

BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP)

Guaranteed Invitation Scores

Frequently Asked Questions

What happened to guaranteed invitation scores?

- As of February 19, 2020, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) is no longer using guaranteed invitation scores. As a result, we have removed this information from our website and program guides.
- Guaranteed invitation scores were first posted when we started to use the Skills Immigration Registration System in 2016. The intent of posting the scores was to show the minimum points that an individual would need to achieve in order to be guaranteed an invitation to apply (ITA), though the ITA scores were normally well below the guaranteed invitation scores
- The guaranteed invitation scores provided guidance to companies and applicants in the absence of any historical information about draw scores.
- Removing the guaranteed invitation scores do not impact the overall number of registrants who are invited to apply or who have already been invited to apply to the BC PNP.
- Guaranteed invitation scores are not the same as minimum draw scores.
- Since 2016, invitation scores have also been posted on the BC PNP website for each draw.
- Applicants can view all historical and current invitation scores for the BC PNP on our [website](#).

If there are no more guaranteed invitation scores, has the minimum invitation score or the points system been removed? Then how does a person receive an invitation to apply?

- As of February 19, 2020, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) is no longer using guaranteed invitation scores. As a result, we have removed this information from our website and program guides.
- Guaranteed invitation scores are not the same as minimum draw scores.
- The minimum draw scores are posted for each category and reflect the lowest scores invited in the category for the draw on that date.
- The minimum invitation scores may differ depending on the program's processing capacity and the size of the pool.
- Applicants can view all historical and current invitation scores for the BC PNP on our [website](#).

Does the change to the guaranteed invitation scores affect those who have already applied to the BC PNP?

- Removing guaranteed invitation scores does not impact registrants who are in the pool or those who have already received an invitation to apply to the BC PNP.

When are the general draws?

- Periodically, the BC PNP will invite candidates from the candidate pool for each category to apply.
- The number and frequency of invitations to apply is based on annual nomination allocations and the BC PNP's processing capacity.
- Over the past 3 years, general draws have typically been issued every 2-3 weeks.
- Invitations to apply are issued weekly for applicants under the PNP Tech Pilot.
- Visit our [website](#) for historical and current ITA scores and dates issued.

Why are the Tech Pilot draws more frequent?

- The B.C. Provincial Nominee Program Tech Pilot provides a fast-tracked immigration pathway for international tech workers applying to be permanent residents of Canada through B.C.'s Provincial Nominee Program.
- The PNP Tech Pilot is a priority initiative that supports economic growth and helps the tech sector recruit top international talent.
- We are committed to supporting the tech sector's continued growth through weekly draws.
- Invitations to apply are issued weekly for the [29 tech occupations](#) eligible for the Tech Pilot and are included in the total numbers posted for general draws.
- More information about the Tech Pilot can be found on our [website](#).

Why didn't I receive an Invitation to Apply?

- Periodically, the BC PNP issues invitations to apply to the highest scoring registrants in the pool.
- Reasons why someone may not have received an ITA include:
 - Their score isn't high enough
 - They are not in a tech occupation and the draw was a PNP Tech Pilot draw only.
- Those who have not received an invitation for a draw remain in the pool for up to 12 months.
- If they are invited to apply, they are removed from the pool and have up to 30 days to submit a complete application.
- General draws usually take place every 2-3 weeks.
- Tech Pilot draws take place weekly.

How do I know what score I need?

- The minimum invitation scores may vary depending on the program's processing capacity and the size of the pool.
- The minimum invitation scores are by category and reflect the lowest scores invited in the category for the draw on that date.
- Since 2016, invitation scores have been posted on the BC PNP website for each draw and applicants can view all historical and current invitation scores for the BC PNP.

Will the minimum draw scores stay high?

- Invitations to apply are issued to the highest-scoring registrants from each category.
- The minimum draw scores are impacted by the size of the registration pool and the program's processing capacity.

How do you decide who to invite to the EI stream?

- B.C. uses a points-based registration system to manage application intake for the Entrepreneur Immigration categories of the BC PNP.
- Periodically, the BC PNP issues Invitations to Apply (ITA) to the highest scoring candidates in the EI registration pool.
- The EI system is different from the SI system and each have a separate registration pool.
- Guaranteed invitation scores are not used for the EI categories.
- invitation scores are posted on the BC PNP website for each EI draw and applicants can view all historical and current invitation scores for the BC PNP.
- More information about the Entrepreneur Immigration stream can be found on our [website](#).

What is the current allocation?

- The BC PNP allocation for 2020 has not yet been confirmed.
- In 2019, 6,551 applicants were nominated under the BC PNP.