



PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM: NOVA SCOTIA

TIMELINE



STEP 1 DAY1	SIGNATURE OF THE CONTRACT AND PAYMENT OF THE RETAINER FEES OPENING OF YOUR FILE AND SUBMISSION OF YOUR DOCUMENTS	CAN\$10 000
STEP 2 MONTH 3-4	WORK PERMIT STEP A: SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO THE PROVINCE	CAN\$15 000
STEP 3 MONTH 6-10	WORK PERMIT STEP B: RECEPTION OF INVITATION TO APPLY (DEPENDING ON DRAWS)	CAN\$17 000
STEP 4 MONTH 8-12	WORK PERMIT STEP C: ISSUANCE OF LETTER OF SUPPORT ("LOS") FOR THE WORK PERMIT VISA APPLICATION	CAN\$16 000
STEP 5 MONTH 14-18	ISSUANCE OF WORK PERMIT ARRIVAL IN CANADA (PEI OR NOVA SCOTIA) TO START YOUR BUSINESS	CAN\$5 000 MINIMUM INVESTMENT OF CAN\$100 000
STEP 6 MONTH 24-28	AFTER 12 MONTHS OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS: SUBMISSION OF THE PROVINCIAL NOMINATION REQUEST (APPROXIMATELY 3 MONTHS TO RECEIVE THE NOMINATION)	CAN\$5 000
STEP 7 MONTH 40-45	CONFIRMATION OF PERMANENT RESIDENCY	

Total: CAN\$177 500*

IRCC processing delays are subject to change at any moment and out of the control of Desjardins Lawyers
 *The total amount indicated includes the government processing fees of approximately \$2 000 per family
 (the exact amount varies depending on the number of family members) and net worth verifier's fee
 appointed by the NS Immigration Office of approximately \$7 500.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must have a minimum personal net worth of CAN\$600 000 (CAN\$400 000 if business is located outside of Halifax) - No more than 30% of net corporate assets may be considered as personal net worth;
- Plan to live permanently in Nova Scotia;
- Must have previously at least 3 years of experience as business owner or at least 5 years of management experience in the past 10 years;
- Have at least the equivalent of a Canadian high school diploma;
- Be at least 21 years old at the time of application;
- Have a minimum score of 5.0 on the IELTS;
- Must make a minimum of CAN\$150 000 (or CAN\$100 000 if business is located outside of Halifax) investment in your own business;
- Run the business for 12 months showing at least CAN\$75 000 in operating costs;
- Provide active and on-going management of the business from within Nova Scotia;
- Has to be a for-profit business selling goods or services and has the potential to benefit the Nova Scotia economy;
- Must have an approved business plan to do business in NS - to be prepared in collaboration with Desjardins Lawyers;
- Create at least one new full-time job for a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- Attend an interview in person or virtually with the Government.