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IMMIGRATION

Each year, tens of thousands of Immigration applicants from all parts of the globe, in search of a better life for themselves, choose Canadian Immigration as a means to achieve their goals. Canadian Immigration remains popular because the country is consistently ranked as being among the best countries in the world to live.

On September 18, 2003, The Honourable Denis Coderre, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada, announced an adjustment to the pass mark for federal skilled worker applicants. He also proposed new measures for assessing certain economic class applicants who applied under the former Immigration Act, 1976 but who were adversely affected by transitional measures following implementation of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) on June 28, 2002.

Effective immediately, all new skilled worker applicants and those currently in the system whose Applications for Permanent Residence in Canada were filed on or after January 1, 2002 and who have not yet received a selection decision, will be assessed with a pass mark of 67 (rather than 75, which was the pass mark in existence from June 28, 2002 to September 17, 2003).

Additionally, the Minister is proposing to amend the IRPA transition regulations to allow for all skilled worker and business immigration applicants who applied before January 1, 2002 to be assessed under the selection criteria of the former Immigration Act, 1976 and Immigration Regulations, 1978. Applicants who do not qualify under the former Immigration Act, 1976 and Immigration Regulations, 1978 would then be given a second chance to qualify and will also be assessed under the current IRPA and Immigration Regulations, 2002.

1. Education: Maximum 16 Points
2. Official Languages: Maximum 15 Points
3. ETF: Maximum 18 Points
4. Demand: Maximum 10 Points
5. Experience: Maximum 8 Points
6. Arranged Employment: Maximum 10 Points
7. Age: Maximum 10 Points
8. Demographic Factor: Maximum 8 Points

For more information:

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LANGUAGE IS THE KEY!

The Government of Canada, in cooperation with provincial governments, school boards, community colleges, and immigrant and community organizations, offers free language training across the country for adult permanent residents. In most provinces, the name of the program is LINC, which stands for Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada.

Most universities and community colleges also offer language classes, as do some private language schools and community organizations. You can contact these groups directly for more information. Remember to ask about fees, since these courses may not be free.

LINC offers both full- and part-time classes to suit your needs, and some centres offer free child care while you attend classes. Most LINC centres can also refer you to other language training classes in your area.

Remember, language classes are available for every adult in your family, not just the person who may be looking for work.

For more information

Your local immigrant-serving organization can direct you to a LINC Assessment Centre, which will then refer you to organizations offering LINC classes. Manitoba, British Columbia and Quebec have programs similar to LINC, but they may have slightly different names.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomer/welcome/wel-22e.html>

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