

**BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) changes under the *Provincial Immigration Programs Act (the Act)* and the *Provincial Immigration Programs Regulation***

Current Process	As Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decision making authority rests with Program Advisors, under program policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statutory decision making authority rests with the Director of Immigration Programs, as appointed under section 2 of the Act</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authority to conduct inspections undertaken through program policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authority to conduct inspections granted under section 11 and 12 of the Act</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program and category specific criteria set through program policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program and category specific criteria set through program policy as matters to be considered under section 4 of the Act and section 6 of the Regulation</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <i>Ministry of International Business and Immigration Act</i> provides authority to develop and implement provincial immigration programs</li> <li>Skills Immigration Fees:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$550.00 per application</li> </ul> </li> <li>Entrepreneur Immigration Fees:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration: \$300.00</li> <li>Application: \$3,500.00</li> <li>Key Staff: \$1,000.00</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authority to collect fees granted under section 3 of the Act and section 3 of the Regulation</li> <li>Skills Immigration Fees:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$700.00 per application</li> <li>Review of decisions under section 7 of the Act: \$200.00</li> </ul> </li> <li>Entrepreneur Immigration Fees:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration: \$300.00</li> <li>Application: \$3,500.00</li> <li>Key Staff: \$1,000.00</li> <li>Review of decisions under section 7 of the Act: \$200.00</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authority for review of decisions undertaken through program policy</li> <li>Request for review of decisions were submitted via email</li> <li>A decision by the BC PNP to withdraw a nomination from an applicant was subject to a request for review process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authority of review of decisions granted under section 7 of the Act</li> <li>Requests for review of decisions are submitted using the applicant's BCPNP Online profile</li> <li>Entrepreneur Immigration applicants who submitted their applications on or before July 1, 2015 and wishing to request a review of a decision made on or after February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, will now follow the process outlined in their decision letter</li> <li>A decision by the BC PNP to withdraw a nomination under section 6 of the Act is <b>not entitled</b> to have that decision reviewed by the BC PNP under the internal review process set out in section 7 of the Act</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No outlined process for refusing to accept applications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A process to refuse to accept applications is provided in section 3 of the Act and section 5 of the Regulation</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information sharing agreement established with Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada through the Canada-British Columbia Immigration Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authority to enter into additional information sharing agreements provided in section 9 of the Act</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirements for representatives set through program policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirements for representatives are outlined in Section 4 of the Act and section 4 of the Regulation</li> </ul>

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