

Business Class Immigration for Canada

Canada wants business people!

There are many immigration options for business people seeking to immigrate to Canada. We provide professional immigration and investment services to business people, and their families. Our team of experienced experts delivers a wide range of services to ensure you immigrate to Canada as quickly as possible and settle successfully. We help you at each step, from creating a long-term “strategic game plan” to helping you settle in Canada. We are committed to your success.

Complete immigration Services

We take care of your immigration needs. For almost 20 years our top Canadian immigration lawyer, David Rosenblatt (of Rosenblatt Associates), has been helping people immigrate to Canada. You can trust your immigration matters with us.

Permanent Residence
Work Visas
Business Visas
Visitor Visas

Citizenship
Investor Visas
Student Visas
Family Sponsorships



David Rosenblatt, B.A., LL.B.
Canadian Immigration Lawyer

Our comprehensive immigration services include advising and representing you throughout the process. We prepare your immigration applications, train you for interviews and keep you informed of the relevant rules and regulations to ensure you're successful.

Investment Services

There are many investment options for business people seeking to immigrate to Canada. You can buy, start or invest in a business, or simply make an investment in an eligible investment fund. We provide you with valuable information and find you appropriate investments to suit your requirements.

Relocation & Settlement Services

We provide valuable migration advice and assistance for relocating and settling successfully in Canada. We help you avoid costly mistakes and prosper in Canada.

Affordable Fees and Flexible Payment Terms

We offer affordable block fee agreements with flexible payment terms.

Free Assessment & Consultation

Find out quickly and accurately if you qualify to immigrate to Canada today.

Comparison of Top Business Immigration Programs

| | Passive Investment in Government Fund | | Active Business Investment & Management | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|------------------------------|
| | Quebec | Federal Program Suspended Proposed changes below | New Brunswick | Saskatchewan | Manitoba |
| Minimum Investment | Pay \$120,000 (no refund) or invest \$400,000 (repaid after 5 years, no interest) | Pay \$240,000 (no refund) or invest \$800,000 (repaid after 5 years, no interest) | \$125,000 (\$75,000 deposit) | \$150,000 (\$72,500 deposit) | \$150,000 (\$75,000 deposit) |
| Net Worth | \$800,000 | \$1,600,000 | \$300,000 | \$300,000 | \$350,000 |
| Business Experience | 2 yrs out of last 5 years. Management duties must be planning, finance or HR | 2 out of last 5 years. "Qualifying Business" (see below) or manage 5 full-time employees | Management experience or business ownership | 3-5 years experience | Senior level experience |
| How wealth acquired | Economic activities or inheritance | Any legal sources Inheritance accepted | Any legal sources | Any legal sources | Any legal sources |
| Age Limit? | No | No | No | No | No |
| English | Not required | Not required | Functional | Not required | Not required |
| Processing Time (est.) | Quebec approval in 6-12 months, visa after 9 more months | 3 years average | 18 – 24 months | 18–24 months | 18–24 months |
| Business Plan Needed | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Point Grid | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No |
| Other | Spouse's assets considered. Business need not be profitable. Middle Managers allowed. | | | Must own at least 33.3% or invest \$500,000 in active business | |
| Processing Fee | \$3850 \$150 per dependant | \$1050, \$550 Spouse, \$150 per dependant | \$0 | \$2,500 | \$0 |
| Must visit? | No | No | Yes | No | Yes |

Fees quoted are in Canadian dollars. "Qualifying business" is an active business where for at least 2 out of the last 5 years the applicant's proportional shareholdings meet at least 2 of the following: A) 2 employees, B) Annual sales over C\$500,000, C) Net income over C\$50,000, D) Net assets over C\$125,000. See www.passportal.net for more business immigration options.

The Quebec Investor Program: The rules will soon change!

Quebec Investors do not have to start or manage a business In Canada. **On June 26, 2010 The Federal government stopped accepting new investor cases but the Quebec investor program remains open!** The minimum investment requirements will soon double. Presently Quebec Investors must have a minimum net worth of \$800,000 CDN and make an investment into a government fund. Investors have the option to pay \$120,000 (non refundable) or invest C\$400,000 (refundable after 5 years, no interest paid). The investment is made only after you are approved by Quebec.

The Quebec investor program is fast, and a lawyer can attend the immigration interview with you. After Quebec approves you, the Federal government simply performs a security and medical check. Although Quebec investors must declare their “intention” to live in Quebec, there is no requirement to live in Quebec (Canadian Permanent Residents can live anywhere in Canada).

| | Quebec Investors | Federal Investors (Program now closed) |
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| Estimated Processing Times | Approval by Quebec in 6-9 months Visas issued in another 9 months | 3 years Average |
| “Management Experience” Both programs require at least 2 out of the last 5 years. | Management duties must relate to the planning, management, and control of financial resources and of human or material resources of the company. Commercial, industrial or farming business; or a legal professional business with at least 2 full-time staff; or for an international agency or a government department/agency. | Managed and owned a proportional share of a “Qualifying Business” or at least 5 full-time employees. Proportional share of “Qualifying Business” meets any 2 of the following: a. 2 employees b. Annual sales \$500,000 c. Net income \$50,000 d. Assets \$125,000. |

Investment Options: \$120,000 Payment or \$400,000 Investment

Although Investors have the option of investing C\$400,000 in a Quebec fund (which is returned after 5 years without interest), most investors choose the non-refundable \$120,000 payment option. We work with a bank that will effectively loan you \$400,000 which is then paid to the government investment fund on your behalf (and then the funds are repaid to the bank after 5 years). The \$120,000 you pay covers all the financing, interest, and administrative fees so that you do not have to pay any additional fees. This option is attractive because you do not have to dispose of assets to fund the \$400,000 investment and can keep \$280,000 in your hands that you can control and invest (and possibly attain higher returns).

Example: Financial investment returns on an investment of \$280,000 for 5 years (based on a 10% annual return)

| Year | Investment | Return | Growth | Total |
|------|------------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1 | 280,000 | 10% | 28,000 | 308,000 |
| 2 | 308,000 | 10% | 30,800 | 338,800 |
| 3 | 338,000 | 10% | 33,800 | 372,680 |
| 4 | 372,680 | 10% | 37,268 | 409,948 |
| 5 | 409,948 | 10% | 40,994 | 450,942 |

Give your family a better life in Canada

Bring your spouse and children to Canada

When you immigrate you can bring your spouse and dependent children with you. Once you have landed in Canada, you may be eligible to sponsor other family members (such as parents and grandparents). We will advise you regarding all your various family members.

A “**DEPENDENT CHILD**” is less than 22 years of age (and not a spouse or common-law partner) and has depended substantially on the financial support of the parent until age 22 — or if the child became a spouse or common-law partner before the age of 22, since becoming a spouse or common-law partner — and, up until 22 or since becoming a spouse or common-law partner, as the case may be, has been a student continuously enrolled in and attending a post-secondary institution that is accredited government authority, and actively pursuing a course of academic, professional or vocational training on a full-time basis, or; is 22 or older and has depended substantially on the financial support of the parent up until 22 and is unable to be financially self-supporting due to a physical or mental condition. The age of accompanying dependent children is “locked in” on the date of application, but dependence is not. If a child is under 22 on the date of application, but 23 when the visa is issued, he/she may still be included as part of the parent’s application- as long as the child still satisfies the other elements of the definition of a dependent child. If the child over 22 is considered a dependent on the date of application by virtue of being financially dependent due to full-time study or physical or mental condition, then the child must still meet the requirements of these provisions at the time the visa is issued.

An “**ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE**” can be of the opposite sex or same-sex and includes people legally married or living in common law relationships (living together for at least 1 year) or “conjugal partners” (in a marriage like relationship for at least a year but unable to live together).

Investors Save Money on Children’s Education Costs

Many investors choose the investor program in order to get their children Canadian permanent residence and save money on tuition. Parents can save tens of thousands of dollars on tuition and give their children the gift of Canadian status. It can be very difficult for international students to obtain permanent residence on their own. Once “landed” students don’t have to constantly renew their study or work visas. Also, foreign students are at a distinct disadvantage in the job market since employers can not be certain they can, or will, stay in Canada.



| | Average Tuition Fees | # of children | # of Years of Study | Total Cost |
|---|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|
| International Students | \$17,400 | 2 | 4 | \$139,200 |
| Canadian Students | \$4,400 | 2 | 4 | \$35,200 |
| Total tuition savings by investor: \$104,000 | | | | |



The Quebec Investor Process: Step-by-Step

We provide comprehensive “step-by-step” immigration services to help you, and your family, immigrate to Canada and settle successfully. We advise and represent you throughout the process from creating a long-term strategic plan to helping you establish your new life in Canada.

Pre-Assessment & Consultation

- After you provide us with information about yourself and we will provide you with a free assessment and consultation regarding whether you qualify for Canadian permanent residence.

Getting Started

- Once you decide to start, you must officially retain us by signing an agreement and paying an initial professional fee.
- We send you the necessary application forms and document checklist required for your application.

Application Preparation

- After you send the required documents and draft applications forms, we complete the final application and submissions.
- Once the application is finalized (and approved by you) we submit the application to our bank for investment financing.
- The bank approves the file, signs the agreement, and submits the file to Quebec with the appropriate government fees.

Interview with Quebec

- The Quebec government will notify us of a scheduled interview time (if we're lucky no interview is required) – Usually 9-12 months after applying.
- You provide updated forms and information up to 10 days before the interview.
- We prepare you for the interview and a Quebec lawyer (and interpreter, if necessary) will attend the interview with you.
- Usually our clients are approved very quickly (or given additional time to provide additional information).



Making the investment

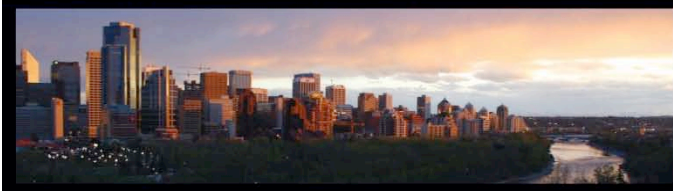
- After you are given an approval letter, you are usually given 120 days to make the \$120,000 payment to the bank who then provides the \$400,000 funding to Quebec on your behalf.

Federal Approval and Issuance of Permanent Residence

- Once Quebec finishes its processing, the Federal government completes medical and security background checks (which takes about 6-9 months).
- Once the Federal government approves your case, you pay a Right of Landing Fee of \$490 per adult.

Landing in Canada

- You will be given an approval letter and visitor visa. Once you come to Canada you are “landed” and given permanent residence.
- You can leave Canada for up to 3 years in the next 5 year period.
- After 1095 days (3 years) of living in Canada (out of 4 years), you can get citizenship.
- If you can't live full-time in Canada we will advise you of various options.



Work Visas for Business

Business owners and managers may be able to obtain work permits quickly (within several months) if they have the ability and intention to buy, start or manage a business in Canada. Once you are approved for a work visa we can usually obtain a work or study visas for your spouse and obtain study visas for your children (no foreign tuition fees for children attending public school up to grade 12). After you receive a work visa, and begin working in Canada, you may become eligible for permanent residence. Processing times for permanent residence application are often much faster for people working in Canada on work visas.

STEP 1: OBTAIN A WORK VISA TO ESTABLISH/INVEST IN A CANADIAN BUSINESS

We can help buy or start a lucrative business in Canada. If you have business experience and capital (no minimum amount of money stipulated) you may be able to obtain a work visa quickly and easily. In order to succeed in Canada it is very important that you find the right business and proceed properly. We can introduce you to many exciting business opportunities in Canada and help you find suitable investments. Below are a few types of Canadian work visas:

Intra-company transferee work visas

If you have an existing business (for at least one year, with one employee) and wish to establish, or invest, in a company in Canada then we can help you. Basically, we help you establish a company in Canada and arrange a work visa to manage the Canadian business. Executives, Senior Managers or workers with “Specialized Knowledge”, who have worked for a subsidiary, branch, parent or affiliate of a multi-national company, for at least one year in the last three, can apply for a visa to work for the related company in Canada.

Work Permits to establish a new business in Canada

Canada admits business people that will create significant benefits to Canada (including social, cultural or economic benefits). Company owners may be able to apply and receive work permits within a few months to run a new company in Canada.

STEP 2: WORK PERMIT HOLDERS CAN GET PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Holders of work visas may be eligible for Permanent Residence in various categories including as Entrepreneurs, Self Employed, Provincial Nominees or the skilled worker categories below:

- A. **Minister Instruction Class:** Applicants working in Canada get 15 additional points on the point grid (67 needed) and 5 more points (under “adaptability”) and your job does not have to be listed on the High Demand Occupation List. Applicants with work permits are often processed more quickly.
- B. **Canadian Experience Class:** Qualify after working 2 years in Canada (permanent residence in often less than 1 year after filing).

Exploratory visits: We can help you properly prepare for exploratory and research trips to Canada. We can help you plan itineraries and arrange valuable meetings with the right people. Let us tell you how we can help.

Value Investing: We have extensive experience with Canadian business and we can help you establish a business enterprise. Discuss your business plans with us and we will be happy to help you and help you succeed and prosper in Canada.



About Canada

Canada ranks as the best place on earth and we're proud!

Compared with other industrialized countries, Canada is the clear winner in many areas. Not only is Canada the world's most diverse and tolerant society, but we're a uniquely privileged nation – wealthier, healthier, and happier than practically any other place on Earth. Canada offers the highest quality of life and abundant opportunities for all. Canada is truly a great country for immigrants and offers spectacular natural beauty, a healthy environment, cultural diversity, lively communities and a strong economy.

Canada is the best country for immigrants

- Nearly 100% of Canadians feel positive about immigration/newcomers (*Ipsos-Reid*)
- Canada has the highest per capita immigration rates in the world while most Canadians accept newcomers, believe that different groups belong here and that interaction between those groups is a good thing
- 84% of Canadian residents are happy to be “Canadian” (*Maclean's*)
- Canada offers the highest quality of life in the world (*United Nations Human Development Index*)
- A 2008 Haver Analytics report ranks Canada no. 2 among the top industrialized countries in the world, with a financial net worth per household of US\$154,100
- Canadians have the highest home ownership rates and live in spacious comfort - 77% of Canadian homes have five or more rooms
- The World Economic Forum in 2009 confirmed that Canada boasts the world's strongest financial system
- Canada is the seventh-largest oil producing nation in the world
- Canada has one of the highest life expectancies (average 81.23 yrs)
- Canada provides a free world-class healthcare system to all its citizens
- Canada is one of the safest countries in the world
- HSBC Bank International reported Canada is the friendliest country
- Forbes magazine ranked Canada as the fourth hardest-working country in the developed world
- Canadians are fun and don't take themselves too seriously
- Men's Health magazine (2007) proclaimed Canada as the second fittest and second most relaxed country in the world
- Canada has the most educated people per capita in the world. A full 47% of the population proceed to post secondary school compared with 39% in the US, and 30% in UK
- Canadians are honest. While corruption is prevalent in other parts of the world, it is practically non-existent in Canada. Internationally, Canadians are recognized for our honesty and integrity

