- **Why do I need to meet the criteria of the Canadian Experience Class (CEC)? Why not the Federal Skilled Trades Program (FSTP)?**

  Ontario’s Express Entry Skilled Trades Stream works through the federal Express Entry system, therefore you must meet the requirements of at least one of three federal immigration programs managed by Express Entry. Ontario’s stream criteria more closely follows the program criteria of the CEC, therefore applicants must meet the requirements of the CEC instead of the FSTP.
Do I need a minimum Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) score to qualify for this stream?

No, a minimum CRS score is not required. As long as you meet Ontario’s Express Entry Skilled Trades Stream criteria, in addition to the requirements of the Canadian Experience Class, you may qualify.

I can't get an Ontario trade certificate in my trade because I don't have the experience/didn't pass the exam. How can I immigrate to Ontario if I don’t qualify for this stream?

There are other options that you can explore. You may wish to visit the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP) website to see if you qualify for any of the other program streams. There may also be federal immigration programs to that are more suitable for you. Please visit the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada website for more information on federal immigration programs.

13. Business Streams

What streams are now available under the OINP’s business streams?

The OINP introduced its Corporate and Entrepreneur Streams in October 2015. For more information, including application guides and forms, please visit the Corporate Stream and Entrepreneur Stream pages. Please monitor the OINP website for regular program updates.

What is the difference between the Corporate and Entrepreneur Streams?

The Corporate Stream targets established foreign corporations seeking to expand their operations into Ontario or buy an existing business and require key staff essential to the proposed Ontario business.

The Entrepreneur Stream targets individuals with high human capital seeking to implement a new business idea or buy an existing business in Ontario. If required, the Entrepreneur can request one business partner to assist in the establishment of the Ontario business.

Who should apply to the Corporate Stream?

Consider applying to the Corporate Stream if your corporation is seeking to expand into Ontario or purchase an existing business in Ontario. Your corporation must have a proven track record of at least three years, and you
must be planning to invest at least $5,000,000 CDN. Full details on additional criteria can be found in the Application Guide: Corporate Stream.

❖ Who should apply to the Entrepreneur Stream?

Consider applying to the Entrepreneur Stream if you want to invest a minimum of $500,000 CDN (if your business is outside the Greater Toronto Area* or in the ICT/Digital Media Sectors) or $1,000,000 CDN (if business is within the GTA) to establish or purchase a business in the province. If you require a business partner, they must also make the required minimum investment of $500,000 CDN or $1,000,000 CDN as applicable.

In addition, you and your business partner must each demonstrate a minimum net worth of $800,000 CDN (business outside the GTA or in the ICT/Digital Media Sectors) or $1,500,000 CDN (business within the GTA). Once your business is established, you and your business partner (if applicable) may be eligible for nomination for permanent residence.

*The OINP identifies the following regions as part of the GTA: the City of Toronto, Durham, Halton, York and Peel regions.

Full details on additional criteria can be found in the Program Guide: Entrepreneur Stream.

❖ How do I apply?

For details on how to apply, please visit the Corporate Stream and Entrepreneur Stream pages on the OINP website.

❖ Who should submit the application to the Corporate Stream?

The Authorized Signing Officer is responsible for submitting a complete online application, which includes the Key Staff Application Form(s) and all of the required supporting documents. Please note if you received help from someone to apply to the OINP and you wish for this individual to act on your behalf with the OINP, you must authorize this individual representative before completing your online application.

❖ Can I add, remove, or amend the number of key staff included in the application?

You may request up to five (5) key staff who will establish the business in Ontario and who are seeking nomination to permanently relocate to the province. You are unable to amend the number of key staff if you have already entered the number on the application and have submitted the application. Should you need to change the number of key staff before submitting your application, you must contact the OINP at business.immigration@ontario.ca.
Alternatively, if you have not yet submitted your application, you can withdraw your registration and submit a new one.

**When can entrepreneurs or key staff of corporations apply for permanent residence?**

Applicants to the Corporate or Entrepreneur streams must first be nominated by Ontario before they can apply to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for permanent residence. Once their application is approved by the OINP, entrepreneurs and/or their business partner and key staff of corporations can apply for a two-year temporary work permit from IRCC to establish their business in Ontario, as per the signed Performance Agreement. Once the business is established and the conditions of the Performance Agreement are met and verified by OINP, entrepreneurs/business partners and key staff of corporations may apply for nomination by the OINP.

IRCC will assess applications for permanent residence based on admissibility factors (such as health, security and criminality).

**What is a Performance Agreement?**

Performance Agreements are unique to each applicant, and reflect their business proposal. The Performance Agreement is based upon the information provided in the applicant’s EOI, business plan, and in-person interview. Applicants must sign the Performance Agreement and return it to the OINP.

Performance Agreements outline your approved performance commitments, such as:

- investment amount and timelines;
- job creation requirements for Canadian citizens or permanent residents and timelines; and
- other relevant criteria.

Consideration for nomination is based on meeting the commitments made in the performance agreements.

**How does the OINP define a Bed and Breakfast?**

The OINP defines a Bed and Breakfast as a business offering temporary living accommodation to the traveling and vacationing public for a fee, which operates within a private dwelling or similar by an owner/manager who resides therein.
When will you conduct the next Entrepreneur Stream Expression of Interest (EOI) draw?

Draws occur periodically throughout the year with results from each draw posted online. Please monitor the OINP update webpage for news, announcements and new developments in the OINP.

What if I want to update my information to make my Entrepreneur Stream Expression of Interest (EOI) application stronger?

If you would like to submit an updated EOI, you must withdraw your existing EOI. To withdraw an existing EOI, log in to your ONe-key account, view your EOI registration and select “withdraw”. Once withdrawn, you may submit a new EOI at any time. Your new EOI will be valid for 12 months from the date it was submitted.

14. Internal Review

What can I do if my application is denied?

The OINP gives applicants an opportunity to seek a review of the refusal decision of their application. This process is called internal review and replaces the existing reconsideration process as of January 1, 2018 (upon proclamation of the OIA).

After the OINP has made a decision on your application, you may seek an internal review of the decision should you feel an error was made by the program in its decision. Section 20 of the Ontario Immigration Act, 2015 indicates which individuals may request an internal review of their application to the OINP.

You must send a written request for internal review by email to internalreview-revisioninterne@ontario.ca as follows: within 30 calendar days of receiving notice of the original decision if you are residing in Canada, or within 60 calendar days of receiving notice of the original decision if you are not residing in Canada.

In your request for internal review, you must clearly identify any error in the program’s decision that, if not made, would have resulted in the decision being decided differently. The request must not include any evidence that was not submitted to the program before the decision was made, unless the evidence was not reasonably available at that time.
The internal review completed by an individual who was not involved in the original decision and who is independent of the original decision-maker. The internal review decision is final.

**Note:** Written requests for internal review are not accepted by mail, fax, or in person. All requests for internal review **must** be sent by email.

### 15. After Nomination

- **I received a provincial nomination. Does this mean I have legal status in Canada until my permanent resident application is finalized? Does it mean I can work in Ontario?**

  No, a provincial nomination and the corresponding Confirmation of Nomination issued to you do not confer legal status in Canada. Foreign nationals on a work permit, study permit or temporary resident visa need to ensure that they remain in proper status in Canada until they receive the permanent resident status. It is the responsibility of these individuals to renew, extend or apply for proper temporary resident status in Canada (such as a work permit) throughout their stay in the country even after they are nominated.

- **Where can I obtain Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) application forms and guides for Provincial Nominees?**

  IRCC application forms for permanent residence, including an application guide for Provincial Nominees are available on the [IRCC website](#).

- **How long will it take IRCC to process my permanent residence application as a Provincial Nominee?**

  Application processing times vary across processing offices and programs. Current processing times are available on the [IRCC website](#).

- **Will I have to pay fees to IRCC?**

  Yes. When applying to IRCC for a work permit and/or permanent residence, you must pay all fees that are required by IRCC. For the IRCC Fee Schedule, please visit the [IRCC website](#).

- **I have applied for permanent residence. When will I have to get my medical examination?**

  Once you submit your application for permanent residence, IRCC will send you instructions on how and when you should complete your medical examination. It
is important to note that your dependents must also pass a medical
examination, even if they are not accompanying you to Canada. For further
information on medical examination requirements for permanent residents,
please visit the IRCC website.

16. Settling in Ontario

Once I am nominated by the OINP, where can I find information
on settling in Ontario?

You can find information on the following webpage: Get settled in Ontario.