

Comparison of Permanent Residence Application Options Frequently Used at University of Alberta

	PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM (PNP)		CANADIAN EXPERIENCE CLASS (CEC)	FEDERAL SKILLED WORKER (FSW)
When Can You Apply?	As soon as possible after starting U of A employment		After acquiring 1 year of <u>Canadian</u> , high-skill work experience within the past 3 years	After acquiring 1 year of high-skill work experience (obtained anywhere) within the past 10 years
Mandatory Language Test? ¹	Express Entry (PNP does not use this option in Alberta)	Paper Application	Yes for principal applicant Not for spouse*	Yes for principal applicant No for spouse*
	N/A	No		
Mandatory Educational Credential Assessment? ²	N/A	No	Not mandatory for principal applicant** Not mandatory for spouse***	No, if principal applicant's degree was earned in Canada ** Yes, if principal applicant's degree was earned outside Canada Not mandatory for spouse***
Time limit for Submitting Police Certification ³	N/A	6 months from date of PNP nomination	60 days from date of immigration's invitation to apply for permanent residence	60 days from date of immigration's invitation to apply for permanent residence
Extra Points?	N/A	N/A (Point system is not used for this option.)	600 extra points for labour market impact assessment or PNP nomination *Extra points possible for spouse's language test **Extra points possible for educational credential assessment ***Extra points possible for spouse's educational credential assessment	600 extra points for labour market impact assessment or PNP nomination *Extra points possible for spouse's language test **Extra points possible for educational credential assessment ***Extra points possible for spouse's educational credential assessment
Processing Time	N/A	PNP nomination.....25 months Immigration approval....17 months Total.....42 months	Canadian work experience.....12 months Invitation to apply..... ≤ 12 months Immigration approval.....6 months Total.....18-30 months	Work experience.....12 months Invitation to apply..... ≤ 12 months Immigration approval.....6 months Total.....18-30 months

¹ **Language Test(s):** "General Test" must have been taken within past 2 years. Results must remain valid from time of submitting expression of interest (profile) till date that permanent residence is approved. (See: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/skilled/language-testing.asp>)

² **Educational Credential Assessments** can't be older than 5 years on date that immigration receives your application for permanent residence. (See: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/skilled/assessment.asp>)

³ **Police Certifications** are valid for only 3 months from date issued by police authorities. Obtain certificates from each country lived in for six months or more since turning 18. (See: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/security/police-cert/index.asp>)