

BC'S INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PNP PROGRAM

British Columbia's International Student Provincial Nominee Program is designed to assist employers in recruiting academically strong graduates who are expected to meet the future skill needs of their organizations.

This program is particularly attractive, because qualifying students do not need to have at least 1 year of work experience in order to qualify. As such, some students who would not qualify as Independent Skilled Workers could qualify under this PNP program.

This category is now directed at the following fields, education levels, and required duration of study in British Columbia:

Pure and applied science programs at the masters or doctorate levels. Students at this level will be expected to have completed at least one year of study in B.C.;

Computer Sciences including software engineering at the undergraduate level or higher. Students will be expected to have completed two years of study in B.C.

Computer, electronic, electrical, and mechanical engineering at the undergraduate level or higher. Students will be expected to have completed two years of study in B.C.

Business or commerce graduates at the masters or doctorate levels. Students at this level will be expected to have completed at least one year of study in B.C.

Business or commerce graduates at the undergraduate level or higher. Students will be expected to have completed two years of study in B.C. and have had at least one of the following specialties:

- Information Systems Management;
- Tourism and Hospitality Management;
- International Trade;
- Finance and Accounting where it is intended that the applicant will progress to a professional designation in these fields.

The BC PNP will also consider applications from academically strong students in other fields of study where it can be demonstrated that the student's employment in BC will fill future skill needs.

In each case, full-time, permanent job offers to the students from BC employers that are related to their fields of study are required before approval by the PNP.

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