

Navigating the British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP)

Course Summary: This course will provide an in-depth discussion of all the immigration programs administered by the British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program (“BC PNP”). This includes all Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration streams. The instructor will address the strategic selection the BC PNP’s pathways, the logistics and parameters of entry to the various available streams, the interplay between some BC PNP streams and the Federal Express Entry system, and how the BC PNP streams translate to temporary and permanent resident status in Canada.

Course Outline:

1. Why BC PNP?

- Initial considerations for skilled immigrants
- Initial considerations for entrepreneurs
- Quotas and processing times

2. The BC PNP registration system

- Register first
- Criteria
- Invitations
- Submitting the application
- Exclusions (refugee claimants/accepted refugees/persons without status)

3. Skills Immigration Streams – Part I

- Advantages of the BC PNP’s Skills Immigration pathway
- Employer support requirements
 - Employer requirements
 - Recruitment, if applicable
- General applicant requirements
- Express Entry
- Skilled Workers
- International Graduates
- International Post-Graduates
- Healthcare Professionals
- Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
- Tech Pilot

4. Skills Immigration Streams – Part II

- Invitations and applications
- Nomination and permanent residence
- Statistics
- Skills Immigration guide
- Post nomination requirements
- Notes for the future

5. Entrepreneur Immigration Streams

- Advantages of the BC PNP's Entrepreneur Immigration Streams
- Base Category requirements
- Regional Pilot requirements
- Registration, invitation and application
- Performance Agreement, Final Evaluation and nomination
- Statistics
- Post nomination requirements
- Notes for the future

6. Practical Tips

- Fees
- Expedited processing
- Employer interviews
- Sample employer support letter
- Dealing with refusals
- Other tips

7. Question and answer period