

Introduction

The Provincial Nominee Program (PNP-B) is an immigration program. It allows the Government of Manitoba to recruit and assess immigrants who are best suited to contribute to the province's economy and who intend to live and work in Manitoba. An applicant nominated by Manitoba should receive favourable and prompt consideration from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) as long as they comply with CIC's statutory requirements, submitted bona-fide documents, or are not proven to have intentions of going to a destination other than Manitoba.

There are two categories of immigrants under the Provincial Nominee Program. One is for skilled workers and the other is for business immigrants. This application kit has information for business immigrants. Business people who intend to reside in Manitoba and who propose to establish or purchase businesses, or become partners in existing businesses in Manitoba may apply provided they meet the following requirements:

- Have a minimum of three (3) years of business ownership experience, or a minimum of three (3) years experience in a senior management role of a successful business entity.
- Are willing to commit adequate funds for a business venture (minimum \$150,000 CDN);
- Have a minimum personal net worth of \$350,000 CDN (Canadian dollars);
- Have conducted a comprehensive exploratory visit to Manitoba for a minimum of seven (7) days prior to submitting the PNP-B application. During the exploratory visit, **an interview with the Business Immigration and Investment Branch, Department of Competiveness, Training and Trade, is required.** Details regarding the exploratory visit are found in the "[Guide to Applying for an Exploratory Visit to Manitoba.](#)"
- Are able to provide a summary of a business intent which can be assessed; and
- If Nominated, will be able to deposit \$75,000 CDN with the Province, refundable upon the successful establishment of their approved business intent.
- If the intent is to become a partner in an existing business, your shares in the business must be at least 33.3% of the total value of the company, or must invest at least \$1,000,000 CAD in the business. You must also have an active role in the management of the business.

If Nominated You will be Instructed to:

- Sign a Deposit Agreement (contract) and make a deposit of \$75,000 CDN into a bank account in Manitoba.
- Forward the **originals** of the approved Application Package, including processing and Right of Permanent Residency fees, to an identified Federal Immigration Processing Centre that serves your area.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) reviews the file, conducts a Security and a Health check, and may request an interview. CIC retains final authority in issuing the Permanent Resident Visa.