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FEDERAL PROGRAM: START-UP VISA (SUV) VS PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS: BC & PEI

FEATURES	Start-Up Visa (SUV)	BC Entrepreneur Work Permit PNP	PEI Entrepreneur Work Permit PNP
Program Type	Federal	Provincial	Provincial
Pathway	Direct PR	Temporary Work Permit → then, PR	Temporary Work Permit → then, PR
Investment Requirement	\$130 000	\$200 000	\$150 000
Cost (all inclusive)	\$230 000	\$254 000	\$229 000
Interview requirements	None	Yes	Yes
Presence in Canada before PR	Not required	Yes, 2 years	Yes, 2 years
Net Worth Requirement	None	\$600,000 CAD+	\$600,000 CAD+
Language Requirement	CLB 5	CLB 4	CLB 4
Business Ownership	At least 10% in the Start-up project	100%	100%
Job Creation Requirement	None	Create at least 1 full-time job	Create at least 1 full-time job
Business Type Restriction	Must be an innovative idea supported by designated organization	Must meet BC'S business eligibility criteria	Must meet PEI's business eligibility criteria
Location Requirement	Anywhere in Canada except Quebec)	Anywhere in BC, except Greater Vancouver	Anywhere in PEI
Processing Time for PR	40 months (may vary)	50 months	50 months
Key Advantage	Direct PR route	You keep control of your investment	You keep control of your investment