Compare all Express Entry programs

Express Entry is an online system that we use to manage applications for permanent residence for 3 programs:

Federal Skilled Worker Program Federal Skilled Trades Program Canadian Experience Class

Compare the key differences between the programs or choose a specific program to get more details about eligibility.

Before you compare programs, here are 2 terms you need to know:

Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB)

The CLB is the Canadian standard used to describe, measure and recognize English language ability of adult immigrants and prospective immigrants who plan to live and work in Canada, or apply for citizenship.

The Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens is used to assess abilities in the French language.

There are 4 language ability tests:

- writing

- reading

- listening

- speaking

National Occupation Classification (NOC) code

The NOC is a list of all the occupations in the Canadian labor market. It describes each job according to skill type and skill level. For immigration purposes, these are the main job groups:

Skill Type 0 (zero): Management jobs

Skill Level A: Professional jobs that usually call for a degree from a university

Skill Level B: Technical jobs and skilled trades that usually call for a college diploma or training as an apprentice

Skill Level C: Intermediate jobs that usually call for high school and/or job-specific training

Skill Level D: Labour jobs that usually give on-the-job training

		Federal Skilled Worker	
Eligibility criteria	Canadian Experience Class	Program	Federal Skilled Trades Program
	English or French skills	English or French skills	English or French skills
	CLB 7 if your NOC is 0 or A CLB 5 if your NOC is B	CLB 7	CLB 5 for speaking and listening CLB 4 for reading and writing
Language skills			
	Canadian experience in 1 of these NOCs:	Canadian experience in 1 of these NOCs:	Canadian or foreign experience in a skilled trade under key groups of NOC B
	0	0	
	А	А	
Type/Level of work experience	В	В	
Amount of work experience	One year in Canada in the last 3 years (either combination of full-time or part-time work		Two years within last 5 years (either combination of full-time or part- time work)
	Not required.	Not required.	Required:
		But you can get selection criteria (FSW) points for having a valid job offer.	 A valid job offer of full-time employment for a total period of at least 1 year or a certificate of qualification in that skilled trade issued by a Canadian provincial, territorial or federal authority
Job offer			, ,
	Not required.	Secondary education required.	Not required.
		You can get more selection criteria (FSW) points for your	
Education		post-secondary education.	