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Becoming a Permanent Resident in Quebec

<https://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/immigrate-settle/humanitarian-immigration/refugee-recognized/permanent-residence.html>

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The public health state of emergency declared for the entire Québec territory on March 13, 2020, gives the Québec government the necessary powers to [implement all of the measures](#) required to protect the health of the population and curb the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Added to these measures are the [Canadian government's decisions](#) regarding, in particular, closing the borders. Please visit this page regularly for updates on the situation.

The Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration (MIFI) is closely monitoring this evolving situation and will continuously update this page based on the information available.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

- To immigrate to Québec, applicants and their families are required to satisfy both Québec selection criteria AND Canada's admission requirements.
- An application for permanent residence is refused if the applicant's health or that of a family member (accompanying the applicant or not) is deemed to present a health or public safety risk or to result in an excessive burden on the health and social services in Canada, even if the candidate has obtained a CSQ.

6 Ways to Become a Permanent Resident in Quebec

In Quebec, the 6 categories to obtain permanent residence include:

1. Permanent Workers
2. Business People
3. Temporary Workers
4. Foreign Students
5. Family Reunification (Sponsorship by Quebec Family Members)
6. Humanitarian Immigration (includes refugee programs, asylum seekers)

1. Permanent / Skilled Workers

Anyone wishing to immigrate to Québec under the Regular Skilled Worker Program must go through Arrima.

You might be a strong candidate for this new residency program if you have a local job offer, are seeking employment in a rural region, or already live in Quebec.

The Arrima immigration application management system is based on an expression of interest and follows a three-step process:

1. First, you must complete an expression of interest form online. You will need to enter certain information, such as your education, language skills, and work experience.
2. The Ministère reviews the bank of expressions of interest and issues invitations to applicants who meet certain criteria, based on labour market needs in the different regions of Québec. Those individuals can submit a permanent selection application (official immigration application) and pay the associated fees.
3. Applications will be evaluated using the selection grid in effect.

Arrima

[https://arrima.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/aiguillage/?](https://arrima.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/aiguillage/)

The new secure portal Arrima allows persons who want to immigrate to Québec **under the Regular Skilled Worker Program** to create a profile in order to fill out and file an expression of interest form. Among the persons who have filed an expression of interest, the Ministère will invite those whose profile best meets Québec's needs to submit an application for permanent selection.

For more information on using Arrima click here:

<http://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/informations/arrima/index.html>

[Application for permanent selection](#)

To submit and update an application for permanent selection under the Regular Skilled Worker Program after receiving an invitation in Arrima

Guide Q7000 - Application for Permanent Residence: Quebec Skilled Worker Class

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/guide-q7000-application-permanent-residence-quebec-skilled-worker-class.html>

2. Business People

<https://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/immigrate-settle/businesspeople/finding-out-quebec/index.html>

5 Important Steps

<https://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/immigrate-settle/businesspeople/applying-business-immigrant/index.html>

Here are five important steps you must successfully complete in order to immigrate to Québec!

1. [Understanding the difference between business immigrant selection and admission](#) (the respective roles of the Government of Québec and the Government of Canada)
2. Selecting one of the [three business immigration programs](#)
 - Entrepreneur Program
 - Investor Program
 - Self-Employed Worker Program
3. Understanding the [selection process](#)
4. Completing and submitting the [official immigration application](#) – Application for permanent selection
5. Applying to the Government of Canada for [permanent residence](#) after obtaining a Certificat de sélection du Québec (CSQ – Québec Selection Certificate)

3. Temporary Workers

<https://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/immigrate-settle/temporary-workers/index.html>

Important:

As of January 1, 2020, a new regulation from the Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidaritésociale (MTESS) governing the activities of personnel placement agencies and temporary foreign worker recruitment agencies will enter into force. Under this regulation, agencies must, among other things, hold a compulsory licence issued by the Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (CNESST). Companies that use the services of an agency must make sure that the agency holds a regulatory licence, as required by the CNESST.

For information on all the provisions, consult the [CNESST](#) link.

The following is a typical procedure that will give you an idea of the steps you need to take to work in Québec temporarily. In most instances, your employer will take the initial steps. But since they concern you, it is only appropriate that you should know about them.

The standard procedure also describes what you will have to do on your own in order to reside in Québec. This procedure ends with an application for permanent residence, should you decide to immigrate to Québec permanently.

It is strongly advised that you do not to take any definitive steps (for example, leaving your job, taking out travel insurance, purchasing plane tickets, etc.) before you have obtained the necessary authorization to come and work in Québec (LMIA, CAQ for work and the authorization letter from the Canadian embassy).

7-Step Procedure

1. Finding out about Québec and various aspects of temporary work

Are you interested in residing in Québec to work? Get the facts about subjects specifically related to temporary workers in Québec, and do not forget all the other aspects of life in Québec society. You will appreciate your stay all the more for it!

2. Obtaining the authorizations to work temporarily in Québec

An employer in Québec has offered you a job. Your plans to immigrate are taking shape and you would like to obtain the authorizations to reside in Québec. Take note of the steps your employer must take and those that you have to take on your own.

3. Preparing for your stay in Québec

Soon you will be discovering new horizons. You will be leaving for Québec where you have decided to reside in order to work. In the meantime, make the best of this interval by preparing yourself. Your temporary stay in Québec will be that much easier.

4. Arriving in Québec and settling in

This section provides all the information you need to help you settle in

5. **Obtaining new authorizations for temporary work once in Québec**

Your employer wants to extend your employment contract? You wish to change employer? You must obtain new authorizations in order to continue working temporarily in Québec. Take note of the steps you need to follow.

6. **Staying in Québec permanently**

You are presently residing in Québec as a temporary worker and have decided that you would like to stay here permanently. Find out about the steps you have to follow to submit an immigration application.

7. **Taking steps towards your successful integration into Québec**

Once you have obtained permanent residence, you can benefit from the services offered by the government of Québec and its partner organizations to facilitate your integration.

4. Foreign Students

[Foreign students: Online application for temporary selection for studies](#)

The online application for temporary selection for studies is intended for foreign nationals who wish to stay in Québec in order to study. This secure program allows you to complete your application, pay the required fees and track online the processing of your application.

International students wishing to study in Québec in a training program lasting more than six months must be admitted to or enrolled in a designated educational institution, i.e., an institution recognized by Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur or another Québec government ministry, to obtain a Certificat d'acceptation du Québec (CAQ – Québec Acceptance Certificate) and a study permit from the federal government.

Before you apply, consult the [list of designated educational institutions](#)

If the institution you choose is not on this list, you will not be able to study there as an international student. Please note that Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration does not refund fees for applications for temporary selection, even in the case of a refusal.

7-Step Procedure

1. Finding out about studying in Québec

Does the idea of studying in Québec appeal to you? [Find out about](#) the advantages of studying in Québec. Learn about the education system, education costs, financial assistance and employment opportunities for foreign students.

2. Applying for admission to an institution

Have you found out what you need to know about studying in Québec and do you wish to study there? After you've selected a program of study, the first step is to [submit an application for admission](#).

3. Obtaining the necessary authorizations to study in Québec

Your admission to an institution has been confirmed? Your plan is taking shape, and now you want to obtain the necessary authorizations to stay in Québec? Find out about the [steps](#) you need to take.

4. Preparing yourself before your departure for Québec

You are soon heading to Québec, where you have decided to pursue your studies. Get ready to discover new horizons and a whole new study environment. Take advantage of the time it will take to obtain your study authorizations to [prepare yourself](#). This will greatly facilitate your temporary stay in Québec.

5. Proceeding with your temporary settlement in Québec

You've now arrived at your destination. Read this section for a brief survey of entry formalities as well as all the information needed to facilitate and to obtain all the information you need to help you with your [temporary stay](#) in Québec.

6. Extending your stay

If you plan to pursue your studies in Québec beyond the term of your authorized stay for studies, remember to [renew your authorizations](#) before their expiry date. If you intend to [work](#) after graduation, you should read this section as well.

7. Staying in Québec permanently

Are you in the process of obtaining or have already obtained a Québec diploma, and you would like to settle in Québec permanently? The Programme de l'expérience québécoise (PEQ – Québec experience program) could facilitate your immigration to Québec. [Find out about the steps to follow](#).

5. Family Reunification – Sponsorship – Permanent Residency Through Family

Sponsors living in Quebec

The sponsorship application is the starting point of the process. It is submitted to the **Government of Canada** (specifically Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada – IRCC). IRCC determines who can act as a sponsor, who can be sponsored and when a sponsor's financial capacity must be taken into account.

- ❖ Find out how to [sponsor someone if you live in Quebec](#).
- ❖ If you need help, [contact the Quebec ministry of immigration](#)
- ❖ If Quebec approves you as a sponsor, you'll get a Quebec Selection Certificate (Certificat de sélection Québec)
- ❖ We encourage you to prepare your Quebec sponsorship application in advance to avoid delays

Due to Covid-19, the measures deployed in response to this crisis situation have an impact on processing times for applications.

The Ministère is doing everything in its power to reduce these timeframes while assuming responsibility for the health of public service employees.

Processing Times

New

The processing times have changed. **The start dates for the processing of applications will no longer be posted.** Instead, these dates will be replaced by the date of receipt of the files.

Prerequisites for sponsorship in Quebec

<https://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/immigrate-settle/family-reunification/requirements-sponsor/prerequisites.html>

Specific requirements in Quebec

<https://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/immigrate-settle/family-reunification/requirements-sponsor/specific-requirements/index.html>

Sponsorship Application for Canada

The sponsorship application is the starting point of the process. It is submitted to the **Government of Canada** (specifically Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada – IRCC). IRCC determines who can act as a sponsor, who can be sponsored and when a sponsor's financial capacity must be taken into account.

Procedure

To apply to sponsor someone, you must send the following to [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada](#):

- ❖ The [sponsorship application](#) forms (Guide 5525 – Basic Guide & Checklist IMM 5533) <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/guide-5525-basic-guide-sponsor-your-spouse-partner-child.html>
- ❖ All required documents
- ❖ Payment of the fees charged to process your application

If IRCC finds your sponsorship application is eligible, you will be invited to [continue the process](#) by submitting an undertaking application to Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration (MIFI) <http://www.mifi.gouv.qc.ca/fr/index.html>

Don't wait for IRCC to contact you. ***Prepare your undertaking application in advance**, including the application for the sponsored person's selection certificate and all the required documents, so that you are ready to send it to MIFI as soon as you receive an invitation from IRCC to continue the process. **DO NOT submit until you are invited by IRCC**

*Please note that all the undertaking documents and guides are in **FRENCH Only**. You may want to consider obtaining the help of a recognized immigration consultant in the Quebec Register of Immigration Consultants to help you through this process. Please note that there is probably a fee for this service. Here is a link to a list of recognized immigration consultants in Quebec:

<http://www.mifi.gouv.qc.ca/fr/reglementation-consultants/index.html>

The **undertaking application** for the Family Class is a contract that binds you as sponsor (guarantor) to the person being sponsored and the Québec government. This application can be submitted once you have received a favourable judgment from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada regarding your **sponsorship application**.

The Québec government establishes the scales used to evaluate the sponsor's financial capacity and determines the length of the undertaking. It also ensures compliance with the terms of the undertaking.

Quebec’s Undertaking Application Process

***Reminder: ALL documents, forms and kits are in FRENCH ONLY**

Step 1

Carefully read the Sponsor's Guide D-0503-FR (in French only - PDF, 134 kB)

Step 2

Determine which undertaking application kit applies to your situation

The undertaking application kit consists of forms to complete and practical guides that provide all the information you need to easily submit your application.

The content of the kit varies depending on your relationship to the person(s) your are sponsoring.

Choose the undertaking application kit that applies to your situation.

Reminder: ALL documents, forms and kits are in FRENCH ONLY

You are sponsoring	Kit
your spouse , de facto spouse or conjugal partner and their dependent children if they in turn do not have one or more dependent children	Kit A
your dependent child	
a child who you adopted before you settled in Québec	

You are sponsoring	Kit
a dependent child who in turn has a dependent child	Kit B
your father , mother , grandfather or grandmother and their dependent children	
your brother , sister , nephew , niece , grandson , granddaughter , who is an orphan with no mother and father, under 18 years of age, and not married or a de facto spouse	

Step 3

Complete the forms in the kit

Note:

You must complete two copies of the undertaking application form and sign both of them

Step 4❖ **Enclose:**

- A copy of the letter or email you received from the IRCC inviting you to continue your sponsorship process with MIFI;
- ❖ Payment of the fees required to process your application;
- ❖ All required forms, including those to be completed by the sponsored person, duly completed and signed

**Fees in effect as of
January 1, 2020**

Number of Sponsored Persons	Fees Payable
1	\$289
2	\$405 (\$289 + \$116)
3	\$521 (\$289 + \$116 + \$116)

- Please allow \$289 for the principal sponsored person and \$116 for each additional person
- If you are sponsoring only minor children and must complete an undertaking application for each child, you will pay \$289 for the first sponsored child and \$116 for each additional child.

Example:

First child: \$289 plus 2 children (\$116 + \$116 = \$232) = \$521

For full and complete details regarding fees and payment methods, please click on link: [fees required](#)

Step 5

Send all of the above to the [Direction de l'enregistrement et de l'évaluation comparative](#) in Montréal at:

285, rue Notre-Dame Ouest, 4^e étage
Montréal (Québec) H2Y 1T8
CANADA

USEFUL INFORMATION

If you are abroad when you submit your application, contact the Canadian Embassy covering your territory. This procedure, however, is restricted to the sponsorship of a [spouse](#), [de facto spouse](#), or [conjugal partner](#) or to a [dependent child](#), if he or she has no children.

If you wish to sponsor your spouse or de facto spouse and he or she is [already in Canada](#), contact Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada about sponsorship arrangements.

6. Humanitarian Immigration (includes refugee programs, asylum seekers)

<https://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/immigrate-settle/humanitarian-immigration/index.html>

Québec fully supports the principle of international solidarity and the objectives of the conventions governing the protection of refugees. Humanitarian immigration occupies a particularly important place in Québec.

Select the section below that applies to you.

Are you a refugee?

A typical immigration process is proposed to facilitate your arrival or integration in Québec. First, using the definitions below, choose the section that applies to you.

- ❖ Are you being assisted by the Government of Québec? Have you been recognized by Canada as a Convention refugee? See **Government-assisted refugees selected abroad by Québec**.
- ❖ Have you been recognized abroad as a Convention refugee outside Canada or as a person in the Country of Asylum Class? Has a group of individuals or an organization undertaken to sponsor you? See **Sponsored refugees**.
- ❖ Have you been recognized as a refugee or a person in need of protection as a result of a refugee claim made in Canada? See **Refugees recognized in Canada**.

Are you interested in the collective sponsorship of a refugee?

If you belong to a group of individuals or an organization that wants to sponsor a refugee, find out about the conditions and steps involved in collective sponsorship.

Is your application for permanent residence being processed from within Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds?

An immigration application must normally be filed abroad. However, in exceptional circumstances, certain individuals are allowed to apply to immigrate from within Canada. These people are subject to the Québec selection process. Learn more

Other Online Services

<https://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/electronic-services/index.html>

Registration for an information session about Québec

To know more about Québec! Information sessions are offered in Asia, in Europe and in South America for individuals wishing to immigrate to Québec

Online appointment scheduling service

The Online appointment scheduling service is offered to people who expect to arrive in Québec in the next 30 days as permanent residents of Canada as well as to newcomers to Québec. It is a free application that offers universal access to a range of integration and francization services designed to meet the needs of new immigrants. The application allows you to generate your user profile, discover the services offered by the Ministère and its partners and benefit from a customized offer of services that you can register for online.

Service d'intégration en ligne (Online integration service)

Discover how to integrate quickly into Québec society using our Service d'intégration en ligne (SIEL – Online integration service). SIEL offers online integration content that you can access independently, interactive exercises, a range of tools including a discussion group, e-mail, frequently asked questions, and useful links. You can develop your own **personalized action plan**, which will help you settle in Québec and start looking for a job.

Intermediate and advanced online French courses, and French self-learning modules in specialized fields

These courses and modules are offered online to help you improve your knowledge of French, discover Québec, its culture and its values, and ease your integration into the host society. Various subjects are addressed: job and housing searches, the education and healthcare system, and much more. This training will increase your chances of success in Québec. An online tutor is available to help you through this learning process.

Online application for admission to a full-time French course

The Online application for admission to a full-time French course is intended for immigrants living in Québec who have not mastered French and need quick access to language education or immigrants who have been living in Québec for some time and who wish to upgrade their French. This **secure program** allows you to complete your application and track online the processing of your application.

Online French exercise database (In French)

This French exercise database is intended for students of French as a second language at the beginners, intermediate and advanced levels. You will find a wide variety of exercises to help you improve your knowledge of French.