

# OPPORTUNITIES ONTARIO: PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM



## Building a Stronger, More Competitive Ontario

If you are an Ontario employer, investor, international student, or foreign worker, read on. Opportunities Ontario is an immigration program that helps employers secure workers quickly for professional, managerial and skilled trades positions, and investors grow their businesses. The program also helps international students and foreign workers make Ontario their home.

# WHAT IS OPPORTUNITIES ONTARIO?

Opportunities Ontario is an immigration program that helps attract jobs, investment and growth to the province by helping employers and investors.

## Employers are able to:

- secure skilled workers quickly for professional, managerial and skilled trades positions;
- diversify the skills and talent of their workforce; and,
- compete for talent globally.

## Investors are able to:

- bring in key staff to establish or expand business opportunities; and,
- create jobs.

## Selected workers are able to:

- qualify for permanent resident status from the federal government; and,
- benefit from an immigration process that facilitates permanent resident status.

## What does Opportunities Ontario mean to you?

**Employers:** You may search abroad, and in Canada, for foreign workers and international students to fill the professional, managerial, and skilled trades positions you may not have been able to fill in Ontario.

**Investors:** If you want to establish or expand business in Ontario, you will now be able to put key employees in place quickly. Opportunities Ontario assists investors by facilitating the immigration process.

**Foreign Workers:** If you are in a managerial, professional or skilled trade occupation with two years of experience, and have a permanent, full-time job offer, you may quickly qualify for permanent resident status.

**International Students:** If you are in your last semester of study or within two years of having graduated from a publicly-funded Canadian college or university, you may quickly qualify for permanent resident status. You must have an offer for a permanent, full-time job in a managerial, professional or skilled trade occupation.

## How does the process work?

Applying is easy and straightforward. The employer starts the application process. One nominee application is required for each employee. The employer application is free; there is a fee for each nominee application.

When an application is approved, the province “nominates” the individual (including his/her spouse and children) for permanent resident status to the federal government (Citizenship and Immigration Canada). The individual

then applies to the federal government to finalize the process for permanent resident status. Nominees are required to meet federal security and health requirements.

## How to apply?

Application forms and helpful guides on how to apply to Opportunities Ontario are available on the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration website at [www.ontario.ca/immigration](http://www.ontario.ca/immigration).

## Where can I learn more?

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