

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: SETTLEMENT, HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT



Settlement Supports

■ SETTLEMENT

- [Learn Live BC](#): Information about learning, living and working in BC
- [BC Newcomer's Guide](#): Comprehensive information guide includes information on pre-arrival, legal, housing, banking, medical and more – 15 [languages](#) available

HOUSING SUPPORT – WHERE TO GO FOR HELP:

- [Residential Tenancy Branch Metro Vancouver](#): 604-660-1020 Toll-free: 1-800 665-8779 E-mail: HSRTO@gov.bc.ca
- [Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre \(TRAC\)](#): Lower Mainland Tenants' Rights Information Line / Tenant Hotline Metro Vancouver: 604-255-0546 Toll-free: 1-800-665-1185

LEGAL – LOW COST LEGAL SUPPORT

- [ClickLaw](#): Provides legal information, education and help for British Columbians from trusted organizations
- [BC Human Rights Clinic](#): Metro Vancouver: 604-622-1100 Toll-free: 1-855-685-6222 E-mail: infobchrc@clasbc.net
- [BC Human Rights Tribunal](#): Metro Vancouver: 604-775-2000 Toll-free: 1-888-440-8844 / E-mail: BCHumanRightsTribunal@gov.bc.ca
- [Canadian Human Rights Commission](#): Toll-free: 1-888-214-1090

■ FINANCIAL AID AND SUPPORTS

- International students may qualify for [international student funding or special programs](#). There are many scholarships and bursaries available depending on the student's home country.
- Many post-secondary institutions in BC also offer scholarships, bursaries and other financial awards for international students. To find out more about these awards, contact the [international education office](#) at the institution where you are seeking to study.

Work Permit

- [Work Off-Campus Tool](#): Find out if you can work off campus as an international student still completing studies
- [Post-Graduation Work Permit \(PGWP\)](#): International students who graduate from a program of study in Canada may be eligible for open work permits – allowing for an opportunity to gain experience in the Canadian labour market
- [Processing times](#): check processing wait times for work permit applications

Career Planning and Job Search

- [Explore Careers in BC](#): Explore 500 career profiles and get all the details you need, from job duties and wages to projected demand in your region, based on National Occupational Classification (NOC) occupation classifications
- [Career Toolkit](#): Designed to help newcomers find the right career and assist in their career path
- [Power Up Your Job Search](#): Resources on writing a compelling resume, preparing for interview, developing networking skills and using social media in searching for a job
- [Job Bank](#): Electronic listing of jobs provided by employers from everywhere across Canada, broken down by province and city
- [WorkBC Job Board](#): BC's most comprehensive job postings database

Employment Safety, Rights and Responsibilities

- [BC Employment Standards](#): The Employment Standards Branch administers the [Employment Standards Act](#) and [Regulation](#), which set minimum standards for wages and working conditions in most workplaces. Learn more about who this applies to, answers to common questions and general information and forms
- [Complaint Process](#): Steps to take when you have an Employment Standards problem
- [Workplace Rights](#): Employees in Canada are protected by laws and regulations. Employers have obligations to their employees on topics such as pay, hours of work and safety.

OVERVIEW OF IMMIGRATION PATHWAYS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Permanent Resident (PR) Application and Requirements


- [Application Process](#): The basics of applying, such as your account, application status, finding forms, our offices, fees, and medical exams or police checks
- [Processing Times](#): Economic immigration applications processing times here under "economic immigration"
- [National Occupational Classification \(NOC\)](#): To determine the skill level of a job, search the NOC for the job title with "main duties" that most closely match the job's duties. You can then determine the job's skill level (e.g. A, B, C, D, or 0) within the NOC Matrix. The NOC can be challenging to navigate; if you are unsure, consider seeking professional advice.
- [PR Terms and Definitions](#): List of terms and definitions related to permanent residence
- [Language Tests](#): Required with specified minimum Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) levels

Common Permanent Residency Pathways for TFWs

Many International Students become PRs through Canada's Economic Immigration Programs. The following are the key immigration pathways to permanent residency for International Students:

- **ASSESSED VIA EXPRESS ENTRY (EE) APPLICATION SYSTEM**
 - [Federal Skilled Worker Program \(FSWP\)](#)
 - [Federal Skilled Trades Program \(FSTP\)](#)
 - [Canadian Experience Class \(CEC\)](#)
- **SKILLS ASSESSED THROUGH BC PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM (BC PNP) ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM**
 - [Skilled Worker](#)
 - [International Graduate](#)
 - [International Post Graduate](#)
- **ASSESSED VIA EXPRESS ENTRY (EEBC) APPLICATION SYSTEM AND BC PNP APPLICATION SYSTEM**
 - [International Graduate \(via CEC, FSWP or FSTP\)](#)
 - [International Post-Graduate \(via CEC, FSWP or FSTP\)](#)



 What is Express Entry? [Learn more here](#)