

Canada's federal Caregivers Immigration Program

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/caregivers.html>

On February 23, 2019, the Federal Department of Immigration and Immigration Canada (IRCC) announced that it will implement a new 5-year Caregivers Immigrant Pilot Program that will replace the previous Live-in Caregiver Program. Under the new program, applicants will undergo an immigration assessment before coming to Canada, and after obtaining a work visa and working in Canada for two years, they will be able to submit a federal permanent residence application directly.

The main applicant lands in Canada to work on a work visa for a specific occupation, during which he/she is allowed to change employers, his/her spouse and children can come to Canada with him/her, his/her spouse can work on an open work visa, and his/her children can enjoy free public education.

The new Caregivers immigration pilot programs include: the Home Child Care Provider Pilot and the Home Support Work Pilot.

The annual application quota for the program is 2,750. On June 18, 2019, the program officially began accepting applications.

Currently, the Federal Caregivers Immigration Program is divided into two application categories, and the acceptable quotas for both categories in 2023 are as follows:

Accumulated experience category : 1650

- 1500 online applications (Maximum reached and closed on January 1, 2023)
- 150 other applications (Maximum reached and closed on 1 February 2023)

Direct permanent residence category : 1100

- 1000 online applications (Maximum reached and closed on 19 April 2023)
- 100 other applications

Program advantage

- No age limit, low educational requirements (college);
- Work in Canada for at least 2 years within 3 years, the work does not have to be continuous;
- Can change employers, not limited to one employer;
- Spouses and children can travel with open work visas and study visas, and quickly land to enjoy Canadian benefits.

Application conditions

1、 Category A (Accumulated Experience category) (less than 24 months of qualified work

experience) :

- a. Hold a real and valid full-time job offer from an employer outside Quebec, Canada;
- b. Child care: The applicant takes care of a child under the age of 18 in his or her own home or the employer's home, does not have to live in the employer's home, and his or her experience as a foster parent is not recognized;
- c. Family support worker: the applicant takes care of the person in need of care at the employer's home, and does not have to live at the employer's home;
- d. Work experience must be one of the above occupations, can not be a mix of two occupations;
- e. Capable of work: based on the applicant's past experience or training to judge whether it is capable;
- f. At least CLB 5 language score;
- g. Complete at least one year college degree, through the Canadian equivalent certification.

2 、 Category B (through permanent residence category) (24 months qualified work experience) :

Have at least 24 months of cumulative full-time Canadian work experience in the last 36 months,

Work experience falls under the following occupational categories:

- a. Child Care: The applicant takes care of a child under the age of 18 in his or her own home or the employer's home, and does not have to live in the employer's home
- b. Experience as a foster parent is not recognized;
- c. Family support worker: the applicant takes care of the person in need of care at the employer's home, and does not have to live at the employer's home;
- d. Work experience must be one of the above occupations, can not be a mix of two occupations;
- e. At least CLB 5 language score;
- f. Complete at least one year college degree, through the Canadian equivalent certification.

Application process

1. Evaluation and signing;
2. Implement the employer's offer;
3. Submit work visa and PR application at the same time;
4. Received the federal file number, the work permit was approved (the work permit is valid for 3 years);
5. Landing in Canada for caregivers work, after 2 years to submit to the immigration office Canada related work experience certificate;
6. The Immigration Bureau will continue to approve the applicant's PR application (expected to take about 6 months);
7. Background investigation, notification of replenishment (if necessary) or physical examination;
8. Notice sticker, get immigrant visa. (The overall cycle is about three years)