

The Manitoba Provincial Nominee
Program for Business

Manitoba, Canada...

Open for Business Immigration



FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR BUSINESS, YOUR FUTURE

Manitoba's business advantages

Manitoba shares with the rest of Canada an outstanding quality of life that consistently inspires the United Nations to rank our country in the top 10 best places to live in the world. Entrepreneurs and business executives also value Manitoba's many business benefits.

Ideal Location

Situated at the heart of North America, Manitoba offers convenient and virtually tariff-free access to the United States and Mexico through a north-south trade corridor. The province is an established transportation and distribution hub with developed industries in transportation equipment, food processing, agricultural equipment, aerospace and more. Our central time zone location and well-developed telecommunications infrastructure make Manitoba ideal for any business requiring regular, reliable contact with customers and suppliers from around the world.

A Diverse & Dynamic Economy

Competitive overall operating costs, a highly skilled and multilingual workforce and a business-friendly climate have created a stable, balanced and export-oriented economy in Manitoba. Industrial and commercial rental costs, electricity and labour rates are among the lowest in North America.

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People helping people...

The Province of Manitoba and Government of Canada share responsibility for business people immigrating to Canada through the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business (MPNP-B).

This program allows Manitoba to recruit and nominate qualified business people from around the world who have the intent and ability to move to Manitoba and establish or purchase a business. To qualify for the program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have a minimum personal net worth of \$350,000 Cdn
- Be willing to make a minimum investment of \$150,000 Cdn to start a new business, buy an existing business or invest in and take an active role in the management of a business in Manitoba
- Have a minimum three years of successful business ownership experience or extensive experience in senior management of a company
- Have conducted a visit to Manitoba for a minimum of seven days to investigate business opportunities and Manitoba's quality of life prior to applying



Manitoba would like to nominate all applicants who meet MPNP-B criteria. Because a large number of applications are received each year, Manitoba only selects applicants who best meet program objectives and offer the most potential for the provincial economy. If you are not nominated, we still encourage you to choose Manitoba as your destination and apply under the federal government's Business Immigration Program for entrepreneurs, the self-employed, or the MPNP for Skilled Workers.

The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Business Can Help...

If you're thinking of moving to Manitoba, we encourage you to contact a Program Officer who will...

- Tell you more about the MPNP-B
- Provide information on the general business environment and the many advantages of living and doing business in Manitoba
- Help identify key business organizations and resources in your industry sector

If you have not already visited Manitoba, you must visit for a minimum of seven days to assess our province's business opportunities, meet with members of our province's business community and explore the many benefits of living, raising a family and conducting business in Manitoba.



How to Apply for the Program

Step #1 Request an Exploratory Visit

An exploratory visit to Manitoba for a minimum of seven (7) days is required prior to applying under the MPNP-B. Download the Guide to Applying for an Exploratory Visit to Manitoba from our website. Submit the forms and supporting documents as outlined in the Guide to Applying for an Exploratory Visit to Manitoba to the Business Immigration and Investment Branch, 600-259 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada R3B 3P4.

Step #2 Pre-Screening of your Request

After your documents have been pre-screened and, if it appears that you meet the net worth and business experience criteria of the program, an invitation letter will be sent requesting you to make an exploratory visit to Manitoba. If you need to apply for a visitor's visa to travel to Manitoba, please include the invitation letter when applying for the visa.

Step #3 Attend an Exploratory Visit

When you are preparing to schedule your trip to Manitoba (after you have obtained your visitor's visa if required), contact the Business Immigration and Investment Branch at 204-945-1872, or e-mail us at pnp-b@gov.mb.ca to schedule your exploratory visit. You are encouraged to attend during one of our regularly scheduled presentation weeks. Please contact our office at least two weeks prior to your visit to reserve space. During a presentation week, you will receive detailed information about our program and settlement services and be interviewed by a Business Immigration Officer.

Step #4 Assessment of your Application

Once your exploratory visit to Manitoba is complete, you must submit a copy of your completed Application Kit along with copies of all required documents within one year from the date of your interview with a Business Immigration Officer. Applications received after one year from the date of the interview will not be processed. Once your complete application has been received, a confirmation letter with processing times will be provided.

(NOTE: Processing does not begin on incomplete applications.)

Step #5 Complete a Deposit Agreement

If your application is accepted for nomination, you will be instructed to sign a Deposit Agreement and send a CDN\$75,000 deposit to the Government of Manitoba.

Step #6 Submit your Application to Canada Visa Office

Upon receipt of your Deposit, you will be instructed to submit your original application to the Canadian Visa office that services your area. The program will send directly to that office a Nomination Certificate indicating that you have been nominated by the program. The Canadian Visa office will receive your application, instruct you on medical examinations, security clearances and, upon favourable results, issue your immigration visa for permanent residency.

Step #7 Immigrate to Manitoba

When you arrive as a Permanent Resident of Manitoba, please contact the Business Immigration and Investment Branch to schedule an appointment to meet with a Business Settlement Officer.

Step #8 Establish your Eligible Business and Ask for a Refund of Deposit

You must establish your business and fulfill the investment requirements as outlined in your Deposit Agreement within two years of landing. Once your investment in the business area you proposed has been verified, your CDN\$75,000 Cash Deposit will be returned to you.

Manitoba encourages people from all over the world to come and enjoy the business and lifestyle advantages we offer. An extensive network of services is available to newcomers. The Province of Manitoba, through its Business Settlement Office, is committed to helping you and your family settle comfortably, identify business opportunities and establish your business in Manitoba.

This program is co-ordinated by the Business Immigration and Investment Branch of Manitoba Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade and the Immigration Promotion and Recruitment Branch of Manitoba Labour and Immigration.



The Right Size for Business and Families

With a population of over 1.2 million people, and with diverse skills and multicultural backgrounds, Manitoba is the perfect size and place to start or purchase a business and to raise a family. Manitoba's capital city, Winnipeg (population of 720,000), has all the features and facilities of a large metropolitan centre, but with the short commuting times and friendliness of a small town. Business people have access to government, business and community leaders. They can also enjoy an affordable and active lifestyle.

Excellent Quality of Life

Manitoba's cities boast some of the most affordable, high-quality housing in the nation. Many lakes and parks are located within short distances and affordable recreation for the whole family is available. There is an excellent public health care system, and Manitoba's public education system offers high quality programs covering almost every field. Overall, Manitoba is a safe, secure place to live, ideal for families and open to people from all regions of the world.

Manitoba welcomes you...

Manitoba invites you to explore the business-friendly atmosphere and abundant opportunities that await you in our province. We have a history of welcoming newcomers and we fully recognize the importance of business immigrants to our province's economic, social and demographic development. Manitoba offers new opportunities for businesses that can expand our manufacturing and service sectors.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BUSINESS IMMIGRATION TO MANITOBA AND EXPLORATORY VISITS, CONTACT:

Manitoba Entrepreneurship, Training and Trade
Business Immigration and Investment Branch
600-259 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3B 2A9

Telephone: (Canada 001) 204-945-1872

Fax: (Canada 001) 204-948-2179

E-mail: pn-p-b@gov.mb.ca

Website: manitoba.ca/businessimmigration

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SKILLED WORKER STREAM OF THE MANITOBA PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM, CONTACT:

Manitoba Labour and Immigration
Immigration Promotion and Recruitment Branch
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