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Immigration Update



Welcome to the Guberman Garson LLP Immigration Update. Our goal is to provide you with on-going information relating to immigration issues.

Recently, Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) released their three-year immigration levels plan. The plan is structured for new immigrants to “...trend towards representing one percent of the population by 2020”¹ (with immigrants already making up 21.9% of the population following figures previously released by Statistics Canada)².

IRCC anticipates welcoming 310,000 new permanent residents in 2018, 330,000 in 2019, and 340,000 in 2020. Economic immigrants applying through various immigration streams will count for approximately sixty percent of these figures, with most arriving through the programs under Express Entry. Therefore, immigrants may see draws being made with lower “Comprehensive Ranking System” thresholds, as higher immigration targets are a strong indicator of this trend.

The remaining immigrants will be comprised of family, refugee, and humanitarian classes. The increased levels are also aimed at reducing the backlogs present in the current system, and decreasing the processing times for sponsorship cases.

These new figures aim to bolster the Canadian economy and fall in line with comments previously made by Canada’s Minister of Immigration during an address in Toronto, where he affirmed the government’s belief that “...immigrants contribute to our economic growth and keep our country competitive in a global economy”³.

¹ Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, *Historic multi-year immigration plan sets out highest levels in recent history*, <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2017/11/news_release_growingcanadaseconomicfuture.html> accessed November 13, 2017.

² Statistics Canada, *Immigration and ethnocultural diversity: Key results from the 2016 Census* <<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/171025/dq171025b-eng.htm>>, accessed November 13, 2017.

³ Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, *Speaking notes for Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship at a news conference on Canada's Immigration Plan for 2018*, <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2017/11/speaking_notes_forahmedhussenministerofimmigrationrefugeesandcit.html> accessed November 13, 2017.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or would like to schedule a call to discuss these changes, please contact your immigration lawyer at Guberman Garson LLP Immigration Law (416 363 1234).

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