



# INTERNATIONAL PARAMEDICS BC

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## **BC Provincial Nominee Program Application (BC PNP) + Citizenship & Immigration Canada Express Entry Application Guide**

### **Authors Note**

At time of writing all information was accurate, however be advised that this is subject to change with no notice. Please check all advice prior to commencing application

## Once you have your job offer:

### Prerequisite Document Planning

The next step involves two simultaneous processes. **BC Provincial Nominee Program Application (BC PNP) + Citizenship & Immigration Canada Express Entry Application.**

Prior to commencing these applications, we strongly recommend you obtain the following documents to assist you with your application.

#### 1. Education Credentialing Assessment (can take up to 20 weeks)

- I found that BCIT was the quickest and most efficient service provider. I utilised them as they had a good track record and they were very efficient. They are also the only provider that allows you to complete the process online which saves a great deal of time and stress. This application involves comprehensive documentation so please commence as early as possible.
- World Education Services (WES) Credential Evaluation are also another recommended company = \$550 + costs of sending copies of transcripts from university directly to the head office.
- Other providers can be found on the CIC website.

#### 2. Medical Examination (can take up to 4 weeks)

- Complete this with the CIC recommended provider closest to you.

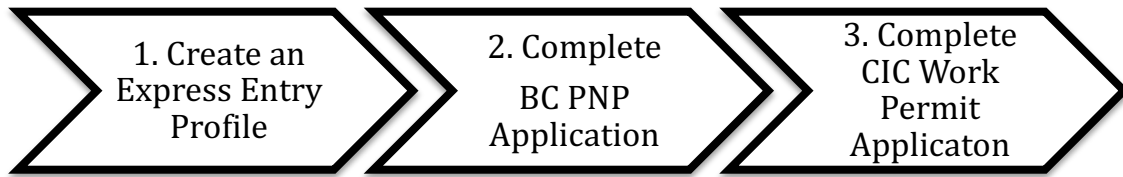
#### 3. Police Check (can take up to 12 weeks)

- CIC requires that you complete one for every state/ territory/ province/ country that you have lived in in the past 10 years.

#### English Language Test (can take up to 8 weeks)

- This is quite easy to obtain however keep in mind that a high score yields a much higher ranking in the comprehensive ranking system used to rank your eligibility for express entry (more information on this below).
- You can use the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP)

## The Work Permit Process



This process can be complex and daunting and requires that you complete both a **BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP)** and **Citizenship & Immigration Canada (CIC) Express Entry Profile Application**.

### What is the BC PNP?

“British Columbia’s economic growth depends on having enough skilled and qualified people to meet labour market needs. The BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) is a way for high-demand foreign workers and experienced entrepreneurs to gain permanent residency in B.C.” Fortunately, at time of writing, ACP Paramedics were considered to be in a skills shortage.

The BC PNP provides a quicker pathway for immigration to Canada.

**To be absolutely clear, the BC PNP cannot issue you a visa or permit to work and live in Canada. Instead it works by advising CIC that the province of British Columbia has assessed your new job offer as being of critical importance to the province and they want to provide you with quicker access to a CIC work permit or visa.**

### Why do I need a BC PNP application?

When applying for Express Entry you need to have enough points to be invited to apply via the CIC website. This is CIC’s way of ensuring they are taking the best candidates and the criteria is called the Comprehensive Ranking System (CRC).

There are lots of criteria that assist in giving you a final CRC score, including:

- **Human Factors** (age, education, english language skills, canadian work experience)
- **Spouse or common law partner factors**
- **Skills transferability factors**
- **Extra points** (this is where it gets interesting)

A successful BC PNP application gives you an extra 600 points in the CIC Express Entry pathway. This guarantees that you’ll receive an official invite to apply (ITA) for a range of immigration visa’s including a work permit and/or permanent residency etc.

As an example, the score required in the most recent fortnightly intake (dated: 8 August, 2018) was 440.

Whilst you may gain enough points to receive an ITA through CIC without the 600 points that you get with the BC PNP, it is still vital that you apply through BC PNP. A successful BC PNP applicant also receives a **Work Permit Support Letter**. This letter is crucial in speeding up your work permit application later down the road.

**Where can I find out more about the Comprehensive Ranking Score (CRM)?**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/eligibility/criteria-comprehensive-ranking-system/grid.html>

**Where can I find out more about the latest CRM intake scores?**

<https://www.immigroup.com/news/express-entry-pool-points-distribution-july-17-2018>

**Which one do I complete first, BC PNP or CIC Express Entry Application?**

You will need to complete the CIC Express Entry Profile Application first as you require the following two reference numbers for your BC PNP Application.

1. Express Entry Profile Number
2. Unique Client Identification (UCI) Number

Without these two numbers you cannot register for the BC PNP.

**Wait I'm confused. Do I need to apply for CIC Work Permit and then for my BC PNP?**

No, when you first set up an account on the CIC website you will need to prove to them that you have enough good standing to attempt an application for permit or visa.

This is done by complete an **express entry profile**.

Once this is complete and you receive an ITA you will be given a **express entry profile number** and **UCI**.

You will then be able to commence your **BC PNP application** and **CIC Work Permit Application**.

## BC Provincial Nominee Program Application

1. Create Account with BC PNP

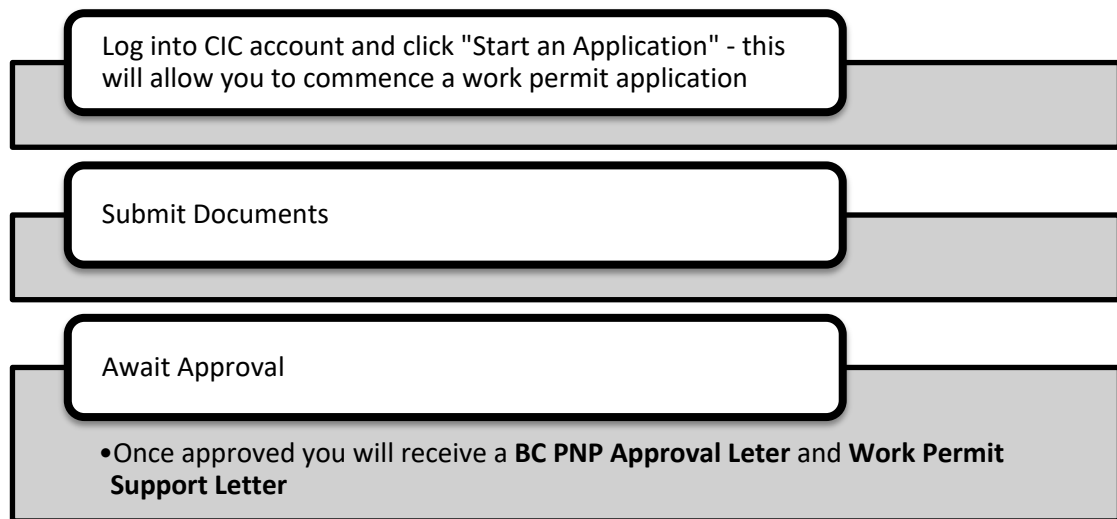
- <https://www.welcomebc.ca/immigrate-to-b-c/b-c-provincial-nominee-program>

Submit Documents

Await Approval

- Once approved you will receive a **BC PNP Approval Letter** and **Work Permit Support Letterd**

## Citizenship & Immigration Canada Work Permit Application



### How do I receive my work permit once its been approved?

This typically occurs through the mail.

### I've been advised that I can just turn up to the border and receive my work permit. Is this true?

Yes, but Canadian Immigration requires that you have a number of documents (hard copy) with you when doing this. At time of writing, the documents require included:

- The offer of employment number, obtained in advance via the employer portal (provided by your employer)
- A formal written job offer (this must state you are taking a full time job, it must also have the salary on it).
- The candidate's updated resume.
- The diplomas related to the job offer made to them (your education credentialing certificate)
- In addition, the documents specific to each type of application

For more advice on this pathway please speak with your recruitment officer.

### Is the border application process quicker?

Yes, as I completed this process to gain my visa. However I stress that you must have all the appropriate documentation with you. As a back-up, I would also apply for an Canadian eTA just in case there is a problem at immigration.

## Permanent Residency

### **What about applying for permanent residency?**

Once all of the above processes are complete you can log back into the CIC website and click "Start an Application" - this will allow you to commence a permanent residency application.

### **Can I submit a Work Permit and Permanent Residency Application at the same time?**

In our experience yes (I had two applications going at once), however submit the Work Permit Application first as this is the most vital part of your move to Canada.



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