

OPPORTUNITIES ONTARIO: PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM

INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN WORKERS



**Building a Stronger,
More Competitive
Ontario**

Opportunities Ontario helps foreign workers who have a job offer and are already in Ontario or those being recruited from abroad to become permanent residents of Canada.

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Ontario's competitiveness and economic prosperity depends on highly skilled workers. That's why the Government of Ontario has established Opportunities Ontario. The program facilitates the immigration process so that employers can obtain the workers they need. As a foreign worker, you may consider this your opportunity to gain permanent resident status in Canada.

Who can apply?

Employers start the application process. Individuals do not apply directly to Opportunities Ontario.

To be eligible to participate in Opportunities Ontario, you must have:

- legal status to be in Canada, if you are already working or visiting Canada;
- a permanent full-time job offer for a position in an occupation that is designated as highly skilled (National Occupation Classification 0, A, or B) and has been approved by the Opportunities Ontario program;
- received an Employer Pre-Screen Approved Position Form, along with the Nominee Application package from an approved employer; and,

- at least two years of work experience in the intended occupation, or an appropriate licence or registration in Ontario in a regulated profession.

How does the application process work?

There are two steps:

Step 1: Employer application

When employers want to fill a managerial, professional or skilled trade position, they must first apply to have the position approved by Opportunities Ontario. If the application is successful, the employer receives a Nominee Application package for each approved nominee position.

Step 2: Individual application

The Nominee Application package is completed by you, the foreign worker. On successful review, you and your family will receive a Provincial Nomination Certificate. You and your family will then apply to Citizenship and Immigration Canada for permanent resident status.

Are there deadlines?

Yes. After a position is approved, a completed Nominee Application must be received by Opportunities Ontario within 60 days. Once your application is approved by Opportunities Ontario, you must apply to Citizenship and

Immigration Canada for permanent resident status within six months.

Employer application forms and detailed information about Opportunities Ontario: Provincial Nominee Program are available at www.ontario.ca/immigration.

Where can I learn more?

You can contact:

Opportunities Ontario: Provincial Nominee Program
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CONSIDER THIS PROGRAM YOUR
OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN PERMANENT
RESIDENT STATUS IN CANADA.

