



## Troubled Waters: Immigration on the BC Coast

### Post-program Activity: Immigrating to Canada

#### Appendix 1

#### Selection Factors

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##### Education (maximum 25 points)

You will be awarded selection points for your educational credentials (for example, degrees or diplomas) **and** the number of years you spent in full-time or full-time equivalent study.

To earn points in a category, you must meet all the conditions.

**Note:** If you have studied less than the number of years listed with your highest educational credential, you must award yourself the points that match your years of study.

- Example 1: if you have a Masters Degree but have completed only 15 years of full-time study, award yourself 22 points.
- Example 2: if you have a three or four-year Bachelor's degree, and at least 14 years of education, award yourself 20 points.

##### **Definitions:**

##### **Full-time studies:**

At least 15 hours of instruction per week during the academic year, including any period of training in the workplace that forms part of the course of instruction.

##### **Full-time equivalent studies:**

The length of time that it would have taken to complete a program of study on a full-time basis, but was actually completed on a part-time or accelerated basis.

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## Language Proficiency

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The ability to communicate and work in one or both of Canada's official languages is very important to you, as a skilled worker. Abilities in English, French or both will help you in the Canadian labour market.

Language proficiency is one of the six selection factors for skilled workers. You will be awarded up to 24 points for your basic, moderate or high abilities in English and French. You will be given points based on your ability to:

- listen;
- speak;
- read; and
- write.

### Description of Each Level of Ability:

Use the following chart to assess your skill levels according to the Canadian Language Benchmarks. Follow the links for a description of each skill level.

Proficiency Level	Ability			
	Speaking	Listening	Reading	Writing
<b>HIGH:</b> You can communicate effectively in most social and work situations.	<a href="#">Speaking: High</a>	<a href="#">Listening: High</a>	<a href="#">Reading: High</a>	<a href="#">Writing: High</a>
<b>MODERATE:</b> you can communicate comfortably in familiar social and work situations.	<a href="#">Speaking: Moderate</a>	<a href="#">Listening: Moderate</a>	<a href="#">Reading: Moderate</a>	<a href="#">Writing: Moderate</a>
<b>BASIC:</b> You can communicate in predictable contexts and on familiar topics, but with some difficulty.	<a href="#">Speaking: Basic</a>	<a href="#">Listening: Basic</a>	<a href="#">Reading: Basic</a>	<a href="#">Writing: Basic</a>
<b>NO:</b> You do not meet the above criteria for basic proficiency.	Does not meet Basic Level.	Does not meet Basic Level.	Does not meet Basic Level.	Does not meet Basic Level.

### Your First and Second Official Languages

If you have some abilities in both the English and French language, decide which language you are more comfortable using. This is your First Official Language. The other is your Second Official Language.

## Calculate Your Language Points

Use the descriptions from the table above to score your language abilities.

First Official Language				
	Speaking	Listening	Reading	Writing
High proficiency	4	4	4	4
Moderate proficiency	2	2	2	2
Basic proficiency	1	1	1	1
Please Note: You can score a maximum of only two points in total for basic-level proficiency.				
No proficiency	0	0	0	0
Second Official Language				
	Speaking	Listening	Reading	Writing
High proficiency	2	2	2	2
Moderate proficiency	2	2	2	2
Basic proficiency	1	1	1	1
Please Note: You can score a maximum of only two points in total for basic-level proficiency.				
No proficiency	0	0	0	0

## Selection Factors

### Adaptability (maximum 10 points)

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You may be awarded selection points if you can show that you or your dependants will adapt easily to living in Canada.

**Note:** You can only count points from each category once. You can claim points from a category either for you, or for your spouse or common-law partner, but not for both.

Adaptability Criteria	Points
Spouse or common-law partner's <b>level of education:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Secondary school (high school) diploma or less: <b>0 points</b></li> <li>▪ A one-year diploma, trade certificate, apprenticeship, or university degree and at least 12</li> </ul>	<b>3 - 5</b>

<p>years of full-time or full-time equivalent studies: <b>3 points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A two or three-year diploma, trade certificate, apprenticeship, or university degree and at least 14 years of full-time or full-time equivalent studies: <b>4 points</b></li> <li>▪ A Master's Degree or PhD and at least 17 years of full-time or full-time equivalent studies: <b>5 points</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>Previous study in Canada:</b> You, or your accompanying spouse or common-law partner, completed a program of full-time study of at least two years' duration at a post-secondary institution in Canada. You must have done this after you were 17 years old and with a valid study permit.</p> <p>There is no need to have obtained an educational credential for these two years of study to earn these points.</p>	<b>5</b>
<p><b>Previous work in Canada:</b> You, or your accompanying spouse or common-law partner, completed a minimum of one year of full-time work in Canada on a valid work permit.</p>	<b>5</b>
<p><b>Arranged employment:</b> You can claim five additional points if you have arranged employment.</p>	<b>5</b>
<p><b>Relatives in Canada:</b> You, or your accompanying spouse or common-law partner, has a relative (parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, child of a parent, sibling, child of a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or grandchild of a parent, niece or nephew) who is residing in Canada and is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.</p>	<b>5</b>