

HELPING EMPLOYERS ATTRACT SKILLED WORKERS*McGuinty Government Helps Ontario Employers Compete In The Global Economy***NEWS**

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The McGuinty government is attracting investors and helping businesses grow and compete by making it easier for them to get highly skilled employees.

Opportunities Ontario: Provincial Nominee Program will give the province the ability to fast-track a limited number of skilled workers through the federal immigration system.

The program will:

- Enable business to succeed by quickly filling vacancies for professional, managerial and skilled trades positions.
- Attract investment by facilitating the immigration application process for key employees of investors who commit to creating jobs for Ontarians.
- Give employers the option of permanently hiring international students who have the skills and knowledge they need.

The program, which will target approximately 1,000 nominees, is an update to the first-ever Ontario pilot provincial nominee program launched in May, 2007.

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“Now, more than ever, it’s critical that Ontario’s employers have the resources they need to compete at home and abroad,” said Ontario Citizenship and Immigration Minister Michael Chan. “This program allows them to strengthen their competitive position and helps our province seize opportunities for jobs and growth.”

“The provincial nominee program has helped our three hospitals attract the best and brightest health human resources to deliver extraordinary patient care in Ontario,” said Dr. Robert Bell, President and CEO, University Health Network.

QUICK FACTS

- All provinces and the territory of Yukon, have a provincial nominee program. Quebec selects all of its immigrants.

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Having difficulties finding qualified skilled workers in Ontario? Find out more how Ontario can help your business grow - www.ontario.ca/immigration