



## **Pathways to Permanent Residence in Canada: Express Entry**

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# Important concepts



# National Occupational Classification (NOC)

Express  
Entry



**NOC 0:** management jobs

**NOC A:** professional jobs

**NOC B:** technical jobs and skilled trades

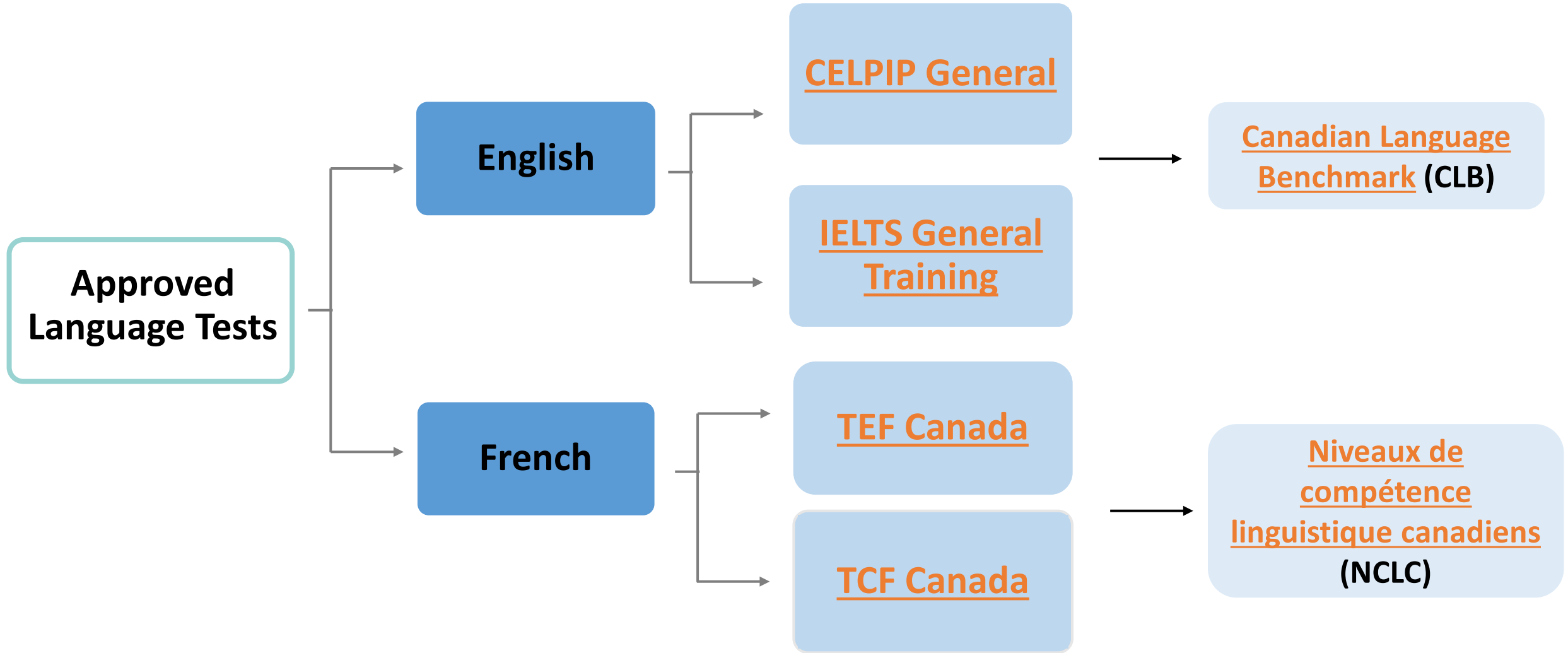
**NOC C:** semi-skilled jobs

**NOC D:** entry-level jobs

**IMPORTANT:** Work experience in **skilled jobs** (NOC 0, A, or B) is required before you can apply for PR through Express Entry.



# Language testing



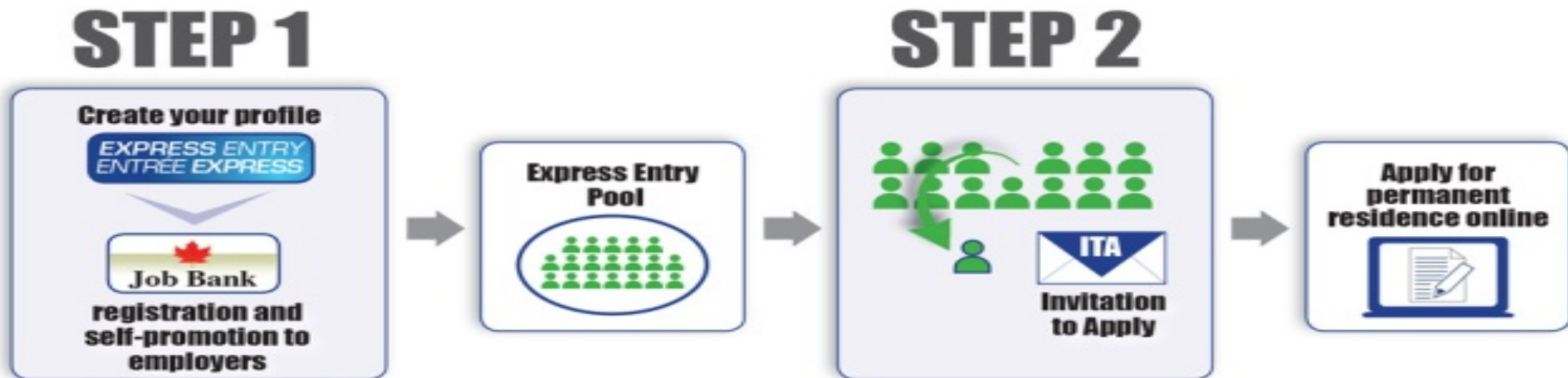
# Pathway to permanent residence through Express Entry



# EXPRESS ENTRY



- Online system that manages expressions of interest in becoming a permanent resident of Canada
- Must meet minimum requirements to create a profile
- Your profile will be given a score and ranked against other candidates
- Creating a profile is free



# Pathway to permanent residence through Express Entry



**Express Entry** is your first step to immigrate permanently as a skilled worker under:



Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSW)



Federal Skilled Trades Program (FST)



Canadian Experience Class (CEC)



A portion of the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP)

- Only skilled work experience (NOC 0, A, B) qualifies for Express Entry
- Pass an approved language test — results must be **less than two years old** when you
  - complete your Express Entry profile, **and**
  - apply for permanent residence

# Minimum work experience requirement



## Federal Skilled Worker Program

**1 year** of **continuous** work in **one** skilled occupation

Experience while studying *can* count

Experience through self-employment *can* count



## Federal Skilled Trades Program

**2 years** of work in an eligible skilled trade

Experience while studying *can* count

Experience through self-employment *can* count



## Canadian Experience Class

**1 year** of work in Canada in **any** skilled occupation

Unauthorized work does **not** count

Experience during full-time study does **not** count

Experience through self-employment does **not** count

**Full-time:** 30 hours/week for 12 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours), or

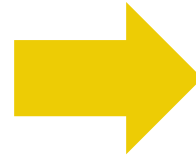
**Part-time:** 15 hours/week for 24 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)

**More than 1 job:** 30 hours/week for 12 months at more than 1 job = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)



# Express Entry is a step-by-step process

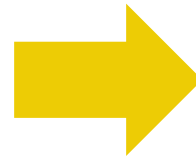
## Step 1: Create your Express Entry Profile



## Express Entry Pool



## Step 2: Receive an Invitation to Apply



## Apply for Permanent Residence Online



# Express Entry profile

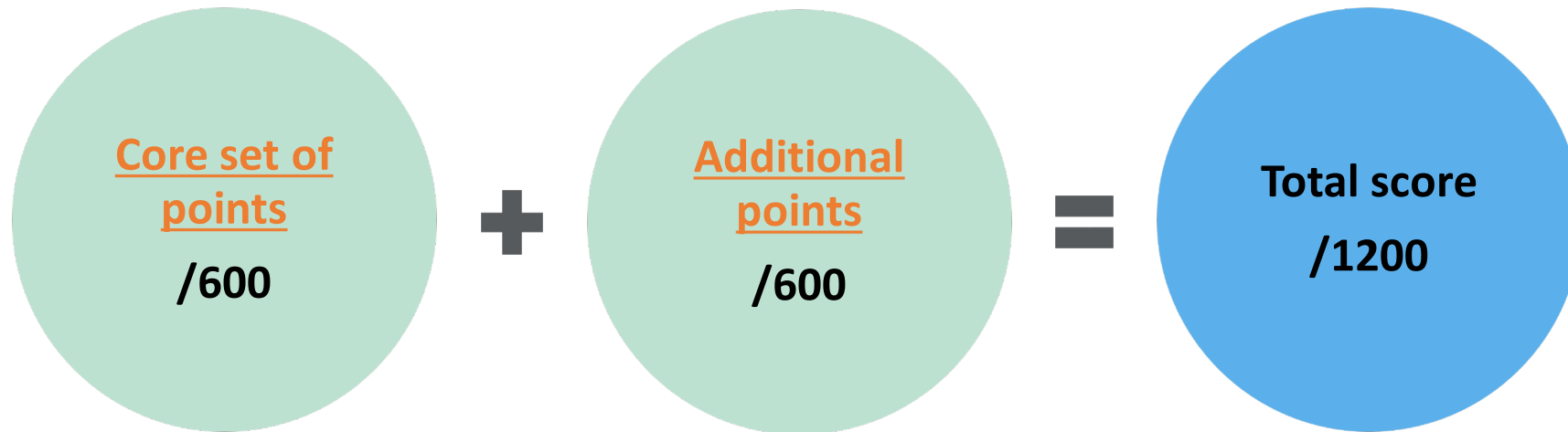
## IMPORTANT

- Profile is valid for one year
- Keep it up-to-date
- There are no guarantees
- Be truthful



# Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS)

Comprehensive Ranking System  
Calculator Tool



## Invitation to Apply (ITA):

- Issued to the **highest scoring candidates** in the Express Entry pool in each invitation round
- **Minimum CRS score for ITA on January 21, 2021: 454**

# CRS: Maximum points for each factor

<b>Core Human Capital Factors</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Spouse</b>
Age	110	100
Education	150	140
1 <sup>st</sup> Official Language	136	128
2 <sup>nd</sup> Official Language	24	22
Canadian work experience	80	70
<b>Spouse Factors</b>	<b>40</b>	
Education	10	
1 <sup>st</sup> Official Language	20	
Canadian work experience	10	

<b>Skill Transferability</b>	<b>100 points max</b>
Education (with OL or CDN exp)	50
Foreign work experience (with OL or CDN exp)	50
Qualification cert (with OL)	50
<b>Additional Points</b>	<b>600 points max</b>
Provincial Nomination	600
Valid job offer	200 (max)
Canadian Education	30 (max)
French proficiency	50 (max)
Siblings in Canada	15 (max)

**Total: 1200 points max**

# CRS additional points: Provincial/Territorial Nomination

## ★ Provincial/Territorial Nomination (PNP): **600 points**

- Candidates nominated under the Express Entry stream of a provincial or territorial nominee program
- Criteria and streams differ across the country

! To go through an Express Entry stream of a PNP you must first meet minimum criteria for 1 of the 3 Federal programs (FSW, FST, CEC)



# CRS additional points: Valid job offer

★ Valid job offer (NOC 00 executive): **200 points**

★ Valid job offer (NOC 0, A or B): **50 points**

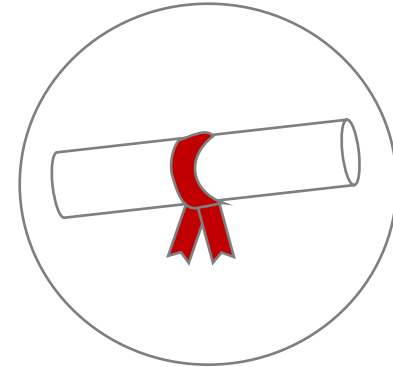
- Job offer must be:
  - minimum **1 year** once you receive PR;
  - non-seasonal;
  - NOC 0, A, or B; and
  - supported by a [Labour Market Impact Assessment](#) (LMIA) unless one is not needed



! You can still get points for Canadian work experience without a valid job offer

# CRS additional points: Education completed in Canada

- ★ Diploma or certificate (1 or 2 years): **15 points**
- ★ Degree, diploma or certificate (3 years or longer), Master's, entry-to-practice professional degree, or doctoral degree (minimum one academic year): **30 points**
- ! You must have completed the studies at a Designated Learning Institution (DLI)
- ! Each educational program needs to be entered separately into the Express Entry profile



# CRS Additional Points: Sibling in Canada



★ A sibling who is a Canadian permanent resident or citizen, is residing in Canada, and is at least 18 years old: **15 points**

- *Sibling* = the biological or adoptive children of candidate or accompanying spouse's
  - father or mother
  - father or mother's spouse
  - father or mother's common-law partner



# CRS additional points: Canada's official languages

- ★ French test results at NCL 7 in all four abilities: **25 additional points**
- ★ French test results of NCL 7 in all four abilities + English test results at CLB 5 or higher: **50 additional points**



*Parlez-vous français?*

Visit [canada.ca/francoimmigration](https://canada.ca/francoimmigration)  
to learn about Francophone life across Canada

# Apply for permanent residence online after receiving an ITA

## A Complete Application Requires:

- Electronic application for permanent residence (e-APR)
- [Cost recovery fees](#)
- [Supporting documentation](#)

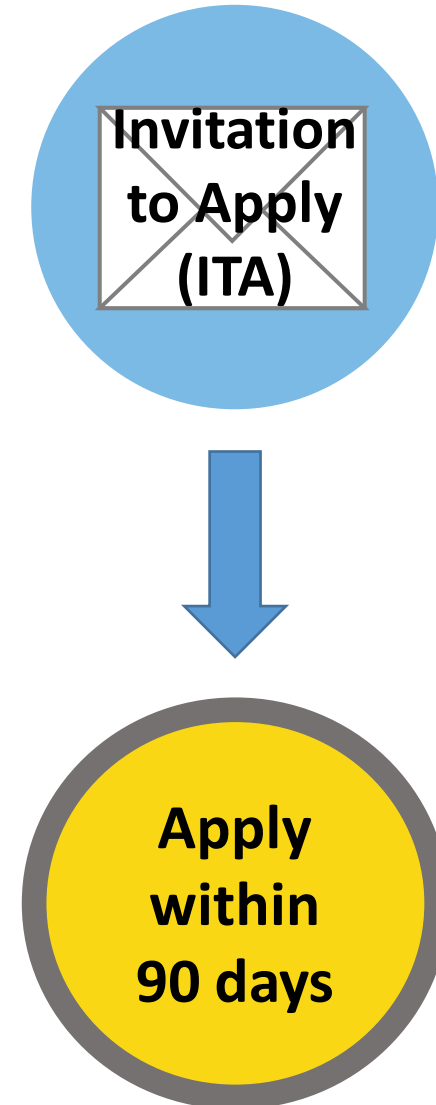
## Personalized Document Checklist

- [Medical examination confirmation](#)
- [Police certificates](#)
- [Biometrics](#)
- Copy of the biographical data page of a passport or travel document
- Proof of work experience
- Other documents as required

## For Complete Applications:

We verify all eligibility and admissibility criteria

We process them in six months or less, 80% of the time




# Additional Information



# How much money do I need?

To pay for your application:

## Application Fee\*

 **\$825**  
Principal applicant

 **\$825**  
Spouse/partner

 **\$225**  
Dependent child

## Right of Permanent Residence Fee

 **\$500**  
Principal applicant

 **\$500**  
Spouse/partner


\*Fee is for processing and is non-refundable

Minimum amount for proof of funds:

## Proof of Funds (FSW & FST Only)\*

 **\$12,960**  
Family of 1

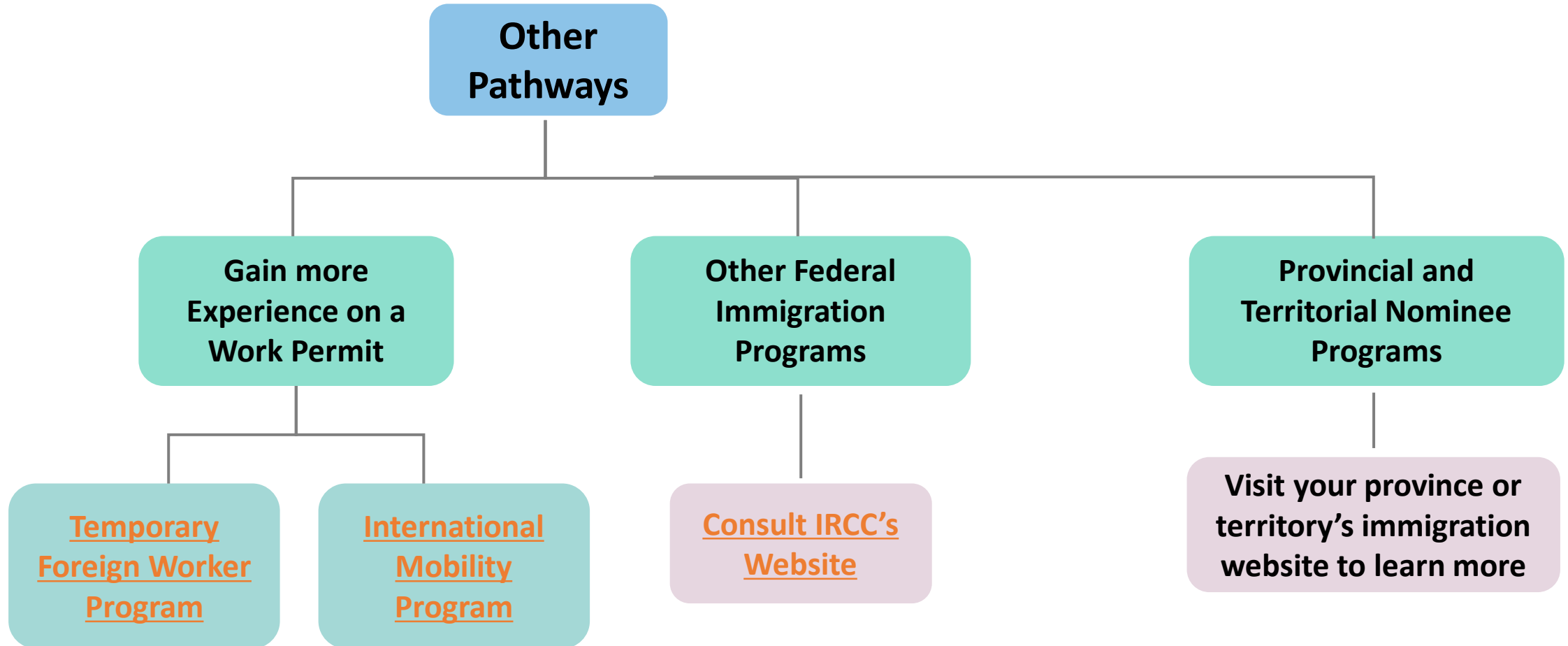
 **\$16,135**  
Family of 2

 **\$19,836**  
Family of 3

 **\$24,083**  
Family of 4

\*Exemption if you have a valid job offer

# If you are not eligible for Express Entry



# For more information

**REMINDER:** Policies and programs can change.  
Please consult [www.canada.ca/immigration](http://www.canada.ca/immigration)  
for accurate, up-to-date information.

**IRCC Client Support Centre:**

**1-888-242-2100**

**IRCC Web form:**

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