



BRITISH COLUMBIA  
PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM  
ENTREPRENEUR IMMIGRATION  
**POST-NOMINATION GUIDE**

*In the event of a discrepancy between the BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Post-Nomination Guide and the BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide, the program guide shall be considered correct.*

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## Part 1: After Nomination

### About the BC PNP Post-Nomination Guide

The BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) Post-Nomination Guide provides information about what happens after you are nominated as a provincial nominee by the BC PNP.

Please carefully review the information in this guide once you are nominated by the BC PNP.

All dollar figures in this guide are expressed in Canadian dollars.

### After Nomination and Applying for Permanent Residence

After you have been approved as a provincial nominee, you may apply for permanent residence to [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada \(IRCC\)](#) under the Provincial Nominee Class.

The confirmation of nomination is valid for 180 days (approximately six months). You must apply for permanent residence prior to the expiry date on your confirmation of nomination.

IRCC will assess that you meet the [security and admissibility](#) to be issued permanent residence to Canada, including medical and security checks.

**IRCC may review additional information related to your application and ensure you continue to meet the conditions of your performance agreement such as continuing to actively manage your business.**

**IMPORTANT:** Even if the BC PNP nominates you for permanent residence under the Provincial Nominee Class, the Province has no decision-making authority or discretion as to whether or not IRCC will grant you permanent residence status in Canada. IRCC has the final decision-making authority on whether to issue you a permanent resident visa.

If IRCC approves your application, you will be issued a [permanent resident visa to live and work in Canada](#).

For more information on applying for permanent residence please visit [IRCC's website](#).

For more information about processing times for applying for permanent residency, please visit [IRCC's website](#).

## Work Permit Extension

If your work permit is due to expire within 120 days (approximately four months) and you continue to meet the conditions of your nomination, you must [contact the BC PNP](#) to request a support letter to extend your work permit.

The BC PNP may request evidence to confirm you continue to meet the Conditions of Nomination.

The BC PNP will then issue you a support letter to extend your work permit so you can apply to IRCC for a work permit.

For more information about processing times for applying for a work permit, please visit [IRCC's website](#).

## BC PNP Withdrawal of Your Nomination

The BC PNP may withdraw your nomination under certain circumstances. You must abide by the Conditions of Nomination document included with your Confirmation of Nomination.

## Informing the BC PNP of Changes After Nomination

You must inform the BC PNP if there is a change in your circumstances, such as:

- change in business operations
- change in business location
- change in residential address
- change in marital status or number of dependants
- change in immigration status
- refusal of a Work Permit and/or refusal of a Temporary Resident Visa

## Using a Representative

Some people choose to use a representative to provide immigration advice or to assist with the process.

You are not required to use a representative – such as an immigration consultant or lawyer – to register and/or apply to the BC PNP or to IRCC.

Learn more about [using a representative on IRCC's website here](#).

## Beware of immigration fraud and scams

We encourage you to protect yourself from immigration fraud and scams. Learn more about [protecting yourself from fraud](#).

## Contact Information

Contact Information for IRCC	
IRCC Contact Options	1-888-242-2100
	<a href="http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/contacts/web-form.asp">http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/contacts/web-form.asp</a>
Website	<a href="http://www.CIC.gc.ca">www.CIC.gc.ca</a>
CIO (Sydney) Email address	<a href="mailto:CIO-Sydney-Search-Enquiry@CIC.gc.ca">CIO-Sydney-Search-Enquiry@CIC.gc.ca</a>

Contact Information for the BC PNP	
Website	<a href="http://www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP">www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP</a>
General information	(604) 775-2227
Email	<a href="mailto:En.imm@gov.bc.ca">En.imm@gov.bc.ca</a>

Please remember to quote your BC PNP file number on all voicemails and correspondence to our office.

**PLEASE NOTE: The BC PNP does not have any information from IRCC regarding the status of your application for permanent residence.**

## Part 2: Applying for Permanent Residence with IRCC

After you have been approved as a provincial nominee, you may then apply for permanent residence to IRCC under the Provincial Nominee Class.

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IRCC will assess that you meet federal security and [admissibility requirements](#) to be issued permanent residence to Canada, including medical and security checks. IRCC may review additional information related to your application and ensure you continue to meet the conditions of your nomination, such as actively managing your business.

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If IRCC approves your application, you will be [issued a permanent resident visa to live and work in Canada](#).

### Compiling Your Documents

Please follow carefully the Application for Permanent Residence: Guide for Provincial Nominees. This guide can be obtained from [IRCC's website](#), and will list all of the documents you need to submit.

- do not staple your application package together
- do not separate sections with plastic page protectors, binders or envelopes
- do remove transcripts from envelopes (if applicable)

Use [IRCC's document checklist](#) to make sure you do not miss any steps. This will help make sure your application is complete and help avoid processing delays. Assemble your application package in the order listed on this [IRCC checklist](#).

Please note that you only have to provide the documents listed under the "PNP" column of the checklist.

Also, if your documents are not in English or in French, send a certified translation with a copy of the originals.

For more information, we highly recommend that you review the following websites:

- [Provincial Nominees: How to Apply – Application Kit](#) (Please review IRCC's Application for Permanent Residence: Guide for Provincial Nominees under this section.)
- [Visa Office Website](#)



All provincial nominees must submit their applications for permanent residence to the Centralized Intake Office (CIO):

By Regular Mail:

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada  
Provincial Nominee Program  
Centralized Intake Office  
P.O. BOX 1450  
Sydney, NS B1P 6K5  
Canada

By Courier:

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada  
Provincial Nominee Program  
Centralized Intake Office  
47 – 49 Dorchester Street  
Sydney, NS B1P 5Z2  
Canada

For more information on applying for permanent residence, including processing times, please visit [IRCC's website](#).

## Obtaining Police Certificates

When you apply to become a permanent resident or a Canadian citizen, you and your family members must include a police certificate. A police certificate is a copy of your criminal record or a statement that you do not have a criminal record.

In general, you and all the people in your family who are 18 or older need to get a police certificate. You must get one from each country or territory where you have spent six or more months since the age of 18.

In order to avoid delaying the processing of your application for permanent residence we encourage you to begin the process of obtaining your police certificate immediately and to submit your application for permanent residence even if the police certificate has not yet been issued.

When you send your police certificate to IRCC, quote your full name, date of birth, and file number (beginning with an "E" or "EP").

For more information on obtaining police certificates, please refer to [IRCC's website](#).

## Medical Screening

All persons applying for permanent residence must pass a medical examination. Your dependants must also pass a medical examination whether or not they will accompany or immigrate with you to Canada.

Please DO NOT schedule a medical examination prior to receiving instructions and forms from IRCC requesting you to do so. Once you have received the medical instructions and forms from the visa office, please arrange to complete your medical as soon as possible.

For more information on obtaining medical screening, please refer to [IRCC's website](#).

## Extension of Nomination

The BC PNP only issues extensions to nomination certificates if your application for permanent residence has been returned by IRCC because it was incomplete and your application for permanent residence was submitted before the expiry of the BC PNP nomination. The BC PNP may be able to extend your nomination to allow you to submit a new, correct application for permanent residence.

To ask whether the BC PNP can extend your nomination, please provide the following to [En.imm@gov.bc.ca](mailto:En.imm@gov.bc.ca):

- your full name
- your date of birth (DD/MMM/YYYY) e.g. 01 JAN 1981
- your provincial nominee file number
- state in the subject line that you are asking for an Extension of Nomination
- provide a copy of the R10 letter from IRCC which states that your application was returned to you
- provide confirmation from IRCC that you submitted your permanent residence application before the date of expiry on the BC PNP nomination

**Note:** if IRCC has made a decision to refuse your permanent residence application, you will not be eligible for an extension of nomination, even if the date on your BC PNP nomination was not yet expired at the time of your permanent residence application, or appears to still be valid. Once IRCC has concluded processing of your permanent residence application, your BC PNP nomination is no longer valid.

## Part 3: Useful Information

### Useful Websites for New Immigrants

Welcome BC: <http://www.welcomebc.ca>

Contains general information on living and working in British Columbia, including information on the job market and economic opportunities, information on communities within the province, health care, housing, education, and arts and recreation.

WorkBC: <https://www.workbc.ca/>

WorkBC helps people find jobs, explore career options and improve their skills. WorkBC offers a comprehensive database of B.C. job postings, career tools and live chat for help with using the website and finding information.

Medical Services Plan (MSP) of BC: <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/insurance/bcresidents.html>

MSP provides British Columbians with coverage for medically required services, laboratory services and diagnostic procedures. MSP is a prepaid plan and account holders are billed for premiums a month in advance.

PharmaCare subsidizes eligible prescription drugs and designated medical supplies, protecting British Columbians from high drug costs. PharmaCare provides financial assistance to British Columbians under Fair PharmaCare and other specialty plans.

BC Health Guide: <http://www.bchealthguide.org/>

The BC HealthGuide Program provides reliable health information and online advice, and contains useful links to medically-approved resources that can be used to help you stay healthy and work with your doctor and other health professionals to manage your health concerns.

Employment Standards Branch:

<http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/esb/>

The Employment Standards Branch administers the *Employment Standards Act and Regulation*, which set minimum standards of wages and working conditions in most workplaces. Includes translations in Chinese, Tagalog, Punjabi, French and Spanish.

Eligibility for Canadian Employment Insurance: <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/ei/index.shtml>

Employment Insurance (EI) provides temporary income support during periods of unemployment. Temporary Foreign Workers must meet the same eligibility requirements as Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

Pre-Arrival Services: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/before-services.asp>

Get help before arriving in Canada with online and in-person services that you and your family can access as soon as you are selected to immigrate to Canada. These services are provided free of charge by settlement service providers while you are still overseas.

Settlement Services: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/map/services.asp>

IRCC's free, interactive map will help you to search for immigrant services in your area.