

BC's Provincial Nominee Program Business Skills Category

British Columbia's Business Skills PNP Program is intended to assist business immigrants, with proven skills and financial resources, to "fast track" their plans to establish a business anywhere in British Columbia. To qualify:

1. You must have a Minimum net worth of CAD\$2,000,000;
2. You must make a minimum investment: CAD\$800,000;
3. You must have a minimum 33% equity in the business;
4. The business must create a minimum of 5 new jobs; and
5. You must have an active management role in the business.

Some key differences between this category and the Regional Business Category is that the investment amount is much greater (\$800,000 instead of \$300,000), but it can be outside of Greater Vancouver, and may include a real estate component.

You must submit your application to the BC government, who will review it on the basis of the above criteria, and considering other priorities which they may have at the time. Qualifying businesses have included Motels, manufacturing, and other businesses.

Once your application has been approved in principle by the BC government, we will negotiate a Performance Agreement with them to set out the investment levels and the timeline for the investment. Once we have received approval, we will arrange for Work Permits for you and your spouse for 2 years in order to allow you and your family to come to Canada while your immigration case is being processed.

When you have complied with conditions on the Performance Agreement, the BC Government will "nominate" you and your family for permanent residence, and we will then process your Permanent Residence application.

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