



SUMMARY OF EXPRESS ENTRY

On January 1, 2015, individuals seeking to apply for permanent residence in the Canada Experience Class, Federal Skilled Worker Program or Federal Skilled Trade Program, as well as some Provincial Nominees, will be part of Citizenship and Immigration Canada’s (CIC) new electronic permanent residence application management system called Express Entry.

There are 2-steps to the process. Firstly, if an applicant falls into one of the classes mentioned above, he or she will submit basic information including educational details and work experience information into the Express Entry system. This basic information must also be accompanied by official language test results and an educational credential assessment for any applicant that was not educated in Canada. If an applicant has a spouse, it is advisable that the spouse also writes an official language test and obtains an educational credential assessment. Once this basic information is in the system (or “pool”), it will be assessed against a Comprehensive Ranking System that looks at the following components:

- Human Capital (education, age, language skills, Canadian work experience)
- Accompanying spouse (education, language skills, Canadian work experience)
- Skills Transfer (education, foreign work experience, availability of a trade certificate)
- Existence of a Labour Market Impact Assessment or a Provincial Nomination

The Comprehensive Ranking System is a points system based on a maximum of 1200 points.

COMPONENTS	<i>Single Applicant</i>	<i>Applicant with Spouse or Common Law Partner</i>
Human Capital	max 500	max 460
Accompanying Spouse	-	max 40
Skills Transfer	max 100	max 100
Provincial Nomination or Labour Market Impact Assessment	max 600	max 600

Applicants who rank high enough will be issued an Invitation to Apply (ITA) and this is the second step - the actual filing of an Application for Permanent Residence. The second step will also be an on-line process.

In order to receive an Invitation to Apply, an application will need to be selected from one of CIC's "draws" from the pool. CIC will select a pre-determined number of applicants with the highest scores. The draws will be made on a regular basis and each draw will be based upon a set of instructions that CIC will issue before each draw. The instructions will indicate the date and time of the draw, the number of applicants that will be selected and either the specific immigration program that will be included in the draw or the Comprehensive Ranking Score required.

Applicants may remain in the pool for up to one year. If an applicant receives an ITA and files an application for permanent residence, he or she is still subject to an evaluation against all requirements of the particular immigration class and all admissibility concerns such as medical and criminal.

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