

Introduction

The Province of Manitoba administers an immigration program called the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP). The program 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. The MPNP seeks out potential immigrants who are good candidates for Manitoba but who otherwise may not qualify under Canada's immigration criteria. An applicant nominated by Manitoba should receive favourable and prompt consideration from Citizenship and Immigration Canada as long as they comply with medical and statutory requirements, submitted bona fide documents, or are not proven to have intentions of going to a destination other than Manitoba.

There are two broad categories of immigrants under the Manitoba 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 MPNP-YF application. During your exploratory visit, **an interview with Manitoba Business Immigration and Investment Branch, Department of Competitiveness, Training & 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 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; and
- 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.

If Nominated, You will be Instructed to:

- Sign a Cash Deposit Agreement (contract) and make a deposit of \$75,000 CDN into a bank account in Manitoba.
- Forward the original Federal Immigration Forms, 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.