BC Provincial Nominee Program
Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC

British Columbia is recognized globally as a preferred place to work, live, and immigrate. Our opportunities, geography, and enviable lifestyle attract highly trained individuals, entrepreneurs, and international students who want to make B.C. their home. These newcomers energize the province's strong and diverse economy, resulting in more opportunities for all British Columbians.

The B.C. technology sector is a major driver of economic growth in the province, with tech employment at its highest level ever recorded. The demand for talent in B.C.'s tech sector is increasing faster than supply.

In support of ministry priorities, the Tech Pilot under the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) supports the attraction of skilled workers and helps satisfy the demand for in-demand tech talent by expanding the province's technology talent pool.

How does the BC PNP Tech Pilot support tech talent?

The BC PNP provides a permanent immigration pathway for highly trained talent from across the globe to come to B.C. to live, work, and raise a family.

The BC PNP Tech Pilot expedites applications from internationally trained workers and international students who have the critical skills, experience and qualifications needed by B.C.'s technology employers.

To apply, you need a job offer in one of the 29 key technology occupations from an eligible B.C. employer.

Job offer duration requirement updates as of June 26, 2018:

As of June 26, 2018, individuals who apply under a Skills Immigration category in an eligible tech occupation must have a job offer of at least one year (365 days) in length.

The job offer must have at least 120 days remaining at the time of application to the BC PNP. Longer duration job offers, including indeterminate job offers, will continue to be eligible.

Depending on your job, work experience and education, you can select the BC PNP category that is the best fit for you. For categories and more information, please visit our website.

What does the BC PNP Tech Pilot offer?

✓ **Timeliness:** Weekly invitations to apply are issued to qualified skilled tech workers, minimizing the wait for you and your employer

✓ **Prioritization:** Tech applications are prioritized during processing to meet the sector's fast-paced demands

✓ **Service:** A dedicated BC PNP concierge for tech employers provides tailored information and navigation assistance of immigration programs and processes

✓ **Engagement:** Continuous support to tech sector employers through proactive engagement activities and participation at key industry events
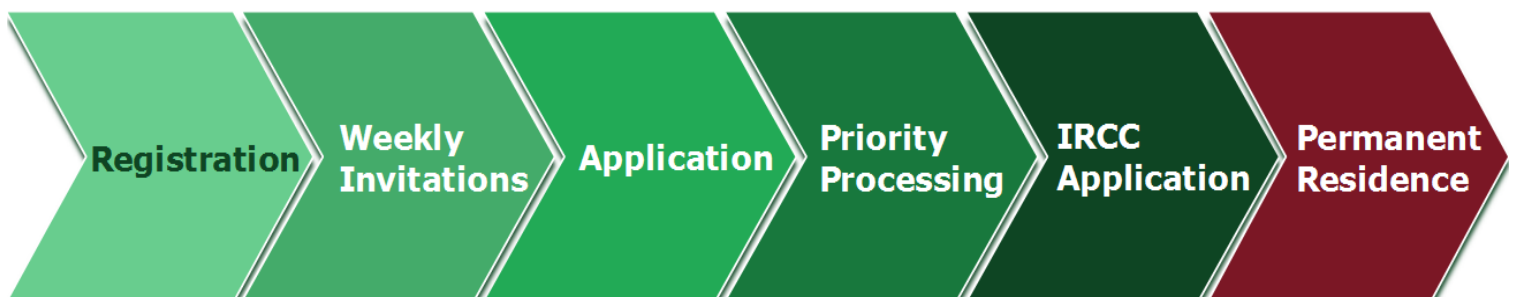
Additional benefits of the BC PNP:

Work permit support: If nominated, the BC PNP can provide a support letter to facilitate your application for a work permit, so you can begin working in the job you have been offered

LMIA not required: You can apply without a Labour Market Impact Assessment

Client support: You can contact the BC PNP at any stage in the process by phone, email, or in person

BC PNP Tech Pilot Process

Registration → Weekly Invitations → Application → Priority Processing → IRCC Application → Permanent Residence

This document is a high-level overview only. Please refer to the program guide for the most current and complete information.

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List of 29 Eligible Occupations for the BC PNP Tech Pilot

NOC	Job Title
0131	Telecommunication carriers managers
0213	Computer and information systems managers
0512	Managers - publishing, motion pictures, broadcasting and performing arts
2131	Civil engineers
2132	Mechanical engineers
2133	Electrical and electronics engineers
2134	Chemical engineers
2147	Computer engineers (except software engineers and designers)
2171	Information systems analysts and consultants
2172	Database analysts and data administrators
2173	Software engineers and designers
2174	Computer programmers and interactive media developers
2175	Web designers and developers
2221	Biological technologists and technicians
2241	Electrical and electronics engineering technologists and technicians
2242	Electronic service technicians (household and business equipment)
2243	Industrial instrument technicians and mechanics
2281	Computer network technicians
2282	User support technicians
2283	Information systems testing technicians
5121	Authors and writers
5122	Editors
5125	Translators, terminologists and interpreters
5224	Broadcast technicians
5225	Audio and video recording technicians
5226	Other technical and co-ordinating occupations in motion pictures, broadcasting and the performing arts
5227	Support occupations in motion pictures, broadcasting, photography and the performing arts
5241	Graphic designers and illustrators
6221	Technical sales specialists - wholesale trade