

Canadian Federal Self-Employed Persons Program Immigration

The Canadian Federal Self-employed Person Immigrant program applies to applicants who have relevant experience in cultural activities or sports, and the federal government allows such applicants to become permanent residents of Canada in the form of self-employment, with the intention of contributing to Canada's cultural or sporting endeavors. Athletes, actors, writers, painters, as well as self-employed piano teachers, dance teachers, yoga instructors, etc., can apply for Canadian immigration through the program.

Canadian federal self-employed immigration is a one-step immigration program, there are no mandatory requirements for language and education, visa officers pay more attention to the applicant's experience of self-employment with skills, as long as the minimum score of 35 points is eligible to apply.

Application Requirement :

1. The applicant must have relevant experience in cultural activities or sports, which requires the applicant to:
 - a. Have participated in, or are self-employed in, world-class cultural or sporting activities;
 - b. At least 2 years of relevant experience in the 5 years prior to submission of the application:
 - Two one-year periods of self-employment experience in cultural or sports activities; or
 - Two periods of one-year experience in world-class cultural or sporting activities; or
 - One year of self-employment in cultural and sporting activities plus one year of participation in world-class events;
2. Willing and able to engage in self-employment in Canada;
3. Meet the Canadian federal scoring criteria for self-employed immigrants, with a minimum of 35 points out of 100, mainly based on the applicant's relevant experience, education, age, language level and adaptability;
4. Applicants and their families must pass a medical examination, be able to provide proof of no crime, and have sufficient funds to settle down.

Scoring standard

The Canadian federal self-employed immigrant score is based on the following three factors: the documentation provided by the applicant, the score under the scoring criteria and whether they meet the definition of self-employed person, the applicant may be asked to interview during the process to explain unclear or inconsistent information, and the issue of application information gaps.

- Overall scoring criteria for Canadian federal self-employed persons immigrants

Scoring Item	The Maximum Score
Education	25

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Experience	35
Age	10
English and/or French ability	24
Adaptability	6
Total	100

Education Score: Maximum 25 points

Education	up to 25 points
You have a master's degree or doctoral degree and at least 17 years of full-time or full-time equivalent education.	25 (points)
You have two or more bachelor's degrees and at least 15 years of full-time or full-time equivalent study.	22 (points)
You have a three-year diploma, trade certificate or apprenticeship, and a full-time or full-time same calendar for at least 15 years.	22 (points)
You have a bachelor's degree of two or more years and a full-time or full-time study for at least 14 years.	20 (points)
You have a two-year diploma, trade certificate or apprenticeship and at least 14 years of full-time or full-time equivalent.	20 (points)
You have a one-year bachelor's degree and at least 13 years of full-time or full-time equivalent study.	15 (points)
You have a one-year diploma, trade certificate or apprenticeship and at least 13 years of full-time or full-time equivalent.	15 (points)
You have a one-year diploma, trade certificate or apprenticeship and at least 12 years of full-time or full-time equivalent.	12 (points)
You finished high school.	5 (points)

Experience Score: Maximum 35 points

Relevant experience must begin five years before you sign your application and end when a decision is made on your application.

Two years of relevant experience	20
Three years of relevant experience	25
Four years of relevant experience	30

Five years of relevant experience	35
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Age Score: maximum 10 points

When your application is received by the Visa Office, you will receive selection points based on your age.

Age	(Points)
Age 16 or under	0
17	2
18	4
19	6
20	8
21–49	10
50	8
51	6
52	4
53	2
54+	0

Language proficiency score: maximum 24 points

English or French

Description of each proficiency level (maximum 24 points)

Proficiency	Ability			
	Speak	Listen	Read	Write
High: You can communicate effectively in most social and work situations.	Oral : High	Listening : High	Reading : High	Writing : High
Moderate: You can communicate easily in familiar social and work situations.	Oral : Moderate	Listening : Moderate	Reading : Moderate	Writing : Moderate
Basic: You can communicate in a predictable context and on familiar topics, but with some difficulty.	Oral : Basic	Listening : Basic	Reading : Basic	Writing : Basic

Proficiency	Ability			
	Speak	Listen	Read	Write
No: You do not meet the above basic proficiency criteria.	Does not meet the basic level	Does not meet the basic level	Does not meet the basic level	Does not meet the basic level

Adaptability score: Maximum 6 points

A maximum of 6 Adaptability points can be awarded for any combination of the following elements.

Adaptability	Maximum 6 points
Education level of spouse or common-law partner <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secondary (high school) Diploma below: 0 points• A one-year diploma, trade certificate, apprenticeship or university degree and a full-time or full-time equivalent of at least 12 years: 3 points• A two - or three-year diploma, trade certificate, apprenticeship or university degree and a full-time or full-time equivalent of at least 14 years: 4 points• Master's degree or doctoral degree and at least 17 years full-time or full-time equivalent: 5 points	3-5
Previous work in Canada, or your entourage spouse or cohabiting partner, has completed at least a year of full-time work in Canada.	5
You or your accompanying spouse or common-law partner have completed at least two years of full-time study at a post-secondary institution in Canada. You must do so after you are 17 years old and hold a valid study permit. You do not need to earn a degree or diploma during these two years of study to earn these points.	5
Relatives in Canada You or your accompanying spouse or common-law partner have relatives (parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, parents' children, siblings, grandparents' children, children of aunts or uncles, or grandchildren of parents, nieces or nephews) living in Canada who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents.	5

Application approval time: 46 months

Cost :

CAD: From \$2,140

To apply for self-employed immigration to Canada, you need to submit the following documents:

1. Proof of self-employed experience: Applicants are required to provide evidence that they have at least two years of self-employed experience in their own industry.
2. Business Plan: Applicants are required to prepare a detailed business plan, which should include information about their business objectives, market research, competitor analysis, marketing plan, financial projections, etc.
3. Language test results: Applicants are required to demonstrate their language proficiency by passing a language test recognized by the Government of Canada, such as IELTS or CELPIP.
4. Proof of assets: Applicants are required to provide proof of assets that demonstrate their ability to independently operate a business or perform their own work in Canada.
5. Education proof: the applicant needs to provide his own education certificate and occupational management quality.
6. Passport or identification: Applicants are required to provide a valid passport or identification document.
7. Other documents: The applicant also needs to provide some other documents, such as marriage certificate, divorce certificate, children's identity certificate, etc.

It is important to note that the specific requirements for documentation may vary depending on the individual circumstances of the applicant. When preparing the application materials, applicants should carefully study the application requirements of the self-employed Immigration Policy and provide the required documents in accordance with the official guidance.

How to Apply online

You need to apply online now

If you are unable to apply online and require amenities, including disability, you can apply in other formats (paper, Braille or large print).

Log in or create a Permanent Residence Online Application Portal account (opens in new TAB)

The Instruction Guide (IMM 4500) will help you complete the form correctly.

You must fill out these digital forms online

You will fill out these digital forms online (for yourself and any family members aged 18 or over)

- Canada Common Application Form (IMM 0008)
- Schedule A - Background/Statement (IMM 5669)
- Other Family Information (IMM 5406)
- Additional Information - Your Trip (IMM 5562)

You must also fill out these PDF forms

- You do not need to sign
- Upload them to your online application
- As the principal applicant, you will sign the entire application electronically, including applications from your family members
 - Document List [IMM 5784] (PDF, 384.24 KB).
 - Schedule 5: Economic Categories - Declaration of Intent to Reside in Quebec [IMM 0008 Schedule 5 (PDF, 1.37MB) (if applicable)
 - Schedule 6A Business Migrants - Self-employed Persons [IMM 0008 Schedule 6A] (PDF, 1.56MB)

Fill out and sign these PDF forms (if they apply to you)

- Print and complete
- Hand signature
- Get it signed by a third party
- Upload with your application:
 - Declaration of Separation for Minors to Canada [IMM 5604] (PDF, 609.23 KB) (if applicable)
 - Statutory Declaration of Cohabitation [IMM 5409] (PDF, 636.51 KB) (if applicable)

If you are dishonest in your application for permanent residence, we may:

- Your application is denied
- Found out you weren't allowed
- You are prohibited from applying for permanent resident status for up to 5 years

Use of immigration representatives

If you are a representative, [learn how to create an account and submit an application on behalf of a client.](#)

If you want to appoint someone to conduct business with us on your behalf, you must

- Submit the [Use Representative \[IMM 5476\] \(PDF, 648.31 KB\)](#) form
- Sign your name digitally or manually, and ask your immigration representative to do the same
- Upload with your application

Immigration representatives (immigration consultants or lawyers) can

- To advise you and help you pay for your application
- Help you prepare the forms and documents you need to upload
- Answer questions about the form
- Communicate with us on your behalf through their own account

They can't

- Opening a portal account on your behalf
- Electronically sign the application for you
- Log in to the portal using your username and password

After reading the statement, you must be the one to enter your name and click the "Submit" button. This is a legal requirement for your application to be considered "signed" under Canadian immigration law.

If you want to allow us to release the information in your application to people other than you who will not act as your representative, you must

- Submit Authorization to release Personal Information to designated individuals, Form [IMM 5475] (PDF, 593.57 KB)
- Fill out the form and sign it (digital or manual)
- Have the individual you specify also sign
- Upload with your application

Take fingerprints and photos

If you are between the ages of 14 and 79, you may be required to provide fingerprints and photos (biometric information).

[Find out if you need to provide biometric information.](#)

- You must pay a biometric fee when you submit your application. Otherwise, you may experience delays.
- Do this as soon as you receive a letter from us telling you to provide biometrics.
- You have 30 days from the date on the letter to do this.

Temporary changes to biometrics

Book your biometric appointment as soon as possible to avoid processing delays.

If you are unable to make an appointment by the deadline for the biometric instruction letter, temporary measures may be taken to help you.

Pay your application fee

In most cases, your fees will include:

Processing fees for you and anyone you include in your application

Permanent residency fee

Bioassays

Third party expense

You must pay the fee using our online fee tool (opens in new TAB).

Biometric cost

In most cases, you will have to pay a biometric fee when you submit your application. Otherwise, you may experience delays. Biometric fees include the cost of collecting fingerprints and digital photos.

After you have paid the biometrics fee through your completed application, we will send you a letter confirming that you need to provide biometric information and where you can go. When you provide biometric information, you must present this letter.

You must provide biometric information in person. If this service is available, be sure to make an appointment. [Find a collection point near you.](#)

Third party expense

Depending on your situation, you may be required to pay a third party:

- [Physical examination](#)
- [No criminal record](#)
- [Language test](#)

Our explanatory guide can help you understand which fees apply to you.

Photo specification

You will need to provide a photo for each person on your application.

Follow the instructions in the online application to scan and upload both sides of the photo.

Submit your online application

Before submitting your application, please ensure that you:

- Answer all questions
- Sign your application electronically (enter your full name exactly as shown on your passport)
- Include your fee receipt
- Upload all supporting documents

If your application is incomplete, we will reject it. You must fix all errors and then resubmit.