



Troubled Waters: Immigration on the B.C. Coast

Post-Visit Activity:

Using the charts below (from Immigration Canada) have students analyze the criteria that individuals applying to immigrate to Canada must meet. Students should consider whether the criteria are fair and whether or not they would qualify to immigrate to Canada today.

Interview Activity:

Have students interview each other and determine eligibility.

Have students conduct the same process a second time with a variable altered. For example: What if you didn't speak, or write English? What if you didn't have any family in Canada?

For more information on the various criteria, see Appendix 1.

Six Selection Factors and Pass Mark

These charts show how points are awarded in the six selection factors.

Factor One: Education	Maximum 25
You have a Master's Degree or Ph.D. and at least 17 years of full-time or full-time equivalent study.	25
You have two or more university degrees at the bachelor's level and at least 15 years of full-time or full-time equivalent study.	22
You have a three-year diploma, trade certificate or apprenticeship and at least 15 years of full-time or full-time equivalent study.	22
You have a university degree of two years or more at the bachelor's level and at least 14 years of full-time or full-time equivalent study.	20
You have a two-year diploma, trade certificate or apprenticeship and at least 14 years of full-time or full-time equivalent study.	20
You have a one-year university degree at the bachelor's level	15

and at least 13 years of full-time or full-time equivalent study.	
You have a one-year diploma, trade certificate or apprenticeship and at least 13 years of full-time or full-time equivalent study.	15
You have a one-year diploma, trade certificate or apprenticeship and at least 12 years of full-time or full-time equivalent study.	12
You completed high school.	5
See Appendix 1 for more details	
Factor Two: Official Languages	Maximum 24
1st Official Language	
High proficiency (per ability)	4
Moderate proficiency (per ability)	2
Basic proficiency (per ability)	1 - 2
No proficiency	0
Possible maximum (all 4 abilities)	16
2nd Official Language	
High proficiency (per ability)	2
Moderate proficiency (per ability)	2
Basic proficiency (per ability)	1- 2
No proficiency	0
Possible maximum (all 4 abilities)	8
See Appendix 1 for more details	
Factor Three: Experience	Maximum 21
1 year	15
2 years	17
3 years	19
4 years	21
Factor Four: Age	
Factor Four: Age	Maximum 10
21 to 49 years at time of application	10
Less 2 points for each year over 49 or under 21	
See Appendix 1	
Factor Five: Arranged Employment In Canada	Maximum 10
You have a permanent job offer that has been confirmed by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC).	10
You are applying from within Canada and have a temporary work permit that	

was:	
issued after receipt of a confirmation of your job offer from HRSDC; or	10
you have a temporary work permit that was exempted from the requirement of a confirmed job offer from HRSDC on the basis of an international agreement (e.g., NAFTA), a significant benefit to Canada (e.g., intra-company transfer) or public policy on Canada's academic or economic competitiveness (e.g., post-graduate work).	10
See Appendix 1	
Factor Six: Adaptability	Maximum 10
Spouse's or common-law partner's education	3 - 5
Minimum one year full-time authorized work in Canada	5
Minimum two years full-time authorized post-secondary study in Canada	5
Have received points under the Arranged Employment in Canada factor	5
Family relationship in Canada	5
Total	Maximum 100
Pass Mark	67

Will You Qualify?

1. If your score is **the same or higher** than the pass mark, then you may qualify to immigrate to Canada as a skilled worker..
2. If your score is **less** than the pass mark, you are not likely to qualify to immigrate to Canada as a Skilled Worker. We recommend that you do not apply at this time.