

Introduction

The Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) 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, including farmers. This application kit has information and forms for young immigrant farmers. Young farmers who intend to reside in Manitoba and who propose to establish or purchase farms in Manitoba may apply provided they meet the following requirements:

- Have a minimum of 3 years farm ownership experience, or 3 years' farm management background;
- Are under the age of forty;
- Have a minimum personal net worth of \$150,000 CDN (Canadian dollars) after relocation costs;
- Are willing to commit a minimum of \$150,000 CDN for a farm venture in Manitoba;
- Have conducted a comprehensive exploratory visit to Manitoba for a minimum of seven (7) days prior to submitting the PNP-YF application. During the exploratory visit, **an interview with the Business Immigration and Investment Branch is required**. Details regarding the exploratory visit are found in the "[Guide to Applying for an Exploratory Visit to Manitoba](#)."
- Are able to provide documented assessment of farming opportunities in Manitoba and general knowledge of the province;
- Have marketable skills (principal applicant and/or spouse) to supplement farm income;
- Able to provide an outline of their farming proposal which can be assessed;
- Able to demonstrate that the combination of farm income and off-farm supplementary income will provide a family after tax income in excess of \$35,000 CDN per year;
- If Nominated, will be able to deposit \$75,000 CDN with the Province until their farm has been acquired/established as per terms and conditions of approval; and
- If the intent is to become a partner in an existing farm business, your shares in the farm business must be at least 33.3% of the total value of the farm entity, or must invest at least \$1,000,000 CAD in the farm business. You must also have an active role in the management of the farm 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 owned and designated by the Province of 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.