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BC Regional Pilot program WORK PERMIT STREAM

You will have to start and manage your business
in participating regions of BC

Eligibility Requirements

- have a minimum verifiable personal net worth of at least CAN\$300,000 which has been accumulated through legal and legitimate sources in your own right;
- be within 25-54 years of age at the time of application;
- have at least 3 years of business ownership experience, (owning at least 10 %) or 4 years as a senior manager in connection with the business to be created in the past 5 years;
- have at least a post-secondary school credential;
- meet the minimum language requirement (English or French) equivalent to a CLB/NCLC 4 and
- intend to live and work in BC while providing day-to-day active and ongoing management of your BC-based company;
- attend an interview with staff from the Office of Immigration;
- make a business proposal and, after being invited to apply, invest a minimum of CAN\$100, 000 into the business (owning at least 51%) and create at least one full-time job for a Canadian citizen or Permanent resident (no relatives);

Processing time frame: Approximately 4 months to get the Working Permit to start working in Canada; generally after 12 months of business activities we can apply for the Permanent residency (which takes another 12 months) (total time frame around 28 months).



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