



BC Provincial Nominee Program Entrepreneur Immigration

British Columbia is recognized globally as a preferred place to work, live, and immigrate. Our opportunities, geography, and enviable lifestyle attract highly trained individuals, entrepreneurs, and international students who want to make B.C. their home. These newcomers energize the province's strong and diverse economy, resulting in more opportunities for all British Columbians.

The Entrepreneur Immigration stream of the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) targets experienced entrepreneurs who support innovation and economic growth. Successful applicants invest in and manage a new or existing B.C. business and create jobs for British Columbians.

Program Requirements*

You must:

- meet a minimum net worth threshold of CAD\$600,000
- if invited to apply, you must include a review of personal net worth completed by a qualified accounting firm
- propose a business plan that has a strong likelihood of sustained commercial viability
- as part of your business plan, propose to make a minimum personal investment of CAD\$200,000 in eligible expenses and create at least one new job in the proposed B.C. business
 - if you are proposing a Key Staff as part of your application, the investment requirement increases to \$400,000 and the job creation to three
- demonstrate that you will have an active management role in the day-to-day operations of the business in B.C.

Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee an invitation to apply or approval of an application.

Successful Candidate Profile

There are 4 key attributes that make candidates successful:

- Successful and Experienced: you are knowledgeable and have a strong background in the sector of your proposed business in B.C.
- Investment-ready: you have transferable skills, experience and investment funds, and are ready to execute your business proposal
- Prepared: you understand how you can make your proposed business profitable, the risks, the local business conditions and the required resources. You also know the actions that need to be taken and can explain them clearly
- Adaptable: you can demonstrate the due diligence you have undertaken to fully understand the local business environment

"When we first came to Rossland, we were in awe of the community. And to look at it now, and realize we're a part of that community, to make it an even better place...that feels good, because Rossland's given us so much."

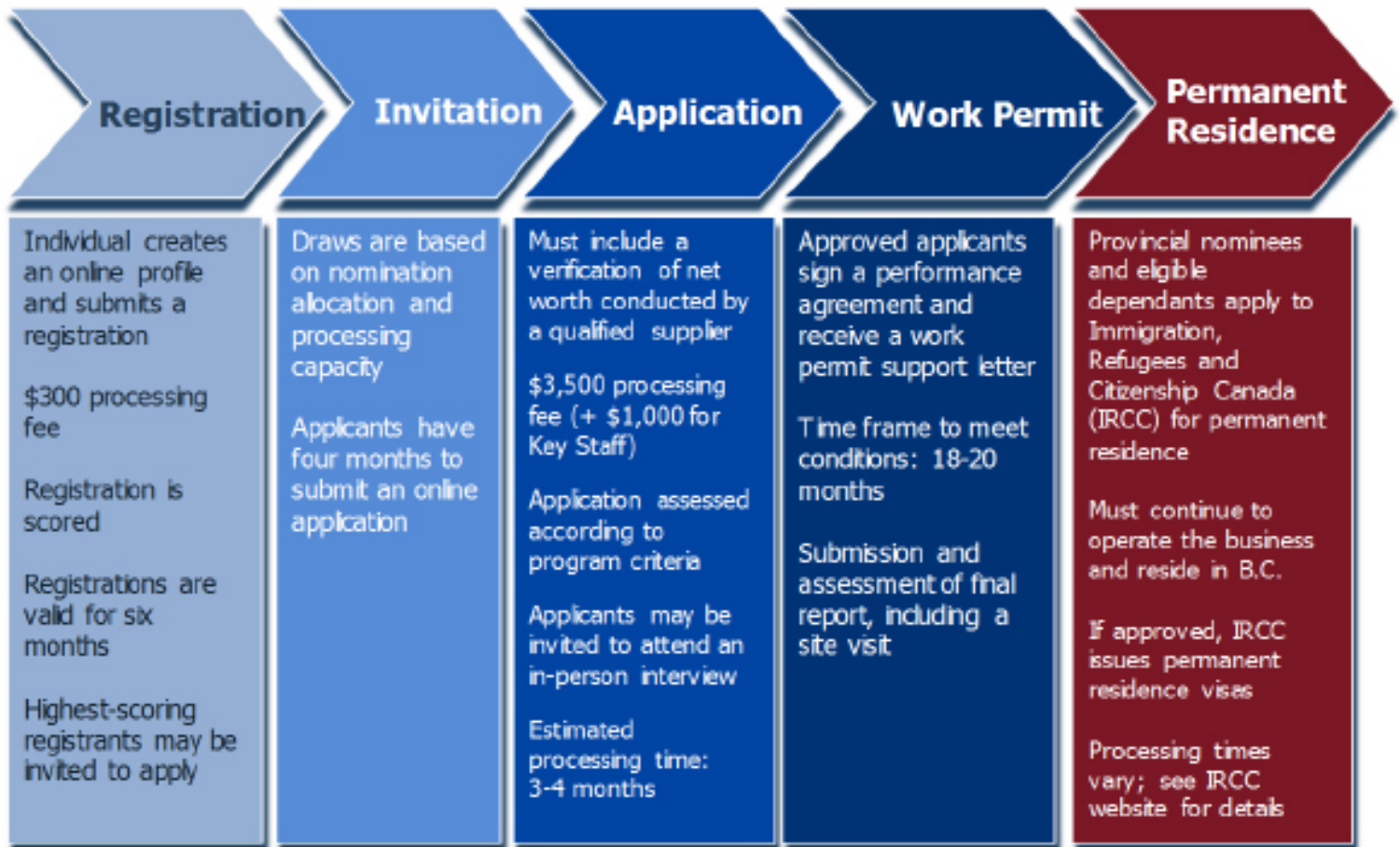
- Alex Loeb, Joyride Bike Parks Inc.
B.C. Provincial Nominee

"We have more than 300 distributors across Canada and we have just started in the United States market... I find here in B.C. it really is the right place to start a business."

- Nathan Yang, Kuzco Lighting Inc.
B.C. Provincial Nominee

* For complete information on program requirements and the application process, please refer to the Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide, found at: www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP

BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Process



Process Overview

You must submit a registration, or pre-application, to the BC PNP. Registrations are scored on the basis of human capital, as well as business and economic factors. Registrants are notified of their score within six weeks. Periodically, based on program capacity, the highest scoring registrants are invited to submit an application.

Applications are assessed based on program criteria, and if approved, you must sign a performance agreement with the Province. You must actively manage your B.C. business for a minimum of 18 months while on a BC PNP-supported two-year work permit, and demonstrate residency within 100km of your business for at least 75 per cent of the work permit period.

You must submit a final report that describes your business activities during your work permit period. If you are approved as a provincial nominee, the BC PNP issues a nomination certificate so that you and your dependent family members can apply to the federal government for permanent residence. To maintain your BC PNP nomination, you are required to continue to operate your business and reside in B.C.

Strategic Projects

The Strategic Projects category is an immigration pathway for key staff of successful foreign corporations that have identified strategic investment opportunities in B.C. that are key to the growth and expansion of their core businesses.

To be invited to apply, companies must demonstrate a commercially-viable business plan that is key to the growth and expansion of their core business and demonstrates a significant contribution to B.C.'s economy.

Past successful applicants include companies in advanced manufacturing, technology, new media, specialized engineering, forestry, and scientific research and development.

To learn more about the Strategic Projects category, please visit: www.WelcomeBC.ca/PNP