



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/commonlaw 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.

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

AINP International Graduate Category Self-assessment www.AlbertaCanada.com/selfassessment

AINP Processing Times www.AlbertaCanada.com/processingtime

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

National Occupation Classification (NOC) www.hrsdc.gc.ca/noc

CIC Canadian Experience Class www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/cec

AINP Process for International Students

Graduate from a publicly funded Canadian post-secondary institution or from an eligible private post-secondary institution in Alberta.

Post-Graduation Work
Permit with Citizenship
and Immigration
Canada (CIC).

Work with an Alberta employer on your Post-Graduation Work Permit.

Your Alberta employer has offered you a permanent, full-time job in your field of study.

Review criteria for eligibility for both your employer and yourself under the AINP International Graduate Category by taking the online self-assessment. Fill out the appropriate forms with your employer and assemble supporting documents.
All forms and checklists for supporting documents can be found on our website.

Submit all forms and supporting documents to AINP for review.
There are no application fees when submitting documents to AINP for review.

The AINP will assess your application. Check the AINP website for processing times to see how long it may take to process your application.

If you and your employer meet all eligibility requirements you will become a provincial nominee. The AINP will mail you a confirmation package and instructions on what to do next.

Submit your permanent residence application and required fees to CIC.

If your application meets all admissibility checks, you will receive permanent residence from CIC. Visit the CIC website to see how long they may take to process your case.

Join the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program Facebook Page.

For a complete guide of the step-by-step process and employer and candidate eligibility, visit our website.

Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program www.AlbertaCanada.com/ainp

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