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LIVING IN QUÉBEC AFTER YOUR STUDIES!

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IMMIGRATION TO QUÉBEC

A shared jurisdiction

QUÉBEC

• Selects candidates bound for Québec
• Determines the conditions and criteria for selection of these candidates
• Issues the Certificat de sélection du Québec (CSQ – Québec Selection Certificate)

CANADA

• Grants the rights of admission (temporary and permanent) to all foreign nationals to its territory, including Québec
• Verifies the eligibility of immigrants (health, security, criminal background check)
• Issues the permanent resident visa and grants citizenship
Québec selects skilled workers and their family based on the characteristics promoting their employment integration and their full participation in Québec society.

**Skilled workers must:**

- be at least 18 years of age
- settle in Québec to hold a job that the candidate is able to perform
IMMIGRATION TO QUÉBEC

Settling in Québec permanently

TWO SELECTION PROGRAMS:

• *Programme de l’expérience québécoise* (PEQ – Québec Experience Program)
  Self-assessment questionnaire (free):

• *Programme régulier des travailleurs qualifiés* (PRTQ – Regular Program for Skilled Workers)
  Preliminary Evaluation for Immigration (PEI) (free):
THE PROGRAMME DE L'EXPÉRIENCE QUÉBÉCOISE (PEQ – QUÉBEC EXPERIENCE PROGRAM)
THE QUÉBEC EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (PEQ)

Its benefits

• No selection grid
• Characteristics of spouse or common-law partner not taken into account
• Minimum documentation required
• A Certificat de sélection du Québec (Québec Selection Certificate) issued to the principal applicant and family members included on the application
• Application processed within 20 business days
THE QUÉBEC EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (PEQ)

Conditions common to both PEQ components

TO BE SELECTED AS A SKILLED WORKER, YOU MUST ALSO:

• meet all the conditions for the PEQ when the application is submitted

• have complied with all the conditions of your stay (the certificat d’acceptation du Québec [CAQ – Québec Acceptance Certificate] and work permit or study permit

• be legally in Québec if the application is submitted in Québec

• commit to providing for your basic needs and those of your accompanying family members (for a period of three months)
THE QUÉBEC EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (PEQ)

Conditions common to both PEQ components

TO BE SELECTED AS A SKILLED WORKER, YOU MUST ALSO:

• Demonstrate advanced intermediate knowledge of oral French

Assessment factors:

• Study program successfully completed entirely* in French in a Québec university or recognized institution, or

• Successfully completed three years of full-time secondary or post-secondary studies entirely* in French in Québec or abroad, or

• Test or diploma results recognized by MIDI, attesting achievement of advanced intermediate level, or

• Attestation of fulfillment of language requirements from a professional order, or

• Successful completion of an advanced intermediate French course followed in Québec in a recognized educational institution

* including a Master’s thesis or doctoral thesis when appropriate.
THE QUÉBEC EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (PEQ)

Québec Graduates – Specific conditions

• Have obtained, during the three years preceding the application, one of the following diplomas from Québec:
  – DEP or DEP + ASP, attesting to a minimum of 1,800 hours of continuous training and leading to the pursuit of a given trade
  – Technical DEC
  – Bachelor’s Degree, Master’s Degree or Doctorate

• Have completed a full-time study program in Québec, in a Québec university or an educational institution in Québec recognized by the Ministère de l’Éducation et de l’Enseignement supérieur
THE QUÉBEC EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (PEQ)

Temporary specialized foreign workers

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:

• Have occupied full-time employment in Québec at the management, professional or technical level (levels 0, A or B under the NOC) for at least 12 to 24 months before you submit the application (continuous or discontinuous periods)

• Occupy such a position when the application is submitted

OTHER ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS:

Other professional experiences can be considered:

• Post-graduation work

• Youth Exchange Program (Working Holiday Program, Young Professionals, International Co-op Internship)

• On-the-job training (not related to a study program in Québec)
THE QUÉBEC EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (PEQ)

When to submit an application to the PEQ

QUÉBEC GRADUATES

• A maximum of 6 months before the planned end of the study program

• The decision will only be made upon presentation of the diploma or the attestation of successful completion of the study program, or the transcript of final marks

• Possibility of submitting an application from abroad, within 3 years after obtaining a diploma

SPECIALIZED TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS

• As soon as 12 months of full-time specialized work have been completed, within a maximum period of 24 months preceding the application
THE QUÉBEC EXPERIENCE PROGRAM (PEQ)

How to submit an application to the PEQ

WHERE TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICAT DE SÉLECTION DU QUÉBEC (CSQ – QUÉBEC SELECTION CERTIFICATE)

• In Québec: address is on the application form

• For more information:

  Website: www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca

General Information Services:
  - Montréal region: 514 864-9191
  - Elsewhere in Québec (toll-free): 1 877 864-9191
  - Outside Québec: + 1 514 864-9191
THE PROGRAMME RÉGULIER DES TRAVAILLEURS QUALIFIÉS
(REGULAR PROGRAM FOR SKILLED WORKERS)
THE REGULAR PROGRAM FOR SKILLED WORKERS (PRTQ)
Selection grid factors

- Educational background (level of education and area of training)
- Language skills (French and English)
- Characteristics of accompanying spouse or common-law partner
- Age
- Validated offer of employment
- Work experience
- Stay and family in Québec
- Children
- Financial self-sufficiency
LEARNING FRENCH IS NOT ONLY FREE, IT'S REWARDING!

- Online francization service (FEL)*:
  - Learn French at your own pace
  - Various learning formats

* Intermediate level courses only.

www.francisationenligne.gouv.qc.ca
THE REGULAR PROGRAM FOR SKILLED WORKERS (PRTQ)

Rules for submitting an application in Québec

GENERAL RULES FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

• Studying or have studied full-time in a Québec educational institution located in Québec

• Hold a valid CAQ for studies and study permit unless exempted

• Comply with the conditions relating to the CAQ and study permit

• The duration of the study program is taken into account to determine if an application can be submitted from Québec and when the application can be submitted

• The points set out in the criteria pertaining to Level of Education and Area of Training take into account the last training program completed leading to a diploma (filling out the PEI: www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/epi)
THE REGULAR PROGRAM FOR SKILLED WORKERS (PRTQ)

When to submit an application

FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS IN QUÉBEC

Minimal duration of eligible study program:

• Vocational training program: 900 hours or more
• College program and university undergraduate studies: 12 months or more on a full-time basis (= three sessions)
• Graduate level university program: (including the specialized graduate diploma [DESS]) and post-graduate studies: no minimal duration required

When to submit an application:

• Program of less than 18 months: must have completed half the study program
• Program of 18 months or more: 12 months or less left before completing the program
• Graduate level university program (including the DESS) and post-graduate program: must have completed half the study program
SUBMITTING A CSQ APPLICATION FROM QUÉBEC (ON SITE)

The use of the *Mon projet Québec* secure space is now mandatory


- With an account: Online application at all times
- Without an account: call to find out the procedure to follow
  - Montréal region: 514 864-9191
  - Elsewhere in Québec (toll-free): 1 877 864-9191
PERMANENT IMMIGRATION

Steps to follow as a skilled worker (PEQ – PRTQ)

MIDI

• Application for the *Certificat de sélection du Québec* (CSQ)
• To be completed in its entirety (according to the requirements in force)
• Assessment of the application (according to the applicable criteria and conditions)
• If the decision is positive: a *Certificat de sélection du Québec* (CSQ) is issued

IRCC

• Application for permanent residence (statutory verifications – health, security, criminal background)
• **Permanent residence visa** is issued
• Admission on the territory

www.cic.gc.ca

www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca
IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
STATUS OF PERMANENT RESIDENT

• Extends the same rights as Canadian citizenship, except for the right to vote and obtain a passport

• Granted to all family members accompanying the principal applicant:
  ✓ spouse
  ✓ common-law partner
  ✓ dependent child or children

• Unlimited period of validity, providing that the residency obligation is respected
1. Fill out the forms applicable to skilled workers selected by Québec: [Skilled workers selected by Québec](#)

2. Gather all the documents required: [Checklist of documents](#)

3. Pay the fees required

4. Mail the application to the IRCC Centralized Intake Office (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) in Sydney, Nova Scotia

5. [Verify the application processing time](#)

To reach IRCC by telephone regarding questions pertaining to submitting your application: Toll-free number across Canada: 1 888 242-2100
VERIFICATIONS CARRIED OUT BY IRCC

1. SECURITY
You must produce police certificates:
Verify how to obtain police certificates depending on the country

2. HEALTH
Medical examination for all family members

3. FALSE DECLARATIONS OR OMISSIONS
Providing false information or submitting falsified documents to IRCC could jeopardize your endeavor
FINAL STEPS

1. Submit passport (or a copy of all the pages of the passport)
2. Receipt of confirmation of permanent residence
3. Validation of status (3 means):
   • land border (point of entry at Saint-Bernard-de-Lacolle)
   • airport border (upon your return from abroad)
   • by appointment at IRCC by calling 1 888 242-2100 (1010 Rue Saint-Antoine West, Montréal)

4. The permanent residence card will be mailed directly to your home by IRCC
## OVERVIEW OF TOTAL IMMIGRATION FEES

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Add fees for translation/police certificates/photos/postage
The fact that you have received a *Certificat de sélection du Québec* (CSQ – Québec Selection Certificate) or submitted your application for permanent residence does not entitle you to any status in Canada.

You must make sure to keep a valid temporary status at all times until you obtain your permanent residence status.

Your study permit becomes invalid on the expiry date or **90 days following the end of the study period**, including abandoning studies underway.
Since March 15, 2016, the majority of temporary residents coming from countries exempt from having an entry visa must now obtain an ETA before entering Canada.

- **Determine if you need an ETA or a visa**
- **Request an ETA**, at a cost of $7
- If you have obtained an ETA before your arrival in Canada, it must be indicated in the IRCC letter.
EXTENSION OF THE STUDY PERMIT

YOUR STUDY PERMIT EXPIRES IN A FEW MONTHS AND YOU WANT TO EXTEND YOUR STATUS:

• You must be able to prove that you are making continuous and sustained efforts in order to complete your study program; otherwise, renewal can be refused

• The letter from the registrar’s office of the designated educational institution must confirm that you were a full-time student and indicate your new registration period

• A new Certificat d’acceptation du Québec (CAQ – Québec Acceptance Certificate) is required beforehand

• You must submit an application for extension of the study permit and pay the fees to the IRCC Processing Centre in Vegreville, Alberta, online or by mail before expiry of your study permit
WORKING DURING YOUR STUDIES

CONDITIONS FOR WORKING ON CAMPUS:
You can work on campus without a work permit if you respect the following conditions:

1. Be a **full-time student**
2. Hold a **valid study permit**

CONDITIONS FOR WORKING OFF CAMPUS:

- Hold a valid study permit
- Be a full-time student
- Be registered in an institution recognized by the *Ministère de l’Éducation et de l’Enseignement supérieur* at the postsecondary level or in a vocational training program at the secondary level
- Be registered in a general or vocational training program for a period of six months or more leading to the awarding of a diploma or a certificate
WORKING AFTER YOUR STUDIES

CONDITIONS FOR POST-GRADUATION WORK PERMIT:
• Successfully completed an eligible study program
• Hold a valid study permit when submitting the application
• Submit an application to the IRCC Processing Centre in Vegreville, Alberta, within 90 days following confirmation from your educational institution that you have successfully completed the program

CONDITIONS FOR WORK PERMIT FOR HOLDERS OF THE CSQ:
• You hold a valid post-graduation work permit and are employed in Québec
• You have an offer from your current employer or from a new employer for a job in Québec
• You have obtained a CSQ as a skilled worker
• You are still residing in Québec
WORKING AFTER YOUR STUDIES

See all the conditions

Your employer must make an offer of employment online before you can submit your application and pay the compliance costs of $230.

See the procedure

Submit the application to the IRCC Processing Centre in Vegreville
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