

# Immigrate to **British Columbia**



## Entrepreneur Immigration: Quick Guide

The British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) **Entrepreneur Immigration** stream attracts international entrepreneurs to British Columbia (B.C.) to set up businesses that support innovation and economic growth in the province.

Entrepreneurs with previous experience running a business who meet personal net worth, investment, and language proficiency requirements can apply to the BC PNP to immigrate to B.C. and contribute their expertise to the province.

With a BC PNP nomination, entrepreneurs can apply to the Government of Canada for permanent resident status for themselves and their family.



## Two options for entrepreneurs

### Base stream

- Purchase or start a business anywhere in B.C.
- Bring your business expertise and help grow B.C.'s economy

### Regional Program

- For experienced entrepreneurs who are ready to invest in and actively manage a business
- Propose a business project and obtain a recommendation from a participating community
- Contribute to the economic growth of rural regions in British Columbia



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# Entrepreneur Immigration: Process

Entrepreneur Immigration is a “temporary to permanent” immigration pathway. That means that if you are approved, you will initially come to B.C. as a temporary resident, and then apply to stay permanently once you have successfully started a business.



## 1 - CREATE A BUSINESS PROPOSAL

What kind of business could you successfully run in British Columbia?

## 2 - REGISTER YOUR PROPOSAL WITH US

The registration that best fit B.C.'s needs receive an invitation to submit a full application

## 3 - GET A WORK PERMIT

If your application is approved by the BC PNP, B.C. will support your application for a work permit to come to Canada

## 4 - BUILD YOUR BUSINESS

Come to B.C. and bring your business to life!

## 5 - BC PNP NOMINATION

If you successfully establish your business, the BC PNP will nominate you to be a permanent resident

## 6 - PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Use your nomination to apply to the Government of Canada to stay permanently

### TEMPORARY TO PERMANENT IMMIGRATION PATHWAY

Entrepreneurs will first be approved to come to B.C. as a temporary resident and then apply for permanent residence once the business is established.

This guide provides a high-level overview of the program only. Please refer to the program guides on our website for the most current and complete information.

**For more information: [PNPInfo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PNPInfo@gov.bc.ca) or [WelcomeBC.ca/PNP](http://WelcomeBC.ca/PNP)**

