



## YUKON NOMINEE PROGRAM YUKON EXPRESS ENTRY CRITERIA

The following outlines the requirements for the Yukon Express Entry stream:

The Yukon Express Entry stream is for foreign nationals who have been accepted into Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada's (IRCC) Express Entry pool by meeting the requirements of at least 1 of the 3 [federal economic immigration programs](#). Express Entry is popular due to its expedited processing of permanent resident applications.

Yukon Express Entry helps employers find qualified skilled employees with the work experience and language skills necessary to settle and integrate into the Yukon workforce and communities.

In addition to meeting the Yukon Skilled Worker stream criteria, foreign nationals nominated under Yukon Express Entry must have:

- a valid Express Entry profile;
- a valid, full-time, indeterminate offer of employment from an employer in the Yukon; and
- an intent to settle in the Yukon.

All supporting documents must be notarized copies. These copies must include the contact information of the notary. The Government of Yukon reserves the right to refuse applications if there are concerns that notarized documents may be falsified or fraudulent.

Documents in languages other than English or French must be translated by an accredited translator (with contact information for verification) in 1 of Canada's 2 official languages. The notarized document in the original language needs to accompany the translation.

Ensure you include all required documents.

NOTE: IRCC is responsible for assessing each nominee's eligibility for both Work Permits and Permanent Residence. The Government of Yukon is not responsible for IRCC's decisions to grant or deny Work Permits or Permanent Residence and cannot appeal those decisions.

### DEFINITIONS

"Applicant" means the employer submitting an application under the Yukon Nominee Program (YNP).

"Employer" means a person, firm, corporation, contractor, or other association or organization in Canada which:

- indicates the intention to have an employer-employee relationship with a person who is a foreign national; and
- has an employer-employee relationship, as indicated by the fact that it may hire, fire, pay, supervise, or otherwise control and direct the employee in the material details of how their work is to be performed.

"Business" means the business activity for which the application has been submitted and for which a business license has been obtained.

"Foreign national" means a person who originates from another country and who is not a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident.

"Nominee" means a foreign national whose application under the YNP has been approved by the Immigration Unit of Yukon Economic Development.

“Representative” means a person who provides advice, consultation, or guidance to the applicant at any stage of the application process. You can appoint a representative by filling out the [Use of a Representative form](#). Completing this form, grants your representative the permission to conduct business on your behalf with the Yukon Immigration Unit, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). Authorized Representatives must also submit a completed Use of a Representative Form.

## **A1. EMPLOYER REQUIREMENTS:**

- Employer must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada.
- Employer must have registered and been operating the business (for which the application has been submitted), in the Yukon for a minimum of 1 year, on a full-time basis (or be a recognized government body in Yukon – First Nation, municipal, territorial or federal).
- Employer must meet the minimum requirements of territorial labour standards.
- Employer must hold a valid business license and be registered with the Yukon Corporate Registry or the Federal Registry.
- Employers of foreign nationals who are exempt from the Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) process will be required to submit the offer of employment and pay the Employer Compliance Fee of \$230 using the [Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada Employer Portal](#). Employers must complete these steps before the foreign national can apply for an employer-specific work permit, at a Mission overseas or in-Canada office, and the required information and compliance fee must be up to date.
- Employer must provide health insurance (free to nominees) that gives similar coverage to what a Yukon resident receives under the [Health Care Insurance Plan Act](#) until the nominee is eligible for an insured health card under the *Health Care Insurance Plan Act*.
- Employer must pay for the air travel costs for the nominee to come to the Yukon from their place of permanent residence (but not for the travel costs of family or dependents) if they are not already present in the Yukon.
- Employer must pay for the return air transportation for the nominee from the Yukon to their country if the nominee does not obtain permanent residency or is no longer participating in the Yukon Nominee Program.
- Employer must verify previous work experience and qualifications of the foreign national prior to submitting the application.
- Employer must attend a screening interview with foreign national(s) and the Immigration Unit, if requested.
- Employer must meet or exceed the Yukon median wage for the National Occupational Classification (NOC) TEER as per Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). Review information on [NOC codes, TEER categories and position descriptions](#).

If the wage information for the NOC is not available for Yukon, refer to the Northern B.C. wages, in the following order:

1. North Coast

2. Nechako
3. Northeast
4. British Columbia

## **A2. EMPLOYER DOCUMENTS:**

- Employer must provide a copy of the business license.
- Employer must provide a copy of the Yukon Corporate Registry or the Federal Registry.
- Employer must provide a Use of a Representative form (if applicable).
- Employer must advertise the position within Canada for a minimum of 4 weeks prior to applying and provide proof of at least 3 forms of advertising with their application.
- Advertising must clearly specify the duties of the position, the hours per week, the exact wage, and the position title (as per the TEER).

NOTE: The advertisements must remain posted, to actively seek qualified Canadians and permanent residents, until the YNP issues a decision. Include copies of the advertisements with your application. Employers must track the number of job applications from Canadian or permanent resident workers and the reasons you did not hire them.

- Employers must post the advertisements on the [Canada Job Bank](#) and at least 2 local mediums. Examples of local mediums include:
  - recognized internet employment sites such as Indeed, YuWIN, Employment Central, etc.;
  - local and regional newspapers, newsletters;
  - ethnic newspapers and internet sites; and
  - local and regional employment centers.

## **B1. FOREIGN NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Foreign national must have education and work experience that satisfies the requirements of the job as per the criteria specified in the National Occupational Classification (NOC) TEER category. The minimum acceptable level of education is completion of high school.
- Foreign national must demonstrate at least 6 months of related work experience for the position.
- Foreign national must obtain a minimum Canadian Language Proficiency (CLB) level 7 in English or French for TEER category 0 or 1 positions and CLB level 5 for TEER category 2 or 3. [Review equivalencies](#) between Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB) and the language test results of [designated organizations](#).
- Any foreign worker who is currently in Canada must maintain a legal status throughout the Yukon Nominee Program application and assessment process.
- Any foreign national who is in Canada under a student visa must demonstrate that they have completed all of the requirements of their academic program before a YNP application can be submitted (the minimum period for the academic program is 12 months).

## **B2. FOREIGN NATIONAL DOCUMENTS:**

- Foreign national must provide a valid, notarized copy of their IRCC Express Entry profile documentation.
- Foreign national must provide notarized copies of employment records confirming previous employment. Documentation must include letters from the supervisor or Human Resources officer identified by name and title. Letters must be on company letterhead and include the following details:
  - start and end date of employment;
  - job title;
  - job duties; and
  - contact information of the supervisor or Human Resources officer issuing the letter (phone number, fax number, e-mail, and company website).
- Additional documents may be requested by the assessing officers, such as:
  - pay stubs;
  - income tax records; and
  - others.
- Foreign national must provide their high school certificate or its equivalent in order to meet the minimum education requirement. If higher education is required for the position/NOC, additional applicable diplomas, certificates, or degrees must be submitted as well. The YNP will verify any educational credential submitted with the application with the organization that produced or issued it.

The following information must be included in addition to each of your educational credentials:

- Name of the organization;
- Physical address;
- Email address;
- Website address;
- Contact name; and
- Contact phone number.
- Foreign national must provide certificates proving the establishment and good standing of your business for periods of self-employment.
- Foreign national must provide valid and original language test results from one of the following [designated testing agencies](#):
  - IELTS General Training for English.
  - CELPIP General for English.
  - TEF for French.

NOTE: Language tests are valid for 2 years from the date of the test; therefore, language tests must be less than 2 years old when you submit your application for the Yukon Nominee Program.

- Foreign national must provide a valid and notarized copy of their passport.
- Foreign national must provide a valid and notarized copy of their temporary resident documents (if applicable). Examples include work and study permits and visitor records.

- Foreign national must provide notarized copies of their spouse's passport and marriage/divorce certificate (as applicable). This documentation must be included whether the spouse is accompanying the nominee or not.
- Foreign national must provide notarized copies of their Common Law Partner's passport and Statutory Declaration of Common-Law Union (as applicable) whether the Common Law Partner is accompanying the nominee or not.

To prove common-law relationship, complete the Statutory Declaration of Common-Law Union Form and include one of the following with your application:

- Joint leases or rental agreements.
- Bills for shared utility accounts, such as:
  - gas;
  - electricity;
  - telephone; or
  - joint utility accounts.
- Important documents for both of you showing the same address, such as:
  - driver's licenses;
  - insurance policies; or
  - identification documents.
- Foreign national must provide notarized copies of any Dependent's passport, birth certificate, custody papers and/or permission from the other parent (if divorced or separated). The information must be included whether the child/dependent is accompanying the nominee or not.

## **C1. SUBMITTED APPLICATION:**

The employer must submit a complete application to the YNP. The processing time is 12 to 14 weeks from receipt of a complete application. Processing times vary and depend on the volume of applications received at any given time.

### **Incomplete applications**

The YNP will inform the employer of missing information and/or documentation required for a complete application. The employer will be given a period of 30 days to submit the missing information and/or documentation. Applications will not be processed if necessary information and/or documentation is not received.

## **D1. POST-NOMINATION:**

### **Approved applications**

Once approved, the employer and the nominee must sign a Tripartite Agreement (TPA) with the Government of Yukon. Employers and nominees must comply with all terms and conditions of the nomination as outlined in the TPA. This ensures that all parties are aware of their rights and responsibilities. The YNP conducts on-site and electronic monitoring to verify compliance with the TPA.

If the nominee candidate is in the Yukon at the time of nomination, the TPA meeting should be arranged within 14 days of receipt of the approval package. If the nominee candidate is not in Canada at the time of

nomination, the TPA appointment should be scheduled within 14 days following the nominee's arrival in the Yukon.

In order to proceed with the TPA signing process, the Immigration Unit requires the following information and documentation:

- Date Nominee arrived in Yukon (if applicable);
- A copy of Nominee's work permit;
- Nominee's Yukon address and phone number; and
- Documentation to confirm that the employer provided:
  - third-party health insurance for the nominee (for the first 3 months until the nominee becomes eligible for Yukon health insurance); and
  - the payment of air travel expenses for the nominee's flight to the Yukon.