

## The Federal Self-Employed Program

**Course Summary:** This course will be an overview of the federal Self-Employed Program, from temporary work permit stage to the application for permanent residence stage. Work permits obtained under this category are exempt from the requirement of a Labour Market Impact Assessment. Applying for permanent residence is for a very narrow population of eligible candidates. The course will cover the eligibility requirements for both stages. At the conclusion of the course, the practitioner will know when to consider a self-employed work permit as a viable option for clients seeking a work permit only, or seeking both a work permit and eventual transition to permanent residence, the pros and cons of the categories, processing times, and what else can be done in advance to anticipate using this category.

### **Course Outline:**

1. Introduction
  - Historical review of the program
  - Authorities
    - In the Regulations
    - In the Guidelines
2. Eligibility – Work Permit Application
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    - Review eligibility requirements
  - Processing – Port of Entry or Visa Office
    - Using the International Mobility Workers Unit (IMWU)
  - Supporting documentation
3. Issues, best practices/tips
4. Questions and Answers