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- CIC Web site www.cic.gc.ca or
- CIC Call Centre at 1-888-242-2100 (toll-free from anywhere in Canada)

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Do you know of a community partner located in the B.C./Yukon Region who would like to receive this newsletter? If so, contact the Client Services Unit by fax at (604) 666-6582, or by e-mail at CIC-VancouverClientServices@cic.gc.ca.

The Vancouver 2010 Winter Games

Canada is hosting the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games which will take place from February 12 to 28 and from March 12 to 21, respectively. Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) will do its part to ensure the success of the Games by streamlining the processing of applications from Games' participants.

There are three ways to come to Canada for the Games:

1. as an Olympic/Paralympic "Family Member"

This includes: athletes, team officials, International Olympic/Paralympic Committee members, International Sports Federation members, National Olympic/Paralympic Committee members, selected media representatives of broadcasters and press, observers from other organizing committees and other guests – all of whom must be designated by the International Olympic/Paralympic Committees

2. as a Games-accredited WorkForce Member (Primary Workforce)

This only includes workers who are under contract with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC)—not ones hired by independent employers this includes: VANOC staff and volunteers, technical and operational staff of sponsors, broadcasters, press, other organizing committees, contractors and other government/law enforcement organizations.

3. as a visitor or temporary worker not under contract with VANOC (Secondary Workforce)

Those who want to attend the Games as spectators, or to work for an employer other than VANOC, need to meet certain requirements.

To accommodate early arrivals and set-up and take-down operations, the Games-time period will begin and end before the start and end of the actual Games: December 12, 2009 to April 21, 2010.

Facilitated operational procedures, supported by corresponding regulatory/policy amendments, have been developed to facilitate the application and entry process at the ports of entry. Furthermore, given the large volumes of foreign nationals who may be entering Canada to work at the games, selected policy enhancements and clarifications have been outlined in the Operational Bulletin 147, entitled [Work Permit Policies Relating to the 2010 Winter Olympic/ Paralympic Games](#), to ensure the efficient and consistent processing of applications.

Requirements

Persons travelling to Canada for the Games must meet [general entry requirements](#), such as: have a valid travel document for the duration of their stay, such as a passport; have a [Temporary Resident Visa \(TRV\)](#), depending on their citizenship and not be [inadmissible](#) to Canada (for security or health reasons, due to criminality or other reasons).

Persons who will be engaging in work during their stay in Canada must meet the general requirements for obtaining a work permit and/or a Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and Service Canada (HRSDC/SC) labour market opinion (LMO), in addition to those for entering and remaining in Canada. Note: Some jobs may be exempt from the [WP](#) and/or [LMO](#) requirement.

Definition of "Work"





“Work” is defined in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations as: an activity for which wages or commission is earned or that competes directly with activities of Canadian citizens or permanent residents in the Canadian labour market.

Work Permit Application Process for the Olympic and Paralympic Workforce

To facilitate processing for the 2010 Games Primary Workforce, HRSDC/SC has developed a Primary Workforce Opinion (PWO) process. The PWO has the same force as an LMO but will only be issued to the Games workforce.

Foreign workers, who meet the following two criteria, may apply (with their employer) at any time using the [facilitated Olympic and Paralympic work permit application process](#): Plan to arrive during the games period (December 12, 2009 – April 21, 2010) and are being employed by VANOC or one of its subcontractors.

Those who do not meet the two criteria mentioned above, may still apply to work in Canada during the Games but must follow the [normal work permit process](#).

Additional Information

Please consult the following sources for more information and procedures to follow for **visiting** Canada:

Olympic/Paralympic “Family Members” from TRV-requiring countries – [www.cic.gc.ca/english/2010games/visa.asp](#)
from TRV-exempt countries – [www.cic.gc.ca/english/2010games/non-visa.asp](#)

Visitors/Spectators – [www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/index.asp](#)

Please consult the following sources for more information and procedures to follow for **working** in Canada:

Primary Workforce – [www.cic.gc.ca/english/2010games/primary.asp](#)

Secondary Workforce and other workers – [www.cic.gc.ca/english/2010games/secondary.asp](#)

Information for employers – [www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/workplaceskills/foreign_workers/communications/whatsnewolympic.shtml](#)

Source: CIC Web site

New visa requirements for citizens of Mexico

As of July 14, 2009, Mexican nationals require a visa to travel to Canada. This change means that nationals from Mexico who want to travel to Canada will first need to apply for a Temporary Resident Visa and meet the requirements to receive one.

Mexico was the last Latin American country for which Canada did not require a Temporary Resident Visa. The requirement is in line with the U.S., which has had a long-standing visa policy on Mexico.

Source: CIC web site

How to apply for a visa

The process for applying for a Temporary Resident Visa is available on the website of the Embassy of Canada in Mexico: [www.canada.org.mx](#).

Once an applicant has completed the application and included all necessary documents, such as their passport, they may mail or courier the application, along with a pre-paid airway bill (return registered mail), to the Embassy of Canada in Mexico City.

To facilitate travel, applicants may apply for a multiple-entry visa which is valid for up to five years.

If anyone has an urgent need to travel to Canada, they are asked to visit the Embassy’s website and download the *Emergency Processing Request Form* and attach it to the top of their application package. They must state why their need for travel is

urgent and include any documents to support their reason.

Visa applicants must demonstrate their visit to Canada is temporary, they will not overstay their time in Canada, they have enough money to cover their stay in Canada, they are in good health, they do not have a criminal record, and are not a security risk to Canadians. These requirements are the same for anyone who wants to visit Canada.

If an interview is necessary, applicants will be contacted by the Embassy and an appointment will be provided. Applicants are encouraged to send their applications by courier or registered mail and to avoid visiting the Embassy unless specifically invited for an interview.

Applicants are asked to avoid calling, faxing, emailing or visiting the Embassy to enquire about their applications.

For recorded information, people in Mexico may call 01-800-226-2320. Individuals in Canada may contact CIC’s Call Centre at 1-888-242-2100.

Mexican citizens who are outside Mexico or who will be visiting another country en route to Canada, may apply for a Temporary Resident Visa at the Canadian visa office nearest to them. The list of Canadian visa offices abroad, as well as information on how to apply for a visa, may be found at: [www.cic.gc.ca](#).

Visit CIC’s website to view [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Source: CIC web site

New visa requirements for citizens of the Czech Republic

As of July 14, 2009, citizens of the Czech Republic require a visa to travel to Canada.

The visa requirement means that Czech nationals who want to come to Canada to visit, study, or work will first need to apply for a Temporary Resident Visa and meet the requirements to receive one.





Visa applications are to be sent to the visa office in Vienna. The Vienna office, which borders the Czech Republic, already has the processing capacity in place to help minimize delays for those planning to travel to Canada. Vienna already serves nationals from several other European countries.

How applicants may apply for a visa

The process for applying for a Temporary Resident Visa is available on the website of the Embassy of Canada in Austria: www.kanada.at.

Once an applicant has completed the application and included all necessary documents, such as their passport, they may submit their applications either by mail, by private courier, in person, or through a travel agent to the Embassy of Canada in Vienna, Austria.

To facilitate travel, applicants may apply for a multiple-entry visa which is valid for up to five years.

Visa applicants must demonstrate their visit to Canada is temporary, they will not overstay their time in Canada, they have enough money to cover their stay in Canada, they are in good health, they do not have a criminal record, and are not a security risk to Canadians. These requirements are the same for anyone who wants to visit Canada.

Measures are in place for anyone who needs to travel to Canada on an urgent basis. Information on emergency situations is available on the Embassy's website: www.kanada.at.

Czech citizens who are outside the Czech Republic or who will be visiting another country en route to Canada, may apply for a Temporary Resident Visa at the Canadian visa office nearest to them. The list of Canadian visa offices abroad, as well as information on how to apply for a Temporary Resident Visa, may be found at: www.cic.gc.ca.

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Source CIC web site

Changes in photo specifications for the Permanent Resident Card

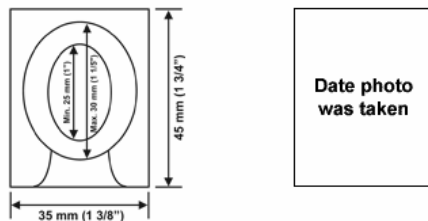
Background

The permanent resident (PR) card was introduced in June of 2002 as a secure and reliable proof of status document for permanent residents of Canada. In 2007, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) initiated a project to update the card design and its security features. The new PR card will be in circulation shortly.

The new PR card will have a larger integrated photograph of the document holder with a higher resolution than is found in the current PR card design. In order to achieve this improved photo quality, a small change is required to the specifications of the photograph submitted with the application

New photo specification for facial size

While the overall dimensions of the photograph remain the same, 35 mm (1.375 inches) by 45 mm (1.75 inches), the new specification for the facial size within the photograph – crown to chin – is between 25 mm (one inch) and 30 mm (1.181 inches). The previous size was between 25 mm (one inch) and 35 mm (1.375 inches).



Instructions

The photo specifications section of the PR card application kit and all applications for permanent residence (APR) are being amended to reflect the change in the photo measurements.

There will be a transitional period to minimize the effects of this change. During the transitional period, photo retakes will

not be required for photos that meet the old specification, but not the new specification. Arrangements have been made with the Case Processing Centre in Sydney to adjust for the change in photo specifications for the purpose of printing the new PR card.

Source CIC web site

Change to the Safe Third Country Agreement

The Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement was signed on December 5, 2002, and implemented on December 29, 2004. Under the Agreement, refugee claimants arriving in North America must make a claim in the first safe country they reach – either Canada or the United States.

One of Canada's exceptions to this agreement allowed individuals from countries under a temporary suspension of removals (TSR) coming through the Canada-U.S. land border to make a refugee claim in Canada, even though they already had the opportunity to make one in the United States. Effective July 23, 2009, this exception has been removed. Unless they qualify for another exception under the Safe Third Country Agreement, nationals from TSR countries (Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, Iraq and Zimbabwe) arriving at a Canada-U.S. land border will be ineligible to make a refugee claim in Canada and will be turned back to the United States. Nationals from these countries already in Canada or arriving at a port of entry that is not a land border with the U.S will not be affected by this measure and will continue to have access to Canada's asylum system.

Under the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement, individuals turned back at the Canada-U.S border will have access to the U.S. refugee protection system.

This decision follows a review by the Government of Canada of U.S. policies and practices that confirmed the continued designation of the United States as a country with a refugee protection program that meets international standards. In addition, the Federal Court of Appeal has upheld the legality of the Safe Third





Country Agreement between Canada and the United States, as well as the designation of the United States as a safe third country. The Supreme Court of Canada declined to hear an appeal of that decision.

A TSR prevents removals to a country or place when conditions such as war or environmental disaster threaten the lives or security of the entire population. When a TSR is in place, people whose refugee claim is rejected or who are found inadmissible for some other reason and who normally would be subject to removal are allowed to stay in Canada until the TSR is lifted.

Source CIC web site

Transit Without Visa Program

Program overview

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), in cooperation with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), has announced the formalization of the Transit Without Visa (TWOV) pilot at Vancouver International Airport into a national program. The TWOV Program, like the pilot, will allow certain foreign nationals with valid United States visas, travelling to and from the United States, to transit Canada without a Canadian visa.

The objective of the TWOV Program is to facilitate the movement of *bona fide* travellers transiting Canada while maintaining the security of Canadians and the integrity of Canada's immigration and refugee protection programs. The program will also improve the international competitiveness of Canadian airports by making them more attractive to airlines and travellers originating from or destined to the United States.

Eligible foreign nationals

The TWOV Program applies only to nationals of the following four countries:

- Indonesia
- The Philippines
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- [China*](#) (on a trial basis as described below)

In order to be eligible to travel under the TWOV Program, nationals of these countries must:

be in possession of a valid United States visa; be in possession of a valid passport issued by the authorities of a participating country; hold a confirmed onward ticket for a connecting flight that departs Canada immediately (foreign nationals transiting Canada under the TWOV Program may not seek entry to Canada as a temporary resident); be **arriving in Canada** on an airline that has an up-to-date TWOV Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CIC and the CBSA **and** be transiting through an approved Canadian airport.

Eligible airlines

The following airlines have an up-to-date TWOV MOU with CIC and the CBSA, and are therefore eligible to carry TWOV passengers:

- Cathay Pacific Airways
- China Airlines
- Philippine Airlines

Eligible airports

Currently, only the **Vancouver International Airport** has United States intransit preclearance facilities **and** an up-to-date TWOV MOU with CIC and the CBSA. As such, it is presently the only Canadian airport that is eligible to receive TWOV flights.

TWOV Program expansion

Additional foreign nationals, airlines and airports may be approved by CIC and the CBSA to participate in the Program in the future. Missions will be notified when changes are made to the list of approved program participants.

China transit trial

CIC, in cooperation with the CBSA, is also introducing a limited one-year China Transit Trial at the Vancouver International Airport as of July 30, 2009. Similar to the TWOV Program, the China Transit Trial will allow Chinese nationals with valid United States visas travelling to and from the United States, to transit the Vancouver

International Airport without a Canadian visa.

This one year trial is limited to the airlines currently participating in the TWOV Program and the Vancouver International Airport. In addition, Chinese nationals participating in the TWOV Program must have as their last embarkation point one of the following six cities:

- Beijing;
- Hong Kong;
- Shanghai;
- Guangzhou;
- Manila; or
- Taipei.

Source CIC web site

Citizenship Week

Canada's Citizenship Week (CCW) was created as an opportunity to promote the intrinsic value of Canadian citizenship, to support a sense of belonging among all Canadians, and to recognize the contribution that immigration makes to Canada's growth as a nation.

This year's CCW will take place from October 19 to October 25. During this week, CIC focuses on the privileges, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship. Schools and community groups, along with CIC, hold events and celebrations across the country.

You can find out about ceremonies taking place during the Citizenship Week, or in your area, on CIC's Web site at http://www.cic.gc.ca/specialev/english/searh_recherche.cfm.

Information on citizenship education and activities is available at http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/celebrate/merch_promotion.asp. ♦

Source: CIC Website





Multiculturalism

In October 2008, Jason Kenney was appointed the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism, thereby transferring the federal Multiculturalism Program from Canadian Heritage (PCH) to CIC. This has been an exciting addition to CIC, enabling us to reach out to the community in a different and new capacity.

The Multiculturalism Program encourages and supports participation by all citizens in building and shaping a cohesive and inclusive Canadian society. The Multiculturalism Program tries to meet this objective in various ways, a number of which are outlined in this article.

Grants and Contributions

One important way the Program lives up to its mandate is through its Grants and Contributions Program, which provides funding for projects that meet at least one of the following priorities:

1. Support economic, social, and cultural integration of new Canadians and cultural communities;
2. Facilitate programs such as mentorship, volunteerism, leadership, and civic education among at-risk cultural youth; and
3. Promote intercultural understanding and Canadian values (democracy, freedom, human rights and rule of law) through community initiatives with objective of addressing issues of cultural social exclusion (parallel communities) and radicalization.

In addition to meeting one of the above noted priorities, projects must also meet the following criteria:

- Use social development approaches to achieve measurable results; (if program is for youth, then youth should be involved in planning and execution);
- Involve broad community (community-based, neighborhood-

based and/or coalitions that are inclusive) and are high impact;

- Focus on action and measurable results leading to sustainable and lasting changes to address community issues;
- Involve partnerships, such as private or voluntary sector, public institutions or provincial, territorial and municipal levels of governments;
- Multi-year projects are encouraged; and
- Must lead to concrete results.

Many excellent projects are funded through the Multiculturalism Program. BC/Yukon Region is currently funding a number of projects, including the following:

Miscellaneous Productions Society: “Power Project”

Miscellaneous Productions Society will bring together ethno-cultural minority, at-risk youth (aged 14 - 29) in which performance art will be employed to consider issues of internalized racism, hatred and violence. The aim of the project is to empower participants to practice civic engagement and leadership in the promotion of anti-racism and diversity.

Pacific Cinémathèque Pacifique “Face BC”

Face BC educates visible minority and aboriginal individuals on media literacy pertaining to issues of racism, diversity and representation of ethnic and visible minorities in film and media, and how to create videos of their own. To this end, workshops will be held where participants will not only be taught, but will have the opportunity to engage with the issues through creating their own videos. In addition, the project will be used as the basis for the creation of curriculum on the use of film and video to discuss issues of racism and diversity.

We would be very happy to discuss project ideas and ask that you have a look at our funding guidelines here:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/funding/index.asp>.

Prior to submitting an application, please contact Nickola Selby at 604-666-6695 or Julie Papaioannou at 604-666-6465.

Community Historical Recognitions Program

The Multiculturalism Program also delivers the Community Historical Recognitions Program (CHRP). This program funds community-based commemorative and educational projects that provide recognition of the experiences of ethno-cultural communities affected by historical wartime measures and immigration restrictions and that promote these communities’ contributions to building this country. CHRP is delivered from National Headquarters; information on the Program can be found here:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/multiculturalism/funding/index.asp#chrp>.

Racism. Stop It! National Video Competition

In addition, the Multiculturalism Program has promotional campaigns which aim to raise awareness on issues of racism and the contributions made by ethno-cultural minority groups to Canadian society. Currently, CIC is preparing for The *Racism. Stop It!* National Video Competition, which is part of Canada’s March 21 campaign against racial discrimination. For further information on this initiative, please contact one of the Program Officers listed above.

Source: CIC



Around the Web

Some of the recent postings to the CIC Web site include:

[Minister Kenney announces reappointments and designation to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada](#)

News Release – May 19, 2009

[Minister Kenney wraps up official trip to the Middle East](#)





News Release – May 26, 2009

[Government of Canada announces Jewish-Canadian Advisory Committee Members for Historical Recognition Projects](#)

News Release – May 28, 2009

[Government of Canada Supports National Task Force on Holocaust Research, Remembrance and Education](#)

News Release – June 1, 2009

[Minister Kenney announces designations to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada](#)

News Release – June 1, 2009

[Minister Kenney celebrates CIC's award winning Young Newcomers Internship Program](#)

News Release – June 8, 2009

[Minister Kenney announces support for innovative mentorship project](#)

News Release – June 12, 2009

[Government of Canada announces first recipient of new multiculturalism award](#)

News Release – June 12, 2009

[Minister Kenney Launches “Voices of Refugees”](#)

News Release – June 16, 2009

[The Government of Canada introduces new resource for employers interested in hiring internationally trained workers](#)

News Release – June 16, 2009

[Government of Canada introduces amendments to protect vulnerable foreign workers from human trafficking](#)

News Release – June 17, 2009

[Canada Celebrates World Refugee Day](#)

News Release – June 20, 2009

[Minister Jason Kenney travels to continental Europe and the United Kingdom](#)

News Release – June 22, 2009

[Olympic hopeful Kaitlyn Weaver obtains Canadian citizenship](#)

News Release – June 22, 2009

[Minister Kenney announces citizenship judge appointments](#)

News Release – June 24, 2009

[Canada achieves full membership in the Holocaust Task Force](#)

News Release – June 24, 2009

[Canada remembers the Battle of the Somme](#)

News Release – July 1, 2009

[Minister Kenney's trip highlights Canada's commitment to combating Anti-Semitism and recognizing the evils of communism; honours Newfoundland's sacrifice at Beaumont-Hamel](#)

News Release – July 3, 2009

[Minister Kenney announces federal funding to help newcomers settle in Calgary](#)

News Release – July 10, 2009

[Parliamentary Secretary Wong welcomes new Canadians and celebrates the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games](#)

News Release – July 13, 2009

[Canada imposes a visa on Mexico](#)

News Release – July 13, 2009

[Canada imposes a visa on the Czech Republic](#)

News Release – July 13, 2009

[Minister Kenney announces removal of exception relating to Safe Third Country Agreement](#)

News Release – July 23, 2009

[New program to facilitate travel through Canada and encourage business at Canadian airports](#)

News Release – July 30, 2009

[Government of Canada announces members of Indo-Canadian Advisory Committee for historical recognition projects](#)

News Release August 1, 2009

[Government of Canada signs first-ever immigration agreement with Northwest Territories](#)

News Release August 5, 2009

[Minister Kenney announces citizenship judge appointments and reappointments](#)

News Release August 7, 2009

[Minister Kenney announces appointments and reappointment to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada](#)

News Release August 7, 2009

[Government of Canada to prevent immigration fraud through international cooperation](#)

News Release August 21, 2009

[Permanent resident card has new look, enhanced security features](#)

News Release August 24, 2009

[Minister Flaherty and Minister Lunn confirm use of accreditation card for Pan American Games for Toronto 2015 bid](#)

News Release August 28, 2009

For a complete list of news releases, media advisories, speeches and other media-related items, visit the CIC [Media Centre](#). ♦

Source: CIC Web site

UPDATES TO CIC MANUALS





CIC employees consult policy manuals and operational bulletins for guidance in applying the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and its regulations.

The policy and program manuals are divided into different categories (e.g. the Overseas Processing Manual [OP]). Each manual, in turn, is divided into specific chapters and assigned a chapter number (e.g. OP 12: Students).

In exceptional circumstances, operational bulletins (OB) may also be issued for one-time-only instructions or to provide urgent instructions to staff for a brief period while the program and policy manuals are being updated.

Whenever a chapter is modified or an operational bulletin is issued, a notice appears at the following link:
www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/manuals/updates.asp

For updates to policy and program manuals, click on the UPDATES section (on the right side). Select the manual you wish to view and choose UPDATES TO CHAPTER from the index. For a list of operational bulletins, click on the OPERATIONAL BULLETIN section (on the right side).

The following is a list of chapter updates and operational bulletins issued between May 16, 2009 and August 31, 2009.

[ENF 10 — Removals](#)

[FW 2 — Temporary Foreign Worker: Quick Reference Guide](#)

[FW 1 — Foreign Worker Manual](#)

[IP 6 — Processing Temporary Resident Extensions](#)

[IP 4 — Processing Live-in Caregivers in Canada](#)

[FW 1 — Foreign Worker Manual](#)

[ENF 4 — Port of Entry Examinations](#)

[PP 3 — Pre-removal Risk Assessment \(PPRA\)](#)

[OP 1 — Procedures](#)

[CP 4 — Grants](#)

[OP 5 — Overseas Selection and Processing of Convention Refugees Abroad Class and Members of the Humanitarian-protected Persons Abroad Classes](#)

[OP 14 — Processing Applicants for the Live-in Caregiver Program](#)

[ENF 4 — Port of Entry Examinations](#)

[FW 1 — Foreign Worker Manual](#)

[OB 114 – May 19, 2009](#)

Updated Schedule 4 and New Schedule 4A for Provincial Nominees

[OB 119 – June 3, 2009](#)

Sri Lanka Initiative – Applications for Family Class Members and Dependents of in-Canada Permanent Residence Applicants Affected by the Current Humanitarian Situation

[OB 116 – June 4, 2009](#)

Real Time Identification (RTID) Project / Digital Fingerprinting

[OB 120 – June 15, 2009](#)

Federal Skilled Worker (FSW) Applications – Procedures for Visa Offices

[OB 130 – July 2, 2009](#)

Restoration Guidelines

[OB 131 – July 6, 2009](#)

Application of Dual Intent

[OB 126 – July 9, 2009](#)

Processing spouse or common-law partner in Canada class applications when humanitarian and compassionate consideration is requested

[OB 128 – July 13, 2009](#)

Mexico – New Temporary Resident Visa Requirements

[OB 129 – July 13, 2009](#)

Czech Republic – New Temporary Resident Visa Requirements

[OB 122 – June 25, 2009](#)

Pilot Project for Working-Age Dependent Children of Workers Destined to Alberta

[OB 123 – June 25, 2009](#)

Pilot Project for Working-Age Dependent Children of Workers Destined to Ontario

[OB 133 – July 17, 2009](#)

Foreign Media Crews

[OB 134 – July 17, 2009](#)

First Generation Limit and Citizenship by Descent – Clarification for Port of Entry Officers

[OB 136 – July 23, 2009](#)

Procedures for Humanitarian and Compassionate Applications as a Result of Lifting the Temporary Suspension of Removals on Burundi, Liberia and Rwanda





OB 135 – July 24, 2009

Streamlining the Refugee Intake Process

OB 63B – July 29, 2009

Assessing Excessive Demand on Social Services

OB 142 – July 30, 2009

Transit Without Visa Program

OB 124 – July 31, 2009

Implementation of the Canada-Peru Free Trade Agreement

OB 143 – August 4, 2009

Procedures for Receiving Canadian Experience Class Applications at Visa Offices

OB 141 – August 6, 2009

Changes in photo specifications for the Permanent Resident Card

OB 145 – August 14, 2009

Changes to R204 Exemption Code T10 and New Provincial Authority

OB 146 – August 14, 2009

Alberta Pilot Project for Spouses and Common-Law Partners of Long-Haul Truck Drivers

OB 147 – August 17, 2009

Work Permit Policies Relating to the 2010 Winter Olympic/Paralympic Games

OB 152 – August 28, 2009

Limited validity period for labour market opinions

Source: CIC Web site



You Asked About...?

Who can apply for permanent resident status through the Canadian Experience Class?

To apply for permanent resident status through the Canadian Experience Class, you must be either:

A temporary foreign worker with at least two years of full-time skilled work experience in Canada; or

A student who has graduated from an eligible Canadian post-secondary program with at least one year of skilled work experience in Canada.

- Have gained your experience in Canada with the proper work or study authorization.
- Apply while working in Canada, or within one year of leaving your job in Canada.
- Be able to communicate in English or French (the official languages of Canada).
- Plan to live outside the province of Quebec as it manages its own immigration program. If you have worked or studied in Quebec but intend to settle elsewhere in Canada, that experience could help you meet the requirements of the Canadian Experience Class.

What does “skilled” work experience mean?

Skilled work experience under the Canadian Experience Class must be in one of the following categories of Canada’s National Occupation Classification.

Skill Type 0

Senior management occupations and middle and other management positions.

Skill Level A

Occupations usually requiring university education at the bachelor’s, master’s or doctorate level.

Skill Level B

Occupations usually requiring education obtained at a college or vocational institute, apprenticeship training, or three to four years of post-secondary school followed by more than two years of on-the-job training, specialized training courses or specific work experience.

To find out if your work experience qualifies, check the National Occupational Classification website at www.hrsdc.gc.ca/noc

For more information on the Canadian Experience Class, visit: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/cec/index.asp>

I am an international student. I’ve been working as a library assistant on campus for 2 years. Can I include this experience if I apply for the Canadian Experience class?

Generally speaking, Off -Campus work experience cannot be used as credit towards immigration under the CEC; however, most work (other than low-skilled work) performed after graduation can be counted.

