

## PERMANENT RESIDENT

### QUEBEC

If you wish to settle permanently in Quebec, depending on your situation, two permanent immigration programs are available to you:

- The Programme de l'expérience québécoise (PEQ);
- The Regular Skilled Worker Program (PRTQ);

To immigrate to Quebec and obtain your permanent Canadian residence, you must first obtain a Certificat de sélection du Québec (CSQ) from Québec Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration (MIFI).

#### Decisive date

- Date of the Certificat de sélection du Québec (CSQ) application
- In the case of a child who is the subject of a commitment, this will be the date of the commitment.

### 1. Programme de l'expérience québécoise (PEQ)

#### **Important**

As of July 22, 2020, new selection conditions will apply to candidates who submit an application as part of the Programme de l'expérience québécoise (PEQ). **Transitional measures** are also planned. Visit the MIFI website for more information.

#### Temporary Worker

- Have held a full-time job for at least 12 of the 24 months preceding the application

#### Student

- Having completed at least a Secondary School Diploma (DES) in a Quebec institution during the 3 years preceding the application
- Must have stayed in Quebec for at least half of their studies.

#### Family Support – Quebec

- Access to permanent residence in Quebec must be made, as the case may be, according to the criteria of the Regular Skilled Worker Program (PRTQ or according to the conditions of the Programme de l'expérience québécoise (PEQ).

## 2. Regular Skilled Worker Program (PRTQ);

### Selection factors and criteria

The selection is made from a grid made up of factors and criteria to which a score is associated. Points will be granted to you for each of the applicable selection factors and criteria. The evaluation of your application will establish whether you obtain enough points to be selected by Quebec. The selection grid for the Regular Skilled Worker Program presents, in addition to the selection factors and criteria, the weighting and passing thresholds that apply, in accordance with the Regulation respecting immigration to Quebec and the Regulation respecting weighting applicable to the selection of foreign nationals.

### Selection factors and criteria for the selection grid

The selection factors and criteria aim to assess the socio-professional profile of the candidates (and that of the spouse, if applicable) and therefore the potential for integration into the labor market and into Quebec society. The factors and criteria taken into account are:

- your training (including level of education and field of training). Only diplomas obtained **before** submitting your application are considered in awarding the score for the criteria Level of education and Field of training;
- your professional experience;
- your age;
- your knowledge of French and English;
- the stays you made in Quebec and your family ties with a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident in Quebec;
- possession of a permanent job offer validated by the Department); see the section *International recruitment - Hiring a permanent foreign worker*;
- the characteristics of the spouse (spouse or common-law partner) accompanying you, if applicable;
- other factors are taken into account, including: the number of children under 22 who will accompany you to Quebec;
- your capacity for financial autonomy (you must sign a contract by which you agree to provide for yourself and your family for at least the first three months following your arrival in Quebec).

## ARRIMA

How it works?

All people who wish to immigrate to Quebec under the Regular Skilled Worker Program must go through Arrima.

The declaration of interest-based immigration application management system consists of three stages:

First, you must complete an online declaration of interest form. In it, you are asked, among other things, to provide information about your education, language skills and work experiences.

The Ministry invites, from the bank of declarations of interest, people who meet certain criteria, focusing above all on the needs of the labor market in the various regions of Quebec. Those invited will have to complete an application for permanent selection (immigration application) and pay the fees associated with this application.

These requests will then be evaluated according to the selection grid in force.

### Processing Time

The Ministry will analyze your request within six months\*, which will begin from the date on which the complete information necessary to process your request (forms and documents) has been received and filed in the file.

\* The processing time may exceed six months for requests that are subject to verification.

## **3. Economic program – PROVINCIAL**

### **3.1 Entrepreneurs**

There are two components to this program.

To be eligible to this program, you must meet the following requirements:

#### Eligibility criteria for stream 1:

- You must settle in Québec to create and operate a business for which you have already received a service offer from a business accelerator or incubator or a university entrepreneurship center. You can carry out your project alone or with others, up to a maximum of three other foreign nationals who have submitted applications for permanent selection as entrepreneurs for the same project.
- You must present your business project in the form of a business plan, as well as a service offer.

- You must obtain, by the prescribed deadline, an attestation of learning about democratic values and Quebec values. The members of your family accompanying you (your spouse of 16 years of age or older and your dependent children of 18 years of age or older) must also obtain the attestation.

Under the Entrepreneur Program - Stream 1, there is no list of support organizations, that is to say business incubators, business accelerators and university entrepreneurship centres authorized to support entrepreneur applicants under this stream and their project, nor are there any regulated criteria intended to recognize these organizations.

Nevertheless, to assist you with the procedure, you can consult a [list](#) of projects from business incubators, business accelerators, and university entrepreneurship centres, supported by the Ministère de l'Économie et de l'Innovation, for information.

A business incubator, a business accelerator or university entrepreneurship centre that wants to support an applicant and his project must meet the appropriate definition:

- A “business accelerator” is an organization with an establishment in Québec that offers support services, particularly for finding financing, to people whose business projects are aimed at the growth of innovative companies;
- A “university entrepreneurship centre” is an organization managed by an academic institution referred to in section 1 of the *Act Respecting Educational Institutions at the University Level* (chapter E-14.1), or an organization affiliated with such an institution and that provides mentoring services to entrepreneurs;
- A “business incubator” is an organization with an establishment in Quebec that offers mentoring services, including hosting, to people whose business projects are aimed at the creation of innovative businesses.

The organization must demonstrate its ability to support the applicant and his project. To this end, he must write a service offer in which he presents the services he intends to offer the entrepreneur to accomplish his project. The support organization must present in particular:

- The proposed support plan (list and description of services that he plans to offer the applicant to carry out his project);
- The operation plan (detailed budget for the service offer and the schedule for carrying out the support activities, namely the services offered);
- Its expertise as a business accelerator, business incubator or university entrepreneurship centre (its skills and achievements in relation to the entrepreneur's project).

Note that even if you have already launched your business project in Quebec, you may still be eligible for the Entrepreneur Program, as long as the project is not yet fully implemented. However, you will still have to observe all of the Program's rules, which include presenting a business.

### Eligibility criteria for stream 2:

- You must settle in Québec to create or acquire and operate a business.
- You must make a start-up deposit and a security deposit at a financial institution with an establishment in Québec with whom you have signed a deposit agreement:
  - You must use the start-up deposit to set up your business and the required amount is lower if you set up your business outside the Montreal Metropolitan Community (CMM), that is to say CAD 200,000 compared to a start-up deposit of CAD 300,000 required if the business is located in the CMM.
  - The security deposit of CAD 200,000 serves as insurance that your business will actually be created. It will be refunded when you demonstrate that your business plan has been carried out.
- You must also have a minimum net worth of CAD 900,000, alone or with your spouse or de facto spouse, and you must demonstrate that this money has been legally acquired.
- You must present your project in the form of a business plan.
- You must obtain, within the prescribed deadline, an attestation of learning about democratic values and the Quebec values for you, if need be, the members of your family accompanying you (your spouse of 16 years of age or older and your dependent children of 18 years of age or older).
- If you choose to create a business, you must own and control at least 25% of its equity capital. If you choose to acquire a business, you must own and control at least 51% of its equity capital.
- Your business must not be involved in any of the following economic activities:
  - Payday loans, cheque cashing, or pawn broking;
  - Real estate development or real estate or insurance brokerage;
  - Production, distribution, or sale of pornographic or sexually explicit products or services related to the sex industry, such as nude or erotic dancing, escort services or erotic massages.
- Your business
  - Must have been in operation during the five years prior to your date of application.

Please note that you cannot acquire a business purchased, in the five years prior to submitting your selection application, from an immigrant selected as an entrepreneur under the program.

### Evaluation criteria

- your age;
- your level of education;
- your French and English [language skills](#);
- your financial self-sufficiency;
- your visits to Québec;
- your family in Québec.

## 3.2 Self-employed person

### Eligibility Criteria

- Come to Quebec to work and practice a profession or commercial activities, alone or with others, with or without paid help;
- Make a start-up deposit with a financial institution located in the region where you intend to practice your trade or profession:
  - Start-up deposit of CAD 25,000 if you intend to practice your trade or profession outside the territory of the Montreal Metropolitan Community (CMM);
  - Start-up deposit of CAD 50,000 if you intend to practice your trade or profession on the territory of the CMM - Montreal;
- Have a minimum net worth of CAD 100,000 with, if applicable, the accompanying spouse or common-law partner, whose origin and lawful accumulation must be demonstrated ;
- Have acquired professional experience of at least two years on your own in the profession or trade you intend to practice in Quebec;
- Obtain, within the prescribed deadlines, an attestation of learning of democratic values and Quebec values. Your accompanying family members (spouse aged 16 and over and dependent children aged 18 and over) must also obtain this attestation.

Please note that if you have already started your professional project in Quebec, you may still be eligible for the Self-Employed Worker Program, as long as this project is not fully completed. However, the fact of having started your professional project does not exempt you from the requirements set out in the Program, including meeting financial requirements.

### Evaluation criteria

- Your age and that of your spouse or partner, if applicable;
- Your level of education and that of your spouse or partner, if applicable;

- Your language skills in French and English, and that of your spouse or partner, if applicable;
- Your capacity for financial autonomy;
- Your stays in Quebec;
- Your family in Quebec.

### **3.3 Investors**

#### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Investor Program, you must:

- Have, alone or with your accompanying spouse or common-law partner, a net worth of at least CAD 2,000,000, obtained legally. Amounts received by donation less than six months before the presentation of your request will however not be accepted;
- Have at least two years of management experience during the five years preceding the application for selection. This experience should include planning, management and control of financial resources as well as human or material resources, under your authority. This experience does not include that acquired in the context of an apprenticeship, training or specialization leading to a diploma;
- Intend to settle in Quebec;
- Sign an investment agreement with a financial intermediary (broker or trust company) authorized to participate in the Investor Program;
- Make a five-year term investment in the amount of CAD 1,200,000 with Investissement Québec - Immigrants Investisseurs inc.;
- Obtain, within the prescribed deadlines, an attestation of learning of democratic values and Quebec values. Your accompanying family members (spouse aged 16 and over and dependent children aged 18 and over) must also obtain this attestation.

#### Evaluation Criteria

- Your age;
- Your level of education;
- Your language skills.

### **False declaration in an application for permanent residence in Quebec**

The person who makes a false declaration may be refused:

- examine a CSQ application for a period of 5 years;
- examine a sponsorship commitment request for a period of 2 years;
- no review of the decision will be possible.