

A Guide for Candidates

Immigration Application Process



Learn more about our immigration pathways and life in Nova Scotia



Website



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Presentation/Webinar

Determine which program and stream works for you.

Provincial Nominee Program

Get a job offer (if required).

You gather required documents, including documents from your Nova Scotia employer (if required).

You submit your complete application to Nova Scotia Labour, Skills and Immigration (LSI).

You receive nomination from LSI.

If you're interested in one of Nova Scotia's entrepreneur streams, please contact our office.

Atlantic Immigration Program

Get a job offer.

Verify that your Nova Scotia employer is designated.

You contact a settlement service organization for a settlement plan.

You provide your employer with required documents.

Employer submits endorsement application to LSI.

LSI endorses position.



With support from your employer, you may be eligible to apply to IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) for a temporary work permit.



You apply for permanent residency from IRCC.



You settle in Nova Scotia.

To learn more, visit www.novascotiainmigration.com

Please note that processing times vary. Always consult LSI and IRCC's websites for the most up-to-date application information. Always inform LSI of any changes in your status or eligibility.



A Guide for Employers

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You have a labour need

Contact a member of the Nova Scotia Labour, Skills and Immigration's (LSI) employer support team about our immigration pathways, program requirements, candidate recruitment and international attraction. Review program information on our website

Determine which program and stream works best for you and your candidate.

Provincial Nominee Program

Employer (you) recruits candidate meeting program criteria.

You provide candidate with any required documents for their application.

Candidate submits complete application to LSI.

LSI nominates candidate.

If you are an employer with a labour gap, contact us to learn more about the Provincial Nominee Program and the Atlantic Immigration Program:

- 1-877-292-9597
- 902-424-5230
- immigration@novascotia.ca

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Atlantic Immigration Program

You gather required documents for designation application and learn about settlement supports in your community.

Submit complete designation application to LSI. Begin required training.

You recruit a candidate:
Candidate contacts settlement service organization for a settlement plan.
Encourage candidate to gather all required documents needed for temporary work permit and permanent residency (PR) applications.

Complete all required training. You submit complete Endorsement Application to LSI.

LSI endorses position.



Depending on the program, candidate may be eligible to apply to IRCC for a temporary work permit.



If supporting a candidate to get a work permit, you register in the federal employer portal, submit the job offer, pay compliance fee.



Candidate applies for PR from IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada).



Candidate settles in Nova Scotia.