

The Immigration System and Quebec



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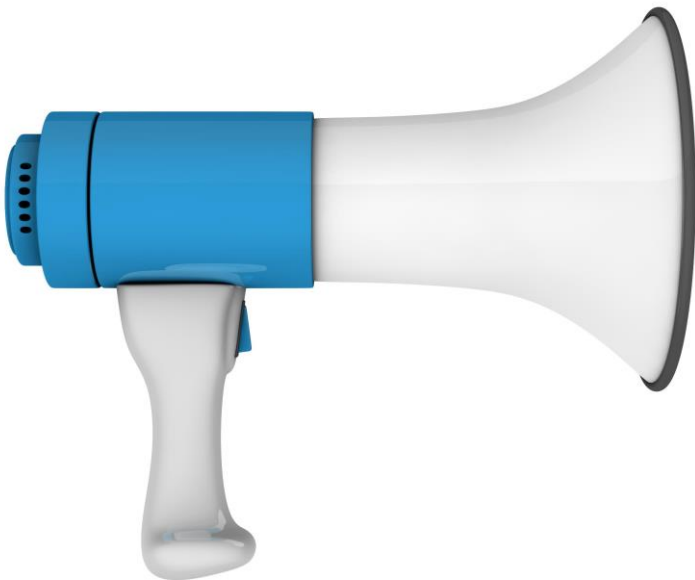
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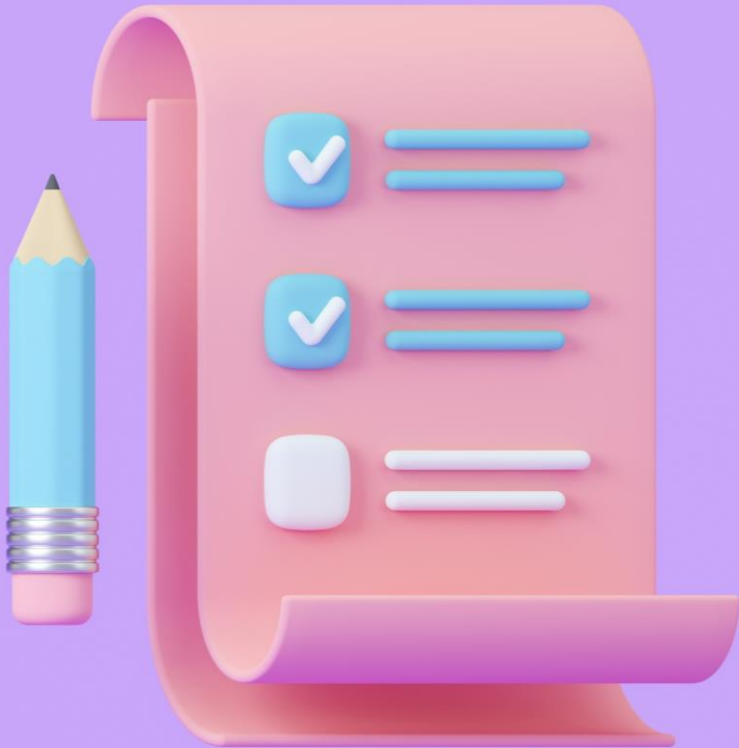
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Authorized Representative(s)



- ▶ The only persons with authorization to “advise, assist or represent” clients in immigration matters for **remuneration** are:
 - ▶ Lawyers (in good standing)
 - ▶ Immigration and Citizenship Consultants (in good standing)
 - ▶ Notaries of QC (in good standing)
 - ▶ If there is someone doing the stated above and does not have the adequate license, it is **FRAUD**

Agenda



- ▶ Overview of the immigration system
- ▶ Temporary residency - overview
- ▶ Permanent residency - overview
- ▶ The importance of French
- ▶ Quebec programs of temporary residency
- ▶ Quebec programs of permanent residency
- ▶ Tips & avoiding fraud

Understanding the immigration system

Overview

- ▶ Immigration is mostly a federal matter but there is a provincial component most of the time
- ▶ Agreement Canada-Quebec relating to immigration = Accord Gagnon-Tremblay-Mcdougall - 1991
- ▶ MIFI is the Ministry of Immigration, Francization and Integration of QC
- ▶ IRCC is Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (federal government)
- ▶ CAQ = Quebec Acceptance Certificate
 - ▶ Authorization from Quebec for temporary residents
- ▶ CSQ = Quebec Selection Certificate
 - ▶ Authorization from Quebec for permanent residents

Understanding the Immigration System - Overview

Temporary Residency

Temporary Residency - Programs	
Tourism/short visits	Does not require CAQ
Studies	Requires CAQ
Temporary work	Requires CAQ
Healthcare	Requires CAQ

Who does not require a CAQ – Most important cases
Employment for not more than 30 days
Employment exempt of LMIA
Studies under a federal assistance program for developing countries
Training for not more than 6 months (conditions apply)
Accompanying child in pre-school age (conditions apply)
Certain protected persons
Family of diplomats
Person registered as an Indian under the Indian Act

Understanding the Immigration System - Overview

Permanent Residency

Refugees

Have both a federal and provincial component in QC

Family Sponsorships

Have both a federal and provincial component in QC

Permanent residency

Provincial Programs

Each province has their own programs

QUEBEC PERMANENT RESIDENCY PROGRAMS REQUIRE CSQ

- ▶ PEQ – Quebec Experience Program
- ▶ QC Skilled worker
- ▶ Pilot programs for orderlies , IT/AI workers , Food processing workers

Permanent residency

Federal Programs - Do not include QC

Express Entry system - this is a points system

- ▶ Federal Skilled worker – for those who do not have work experience in Canada
- ▶ Canadian Experience – for those with professional work experience in Canada
- ▶ Federal Skilled Trades – for those with a job offer in a trade or certificate of qualification



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The Importance of French

- ▶ Studying French has several advantages
- ▶ Adding results of a French tests to your temporary residency applications is beneficial
- ▶ All the PR programs of QC require a level of French (usually intermediate advanced)
- ▶ There are advantageous programs aimed at francophones outside Quebec (example: express entry, francophone mobility, to name some)
- ▶ Take advantage of the free francization if you live in QC !

Quebec Programs - Overview

Temporary Residency

- ▶ Same principle in all of Canada but requires provincial authorization (CAQ)
- ▶ The applicant must meet the requirements Quebec has established for each class/program
- ▶ Visit/tourism permit/visa does not require a CAQ
- ▶ Students and temporary workers need a CAQ - processed by MIFI
- ▶ Only recognized authorized representatives can assist you in this process
- ▶ ARRIMA = online platform that MIFI uses to process authorizations
 - ▶ Not all the processes are available online
 - ▶ Some processes are ONLY accepted online
 - ▶ Transitioning from an older website

Quebec Programs Temporary Residency Students

- ▶ Students needs a CAQ - processed by MIFI
- ▶ Must be valid throughout all the duration of studies
- ▶ It is specific to a level of studies
- ▶ Can be renewed
- ▶ You must apply for your study permit with the federal government online only after having the CAQ approved
 - ▶ Application online
 - ▶ Cost \$128 CAD
 - ▶ Requirements vary per country of applicant



Quebec Programs Temporary Residency Workers

- ▶ Temporary workers in Quebec require a CAQ if their work permit is employer specific and based on LMIA
- ▶ This process involves the employer and the employee
- ▶ The application can be submitted online - using ARRIMA
- ▶ Cost \$ 222 CAD
- ▶ Depending on the occupation a facilitated LMIA process might be available. It doesn't require local recruitment efforts from the employer



Quebec Programs

Permanent Residency

Refugees

- ▶ The process is the same as in other provinces for the most part
- ▶ The application for CSQ can only be submitted in paper
- ▶ Overview:
 - ▶ Apply within in Canada
 - ▶ Claim referred to IRB (Immigration refugee board)
 - ▶ IRB established a hearing date
 - ▶ IRB accepts or rejects the claim
 - ▶ If accepted the claimant can apply for PR
 - ▶ If claimant is in QC must apply for a CSQ



Quebec Programs - Permanent Residency - PEQ

Quebec Experience Program

Students

- Have a knowledge of spoken French that corresponds to level 7 (around B2) and written level 5 (around B1)
- Being legally in QC
- Financial self-sufficiency

Obtained your diploma in the 36 months prior. Accepted diplomas:

- Bachelor's degree (university undergraduate)
- Master's degree (including an MBA)
- Ph.D.
- Diploma of college studies, technical training (DCS)
- Diploma of vocational studies (DVS) attesting to 1,800 hours or more of study
- Diploma of vocational studies (DVS) followed by an Attestation of vocational specialization (AVS) of 1,800 hours or more of continuing education leading to a given trade

NOTE: transition period until Nov. 2024 they accept all students who meet the requirements above regardless of language of studies. After Nov. 2024 this only applies for those who studied in French

Workers

Be legally in QC

Financial self-sufficiency

French level of 7 in all competency areas (around B2)

Spouses must have at least level 4 of French (only spoken)

2 years of work experience in a professional occupation

- (TEER 0 – 3)
- Paid and full time (or full time equivalent)
- Occupation not in an ineligible sector

Quebec Programs - Permanent Residency Regular Skilled Worker

Invitations of February 22, 2024

Number of invitations: the Minister of Immigration, Francization and Integration invited 1007 persons to apply for permanent selection.

Date and time of extraction from the Arrima bank: February 19, 2024 at 5:25 a.m.

These invitations were addressed to the persons meeting the following criteria:

- They had a level 7 oral proficiency (or higher) in French according to the [Échelle québécoise des niveaux de compétence en français \(PDF 4.94 Mb\)](#) (Québec scale of French proficiency levels for adult immigrants) or its equivalent;
- they had a [score \(PDF 309 Kb\)](#) equal to or greater than **608** points.

These invitations were also addressed to people meeting the following criterion:

- They had a level 7 oral proficiency (or higher) in French according to the [Échelle québécoise des niveaux de compétence en français \(PDF 4.94 Mb\)](#) (Québec scale of French proficiency levels for adult immigrants) or its equivalent;
- they had a valid job offer outside the territory of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal.

- ▶ Applicant submits their expression of interest online using ARRIMA
- ▶ There is a point selection grid that will be applied:
 - ▶ Language proficiency;
 - ▶ Age;
 - ▶ The characteristics of spouse;
 - ▶ Education levels
 - ▶ Work experience
 - ▶ Job offer in QC

Quebec Programs - Permanent Residency Pilot Programs

Pilot program for workers in AI, IT and Visual Effects

- Stream for francophones
- Stream for francization
- Work experience in the field for 2 years OR just a job offer if the person has a PhD completed in QC on the AI field
- Some educational requirements apply
- For visual effects 2 years of work experience in QC + job offer
- The wage offered matters

Pilot program for workers in food processing

- Be proficient in spoken French – Level 7
- Some educational requirements apply – high school
- Have work experience of 2 years
- Hold a job in eligible occupation when submitting the application:



- NOC 94141 - Industrial Butchers and Meat Cutters, Poultry Preparers and Related Workers;
- NOC 95106 - Labourers in Food and Beverage Processing;
- NOC 95107 - Labourers in Fish and Seafood Processing;
- NOC 65311 - Specialty Cleaners;
- NOC 94140 - Machine and Process Operators in Food and Beverage Processing;
- NOC 85100 - Labourers in the care of livestock, but only the job title chicken gatherer;
- NOC 94142 - Workers in fish and seafood processing plants.

Pilot program for Orderlies

- Be proficient in spoken French - Level 7
- Hold a job as an orderly in Quebec when submitting the application
- Have work experience as an orderly in Quebec
- From 1 year to 2 years depending on conditions of applicant
- Some educational requirements apply
- There is a stream for those who studies in QC a program related to this occupations

Quebec Programs

Permanent Residency

Family sponsorship

- ▶ Parents & grandparents
- ▶ Spouses, conjugal partners or common law partners
- ▶ Children
- ▶ Other family members under very specific circumstances
- ▶ The application for CSQ can only be submitted in paper
- ▶ Undertaken commitment to be signed with MIFI. This commitment takes a different number of years depending on the family member sponsored
- ▶ Processing times in QC are different from those in other provinces



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Permanent Residency More Details

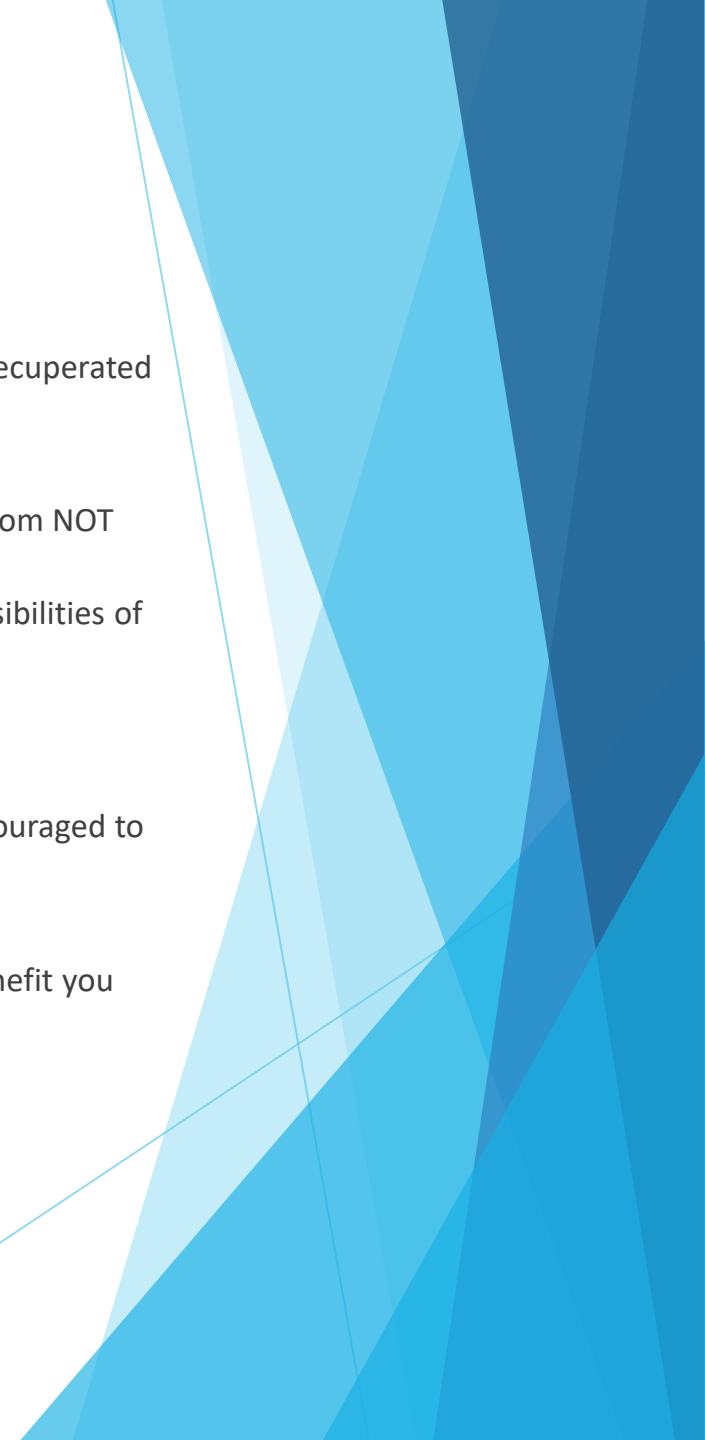
- ▶ Permanent resident obligation
 - ▶ Have been in Canada for at least 730 days during the last five years.
- ▶ Can it expire?
 - ▶ It does not expire based on time. This status can be lost under very specific circumstances, and it is never automatic
- ▶ What about the PR Card?
 - ▶ This document can expire, and it does not mean your status expired. Keep this valid to travel abroad
- ▶ What about CoRP?
 - ▶ This is document that confirms the approval of your permanent residency, but the process is not over when obtaining this document. There is a landing process. This documents validity is 1 year

Avoiding Fraud and Tips

- ▶ LMIA and job offer costs MUST be covered by the employer and must not be recuperated from the employee (Not the same as paying for the employee's work permit)
- ▶ Be careful with recruitment companies
- ▶ Be careful with the information you see online like reels, YouTube that come from NOT authorized representatives
- ▶ As a temporary foreign worker, you are entitled to the same rights and responsibilities of any PR or citizen
- ▶ Review las norms du travail du QC if you are a worker
- ▶ Make sure to verify the license and good standing of your representative.
- ▶ Refugee claims are one of the most complex processes and you are highly encouraged to get an authorized representative for this
- ▶ Never let your immigration status/permit expire
- ▶ Always try to improve your language levels (French and English) as this will benefit you throughout your immigration journey

Find or verify your immigration consultant:

<https://college-ic.ca/protecting-the-public/find-an-immigration-consultant>



References



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