

BC PNP Archived News Items

2017

December 13, 2017

Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued

On December 6 and December 13, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
Skills Immigration – International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
Express Entry BC –International Graduate

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitation numbers.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

November 29, 2017

Skills Immigration, Express Entry BC and Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued

On November 22 and 29, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
Skills Immigration – International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
Express Entry BC –International Graduate

On November 29, 2017, the BC PNP issued invitations to apply to registrants from the Entrepreneur Immigration stream.

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitation numbers.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#) or the [BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide](#).

November 28, 2017

BC PNP Tech Pilot: Weekly Invitations to Apply

As part of the [BC PNP Tech Pilot](#), the BC PNP issues weekly invitations to qualified registrants [in 32 tech occupations](#). Please be advised that there will be no invitations issued for the week of December 25th; the final invitations for 2017 will be issued the week of December 18th. The weekly invitations will resume the first week of January 2018.

Please contact the BC PNP at PNPTechEmployers@gov.bc.ca if you have any concerns or questions about the BC PNP Tech Pilot registration and application process.

November 15, 2017

Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued

On November 8 and November 15, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

- Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
- Skills Immigration – International Graduate
- Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
- Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
- Express Entry BC –International Graduate

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitation numbers.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

November 1, 2017

Skills Immigration, Express Entry BC and Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued

On October 25 and November 1, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

- Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
- Skills Immigration – International Graduate
- Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
- Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
- Express Entry BC –International Graduate

On November 1, 2017, the BC PNP issued invitations to apply to registrants from the Entrepreneur Immigration stream.

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitation numbers.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide or the BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide](#).

November 1, 2017 Updates to BC PNP Guides

The BC PNP has introduced new versions of the following guides:

- Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide
- Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Technical Guide
- Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide
- Entrepreneur Immigration Post-Arrival Guide

These changes include program updates related to program policies and processes and updates to the BCPNP Online system.

For more information, please visit our [Documents page](#).

October 18, 2017 Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued

On October 11 and October 18, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
Skills Immigration – International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
Express Entry BC –International Graduate

You will also notice the following changes:

- Skills Immigration (SI) & Express Entry BC (EEBC) and Entrepreneur Immigration now have separate tables of data
- the Entrepreneur Immigration table contains all draws for 2017
- the SI & EEBC table contains the current month's draws
- previous SI & EEBC draws for 2017 are provided via a link to a downloadable PDF

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitation numbers.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

October 12, 2017

BC PNP Processing Times

We have updated the information regarding our current processing times. We have added new information about:

- post-nomination requests (i.e. for work permit support letters, change of employer/employment, change of family makeup, etc)
- registration scoring (for Entrepreneur Immigration registrations)
- Entrepreneur Immigration applications received before April 15, 2015

We encourage you to review the information on the [processing times page](#).

Please note that we do not respond to inquiries about the status of an application or a post-nomination request if it is within the posted processing times.

October 4, 2017

Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC and Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued

On September 27 and October 4, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
Skills Immigration – International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
Express Entry BC –International Graduate

On September 27, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the Entrepreneur Immigration stream.

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitation numbers. For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide or the BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide](#).

September 29, 2017

Service Notice: BCPNP Online Payment System

We are currently experiencing technical issues with the BC PNP registration and application system. Specifically, users who don't successfully complete payment on the first attempt are currently unable to submit Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC applications and Entrepreneur Immigration applications.

The cause of this error has been identified within the payment system and a solution is being implemented.

We will take this into account when determining the timeliness of BC PNP applications so that impacted individuals are not penalized.

If you do not receive a confirmation of application submission (in addition to your payment receipt), please contact the BC PNP via email at PNPInfo@gov.bc.ca

September 20, 2017

Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued

On September 13 and September 20, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

- Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
- Skills Immigration – International Graduate
- Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
- Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
- Express Entry BC –International Graduate

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitation numbers.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

September 6, 2017

Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC and Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued

On August 31 and September 6, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

- Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
- Skills Immigration – International Graduate
- Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
- Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
- Express Entry BC –International Graduate

On August 31, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the Entrepreneur Immigration stream.

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitation numbers.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide or the BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide](#).

August 28, 2017

BC PNP launches the Tech Pilot

The B.C. technology sector is a major driver of economic growth in the province with tech employment at its highest level ever recorded. The demand for talent in B.C.'s tech sector is increasing faster than the supply.

The priorities for the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology includes establishing B.C. as a preferred location for new and emerging technologies, increasing the growth of domestic B.C. tech companies and removing barriers to attracting skilled workers.

In support of these ministry priorities, we are introducing a pilot under the BC Provincial Nominee Program to ensure the technology sector can attract and retain the talent it needs to grow the sector further.

The BC PNP Tech Pilot will feature:

- **Dedicated concierge service** - tech employers have access to relevant immigration information.
- **Weekly invitations for tech registrants to apply** - tech employers have timely access to qualified individuals in the 32 key tech occupations.
- **Priority processing** – dedicated BC PNP Tech Team and next business day assignment of tech applications in the 32 in-demand occupations.
- **Focused outreach and engagement** –BC PNP sessions and events tailored for the tech sector, including one-on-one employer support.

For more information

- Go to our [BC PNP Tech Pilot page](#) for full information about the pilot.
- Download our [BC PNP Tech Pilot information sheet \(PDF, <1MB\)](#) for printable, high-level overview of the information.
- Read our [BC PNP Tech Pilot FAQs \(PDF, <1MB\)](#) for specific answers to questions about the BC PNP Tech Pilot.

August 28, 2017

BC PNP Welcomes new Executive Director

The Immigration Programs Branch, which is responsible for the BC PNP, welcomed Deb Zehr as the new Executive Director, on July 17, 2017.

Deb rejoins the provincial government coming from the University of British Columbia where she was the Director of Community Engagement within the portfolio of the Vice President, External Relations since March 2013. Deb has held numerous senior management and leadership roles spanning provincial government, higher education and the not-for-profit sector with responsibilities ranging from policy development and federal/provincial relations to operations and stakeholder relations.

Deb was previously the Executive Director, Immigrant Integration Branch and WelcomeBC with

the B.C. provincial government where she held responsibility for the design and implementation of settlement, integration and immigrant labour market services in B.C. These services were delivered by over 100 sector partners across the province. From 2003 to 2009, Deb was the Executive Director of Immigration Policy and Intergovernmental Relations, also with the B.C. provincial government, which included the negotiations of the 2004 and 2010 Canada British Columbia Immigration Agreements.

Deb came to B.C from Winnipeg in 2003, following four years as Director of Immigration Promotion and Recruitment with the Manitoba government where she led the development and implementation of the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program, the first program of its kind in Canada. Prior to moving to the provincial government, Deb worked for nine years in immigrant and refugee settlement in Manitoba.

Looking to the future, Deb's history and experience on matters of provincial immigration, provincial nominee programs, partnerships and stakeholder engagement will help the organization as it continues to evolve and deliver solutions for B.C.'s labour market.

August 23, 2017

Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC and Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued

On August 16 and 23, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

- Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
- Skills Immigration – International Graduate
- Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
- Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
- Express Entry BC –International Graduate

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitation numbers.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

August 9, 2017

Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC and Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued

On August 2 and 9, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

- Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
- Skills Immigration – International Graduate
- Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled
- Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
- Express Entry BC –International Graduate

On August 2, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the Entrepreneur Immigration stream.

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitation numbers.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide or the BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide](#).

July 27, 2017

Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Invitations Issued

On July 19 and 26, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

- Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
- Express Entry BC – International Graduate
- Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
- Skills Immigration – International Graduate
- Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitation numbers.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

June 21, 2017

Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued

On June 21, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued invitations to apply to registrants from the Entrepreneur Immigration stream.

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of invitation numbers and minimum scores.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide](#).

June 7, 2017

Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Invitations Issued

On June 7, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued 346 invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
Express Entry BC – International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
Skills Immigration – International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of invitation numbers and minimum scores.

Periodically, the BC PNP will issue invitations to apply for the highest scoring registrants by category. The number and frequency of invitations to apply is based on annual nomination allocations and the BC PNP's processing capacity to ensure timely processing.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

APRIL 5, 2017

Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Invitations Issued

On April 5, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued 458 invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
Express Entry BC –International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
Skills Immigration – International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of invitation numbers and minimum scores.

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For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

MARCH 29, 2017

Updates to the Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide

The BC PNP has introduced a new version of the Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide to reflect recent updates to the BCPNP Online registration and application system. These changes include program updates and a new layout for the guide.

For more information, please download the new [Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide](#).

MARCH 22, 2017

Skills Immigration, Express Entry BC, and Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued

On March 22, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued 425 invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

- Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
- Express Entry BC – International Graduate
- Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
- Skills Immigration – International Graduate
- Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

The BC PNP also issued 12 invitations to apply to registrants from the Entrepreneur Immigration stream.

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of invitation numbers and minimum scores.

Periodically, the BC PNP will issue invitations to apply for the highest scoring registrants by category. The number and frequency of invitations to apply is based on annual nomination allocations and the BC PNP's processing capacity to ensure timely processing.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#) or the [BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide](#).

MARCH 8, 2017

Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Invitations Issued

On March 8, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued 377 invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
Express Entry BC –International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
Skills Immigration – International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of invitation numbers and minimum scores.

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For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#) or the [BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide](#).

MARCH 1, 2017

WelcomeBC Website: Updates to Supported Browsers

On March 1, 2017, the WelcomeBC website upgraded its security certificates to ensure that all website traffic with the public is protected with the latest security protocols. Certain browsers and smartphone operating systems will no longer be able to access the WelcomeBC website or BCPNP Online.

Please update your internet browser for enhanced security and to ensure that you can access this website.

The following older browsers will no longer be able to access the website or BCPNP Online after March 1, 2017:

- Google Chrome 29
- Firefox 26
- Internet Explorer 10
- Safari 6
- iOS 4
- Android 4

FEBURARY 23, 2017

Skills Immigration, Express Entry BC, and Entrepreneur Immigration invitations Issued

On February 23, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued 335 invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
Express Entry BC –International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
Skills Immigration – International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

The BC PNP also issued 8 invitations to apply to registrants from the Entrepreneur Immigration stream.

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of invitation numbers and minimum scores.

Periodically, the BC PNP will issue invitations to apply for the highest scoring registrants by category. The number and frequency of invitations to apply is based on annual nomination allocations and the BC PNP's processing capacity to ensure timely processing.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#) or the [BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide](#).

FEBRUARY 17, 2017

Skills Immigration, Express Entry BC, and Entrepreneur Immigration invitations Issued

On February 17, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued 440 invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
Express Entry BC –International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
Skills Immigration – International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

The BC PNP also issued 20 invitations to apply to registrants from the Entrepreneur Immigration stream.

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of invitation numbers and minimum scores.

Periodically, the BC PNP will issue invitations to apply for the highest scoring registrants by category. The number and frequency of invitations to apply is based on annual nomination allocations and the BC PNP's processing capacity to ensure timely processing.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills](#)

[Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#) or the [BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide](#).

FEBURARY 3, 2017

Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Invitations Issued

On February 3, 2017, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) issued 457 invitations to apply to registrants from the following category selection pools:

Express Entry BC - Skilled Worker
Express Entry BC –International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Skilled Worker
Skills Immigration – International Graduate
Skills Immigration – Entry Level and Semi-Skilled

Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply](#) page for a full breakdown of invitation numbers and minimum scores.

Periodically, the BC PNP will issue invitations to apply for the highest scoring registrants by category. The number and frequency of invitations to apply is based on annual nomination allocations and the BC PNP's processing capacity to ensure timely processing.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

FEBURARY 1, 2017

[Provincial Immigration Programs Act Regulation Comes Into Effect](#)

The Regulation c. 37 for the [Provincial Immigration Programs Act](#) (PIPA) came into effect on February 1, 2017. The Regulation was signed by an Order-in-Council and governs the delivery of the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP). The BC PNP is the Province's only direct economic immigration tool for bringing in new British Columbians. B.C.'s quota of BC PNP nominations is set by the federal government.

For more information, please refer to the [information bulletin](#).

More information about the Provincial Immigration Programs Act and Regulation, and updated program documents is available on the [Documents page](#).

JANUARY 26, 2017

Provincial Immigration Programs Act

The BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) is pleased to announce that the [*Provincial Immigration Programs Act*](#) and its corresponding regulations will be brought into force on February 1st, 2017. The Act will enable B.C. to meet its economic development priorities by providing a legislative framework to select newcomers through the BC PNP. More information will be posted on this site when available.