



## IMMIGRATE TO CANADA : INDEPENDENT SKILLED WORKER CLASS

### How to Qualify for a Canadian Visa – Independent/Skilled Worker Class

#### Determining Eligibility

In order for an individual to be eligible to apply for Permanent Residence in Canada in the Independent/Skilled Worker Class, he/she must either:

- have an offer of arranged employment, **OR**
- be a skilled worker who has at least one (1) year of paid full-time experience or two (2) years of continuous paid half-time experience in one (1) or more of the following twenty-nine (29) occupations within the past ten (10) years:
  - 0631 Restaurant and Food Service Managers - **(NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS-QUOTA HAS BEEN FILLED)**
  - 0811 Primary Production Managers (Except Agriculture)
  - 1122 Professional Occupations in Business Services to Management - **(NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS-QUOTA HAS BEEN FILLED)**
  - 1233 Insurance Adjusters and Claims Examiners
  - 2121 Biologists and Related Scientists
  - 2151 Architects
  - 3111 Specialist Physicians
  - 3112 General Practitioners and Family Physicians
  - 3113 Dentists
  - 3131 Pharmacists **(NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS-QUOTA HAS BEEN FILLED)**
  - 3142 Physiotherapists
  - 3152 Registered Nurses **(NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS-QUOTA HAS BEEN FILLED)**
  - 3215 Medical Radiation Technologists
  - 3222 Dental Hygienists & Dental Therapists
  - 3233 Licensed Practical Nurses
  - 4151 Psychologists
  - 4152 Social Workers
  - 6241 Chefs
  - 6242 Cooks
  - 7215 Contractors and Supervisors, Carpentry Trades
  - 7216 Contractors and Supervisors, Mechanic Trades
  - 7241 Electricians (Except Industrial & Power System)
  - 7242 Industrial Electricians

- o 7251 Plumbers
- o 7265 Welders & Related Machine Operators
- o 7312 Heavy-Duty Equipment Mechanics
- o 7371 Crane Operators
- o 7372 Drillers & Blasters - Surface Mining, Quarrying & Construction
- o 8222 Supervisors, Oil and Gas Drilling and Service

**How Can Abrams & Krochak Help Me?**

- Nearly 100% of our clients are granted access to Canada.
- We are one of the largest full service immigration law firms in Canada
- Working with a Canada immigration lawyer will significantly speed up the application process and get you to your new home sooner

**What's Next?**

**Find out if you Qualify for Canadian Permanent Residence.**

Answer a few simple questions and we will tell you if you qualify as an Independent/Skilled Worker applicant.

Independent/Skilled Worker	<b>FREE ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT</b>
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Assuming eligibility requirements as set out, above, are met, an applicant must also have at least one (1) year of paid full-time (37.5 hours per week or more) work experience within the past ten (10) years in one of the occupations listed in either Skill Type 0 or Skill Level A or B of the National Occupational Classification (NOC). The NOC was developed by Human Resources and Social Development Canada to be a systematic cataloging of occupations in the Canadian labour market. The NOC is divided into five (5) bands:

Skill Type 0	Management Occupations;
Skill Level A	which is primarily comprised of professional occupations;
Skill Level B	which consists of technical, skilled trades and paraprofessional occupations;
Skill Level C	which comprises occupations that mainly consist of intermediate level, clerical or supportive functions;
Skill Level D	which consists of elemental sales or service and primary labourer occupations.

Only experience in Skill Type 0 or Skill Levels A and B are considered relevant for applicants in the Independent/Skilled Worker Class.

To immigrate in the Independent/Skilled Worker Class, the experience in Skill Type 0 or Skill Levels A and B must consist of actions described in the lead description and a substantial number of the duties described in the Main Duties section of the NOC, including all the essential duties.

Assuming that they meet the aforementioned prerequisites, applicants are then assessed according to various selection criteria by Citizenship and Immigration Canada officials and applicants must attain a

minimum score of sixty-seven (67) points overall in order to be eligible to become permanent residents of Canada.

These selection criteria are as follows:

1. Education:	Maximum	25 Points
2. Official Languages:	Maximum	24 Points
3. Experience:	Maximum	21 Points
4. Arranged Employment:	Maximum	10 Points
5. Age:	Maximum	10 Points
6. Adaptability:	Maximum	10 Points
TOTAL POINTS:	Maximum	100 Points
POINTS REQUIRED TO PASS:		67 Points