



# International Students

Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program

How to apply for  
permanent residence

Alberta

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## Overview

Alberta's stable economy and excellent quality of life make it the ideal place in Canada to call home. International students have numerous opportunities to gain employment in Alberta once they graduate from a Canadian post-secondary institution.

If you are considering living and working permanently in Alberta after you graduate, the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program (AINP) can help you, your spouse/common-law partner and dependent children through the immigration process.

Once you are nominated by the AINP you will submit an application to Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) as a provincial nominee to obtain permanent residence.

### Come to Canada to study and work

While you study in Canada you may be able to work on or off campus.

#### **On-Campus Work Permit**

If you are a full-time student with a valid study permit, you can work on campus without a work permit.

#### **Off-Campus Work Permit**

Through this program, you can apply for a work permit that would allow you to work up to 20 hours per week while attending school and full-time during scheduled school breaks. To be eligible for this program while you are studying in Canada, you must be registered as a full-time student at a publicly funded post-secondary educational institution that is participating in the Off-Campus Work Permit Program.



## Work in Alberta after you graduate

### Post-Graduation Work Permit

Do you want to gain work experience in Alberta once you graduate? You may be eligible for the Post-Graduation Work Permit Program offered by CIC, which can allow you to obtain an open work permit for up to three years after you graduate. Start thinking about this program before graduating as you have 90 days to apply for the Post-Graduation Work Permit after you complete your studies.

Visit the CIC website to assess your eligibility and apply online for your Post-Graduation Work Permit at [www.cic.gc.ca/english/e-services/post-grad.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/e-services/post-grad.asp).

Check to see if you meet the criteria before applying:

- Studied full-time for at least eight months prior to graduating.
- Completed a degree, diploma or certificate program from a public institution or from certain private post-secondary institutions.
- Have a valid study permit when you apply for the work permit.

### Become a permanent resident through the AINP International Graduate Category

Check to see if you meet the criteria. If so, the AINP International Graduate Category may be for you.

- Have you been working for an Alberta employer on a Post-Graduation Work Permit for at least six months?
- Have you graduated from a program that was a minimum of two years at the undergraduate level or a minimum of one year at the graduate level?

- Are you currently working for an Alberta employer on a permanent, full-time basis?
- Is your job classified under the National Occupational Classification (NOC) skill levels 0, A or B?
- Is your job related to your field of study?
- Would you like to stay in Alberta and become a permanent resident?

### Other immigration options

CIC's Canadian Experience Class allows you to apply for permanent residence if you have graduated from a Canadian post-secondary institution and have at least one year of Canadian work experience in a skilled occupation. To qualify you must also prove your ability in English or French to apply for permanent residence under the Canadian Experience Class. Visit the CIC website to see if you meet the full list of criteria and for application forms.

#### Always visit these websites for the most up-to-date criteria:

AINP

[www.AlbertaCanada.com/ainp](http://www.AlbertaCanada.com/ainp)

AINP International Graduate Category Self-assessment  
[www.AlbertaCanada.com/selfassessment](http://www.AlbertaCanada.com/selfassessment)

AINP Processing Times

[www.AlbertaCanada.com/processingtime](http://www.AlbertaCanada.com/processingtime)

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)  
[www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work.asp)

National Occupation Classification (NOC)  
[www.hrsdc.gc.ca/noc](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/noc)

CIC Canadian Experience Class

[www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/cec](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/cec)



# AINP Process for International Students



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