

ATLANTIC IMMIGRATION PROGRAM

The Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program helps employers hire qualified foreign workers who wish to immigrate to Atlantic Canada, and international students who wish to remain in the region after graduation.

There are three programs through which the employer can hire foreigners, namely:

- the International Graduate Program;
- the High-skilled Worker Program;
- the Intermediate-skilled Worker Program.

For each program, there are requirements that the candidate and the employer must meet.

Before you make a job offer, the employer must be designated by the provincial government of the Atlantic province where the candidate will be working.

After the employer makes a job offer, the candidate and employer will need to go through several steps. If both meet all the requirements, the candidate will be granted permanent resident status in Canada.

REQUIREMENTS	FOREIGN DIPLOMA	HIGHLY SKILLED JOB	MODERATELY SKILLED JOB
Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-year full-time diploma from a recognized and publicly funded institution in an Atlantic province. • Have obtained the diploma during the 12 months preceding the date of the application. • Have lived in one of the Atlantic provinces for 16-24 months prior to graduation. • ALS / FLS / distance learning: no more than half of the program. • The student cannot have a scholarship requiring return to the country of origin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian high school or post-secondary education, or the equivalent abroad (EDC obtained less than 5 years before the day the application is submitted). 	
Language	NCLC 4		
	None	CNP 0 / A / B	CNP C
Work Experience	s/o	At least one year, (1560 hours total or 30 hours/week) during the past three years. Paid, not continuous, full time or the equivalent part time. Obtained while studying : 20 hours/week during studies and 40 hours/week during Spring break.	

Others	Proof of 12,5% of low income cut-off (except if already employed in Canada with a valid TP) and the intention to stay in the province.		
Job Offer	CNP / O / A / B / C	CNP O / A / B	CNP O / A / B / C
	Full time during 1 year		Full time
	Non-seasonal position and from a designated employer in an Atlantic province (NB / NL / NS / PEI).		
Employer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must demonstrate that they are able to perform the duties and that they meet the relevant professional requirements set out in the NOC. • No need to meet licensing requirements in Canada for regulated professions. • Supported by a Provincial Certificate of Approval that shows that the offer is genuine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ o a needs assessment has been carried out ○ o a settlement plan is in place for the applicant and his family 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed by a PCP official to have a job offer approved by the province. • Must prove that tried to hire locally, but LMIA is not necessary. • Must establish an alliance with an organization that offers immigration services. • Must provide ongoing reports of personnel hired through the AIP, including position, salary, hours and settlement assistance provided. • The provincial approval letter is sent directly by the province to the candidate and is valid for 6 months. CIO Sydney receives a copy and the letter is included in the paper application. A temporary work permit is available for employers who need staff during the 6 month wait that takes the PR application process. 		