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Brief Message from your Consultant

We are pleased to announce the launch of our brand new website! After two months of hard work and dedication, we are delighted to officially announce the launch on August 15, 2017. The new site launch is available and the URL is <http://www.explorecanadaimmigration.ca/> Please check it out and let us know your feedback. We also would like to let you know that we are so delighted to receive the positive, valuable and interesting comments from our valued clients regarding our previous monthly newsletter. Thus, your motivating comments and positive feedback on the third issue of our newsletter of the past month have encouraged us further to prepare and publish another issue of this newsletter for August 2017.

As always, we would be grateful if you just could provide us with any suggestion, recommendation or feedback on this issue so that we can include the same in the next one as our constant and prime goal is your ultimate satisfaction, wishing you all the best of luck and success in your practical life.

Sincerely,

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Amongst the new features, the site contains integrated social media buttons for Facebook, Twitter, and Google to foster improved communication with the clients. We will be constantly updating our content with helpful information about the latest immigration news, articles, newsletters.

We hope you find the new website with a fresh look, easy to access information and we also wish to establish this portal as a source of information for those who visit our site.

For any questions, suggestions, feedback or comments, please E-mail us.

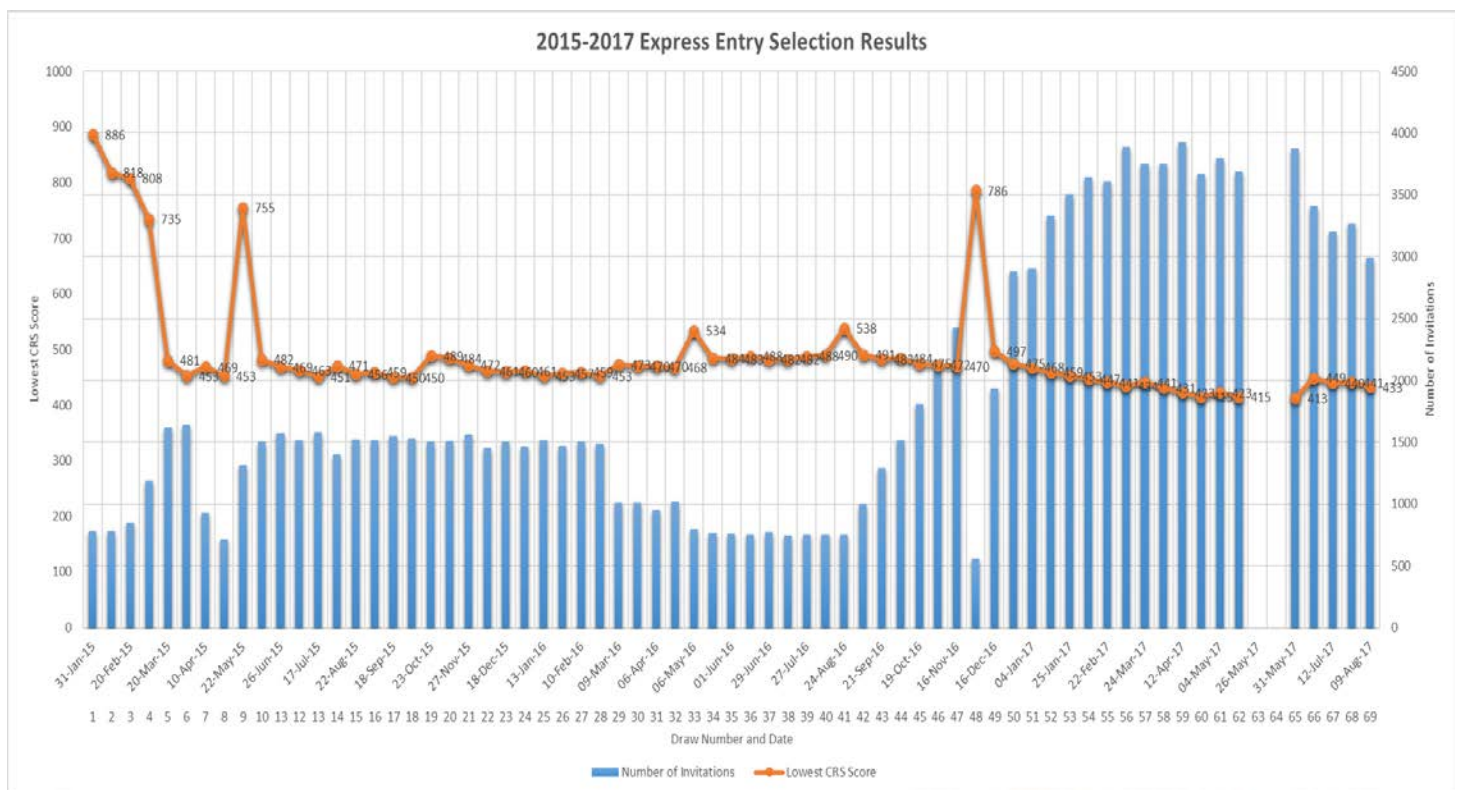
Thank You!

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Express Entry Invitation Rounds - Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) August 9, 2017

Express Entry Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) Requirements Falls to New Record Low. Ministerial Instructions respecting invitations to apply for permanent residence under the Express Entry system #69 – August 9, 2017

invitations that were issued during the period beginning on August 9, 2017, and ending on August 10, 2017, were 2,991, and the lowest CRS score selected was 433.



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<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/department/mi/index.asp?expand=mi-pr-express>

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International Skilled Worker: Occupation In-Demand August 9, 2017

Saskatchewan Reopens 'Occupations In-Demand' Immigration Sub-Category for Skilled Workers. This sub-category is for skilled workers who:

- Don't have a job offer in Saskatchewan but are highly-skilled in an in-demand occupation in the province, and
- Meet the sub-category criteria. Criteria can change at any time, but we'll use what was on this website when we received your complete application.

To be eligible for this sub-category, you must pay a non-refundable \$300 application fee online by Visa or Mastercard. It is the last step required in order to submit your application. You may qualify for this sub-category if you live outside Canada or have proof of legal status in Canada, are not a refugee claimant and:

- Score a minimum of 60 points out of 100 on the SINP point assessment grid;
- Have a language score of at least Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) 4.
- Employers and regulatory bodies may ask for language scores that are higher than CLB 4
- Have completed post-secondary education, training or apprenticeship that's comparable to the Canadian education system of at least one year in length. You must have earned a diploma, certificate or degree with this.
- Have at least one-year work experience in the past 10 years in: In your field of education or training occupation, and
- In a high skilled occupation in the National Occupational Classification (NOC) Matrix level "A", "B" or "O" that's **in-demand in Saskatchewan**. Please visit SINP In-Demand Occupation List <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/moving-to-saskatchewan/immigrating-to-saskatchewan/saskatchewan-immigrant-nominee-program/applicants-international-skilled-workers/sinp-in-demand-occupation-list>

READ MORE:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/>

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The MPNP-B draws submissions from the EOI pool periodically. A Letter of Advice to Apply (LAA) is issued to the highest scoring submissions existing in the pool at the time of draw. Due to limited number of available spots, the LAA issuance is prioritized on the basis of date of last update in case of a tied score.

The EOI pool is active and dynamic. Its composition changes with every additional submission. Submissions are drawn multiple times every month and the range of scores varies for every draw. The range of scores depends on the available EOI submissions in the pool at the time of the draw. Of the 40 Letters of Advice to Apply (LAAs), only three (3) were sent to applicants with the lowest point score of 89.

READ MORE:

<http://www.immigratemanitoba.com/news-and-notice/>

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Canada welcomes refugees, but shuts the door on asylum seekers – August 8, 2017



Vic Satzewich is a professor of sociology at McMaster University.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen sound a lot like former Conservative Immigration Minister Jason Kenney these days when it comes to immigration. Last Friday the Prime Minister said, “Protecting Canadians’ confidence in the integrity of our system allows us to continue to be open, and that’s exactly what I plan to continue to do.” Over the weekend, both the Prime Minister and the Immigration Minister counselled Haitians thinking about crossing the U.S. border into Canada to stay where they are and make their refugee claim in the United States. Many of Mr. Kenney’s public comments about changes to the immigration system introduced under his watch were also peppered with references to the need to maintain the integrity of, and public confidence in, the immigration system.

Maintaining the “integrity of the immigration system” is in part the shared code language for how our governments (Conservative or Liberal) think about asylum seekers. Canada may love refugees like Syrians who are selected and screened abroad before they set foot in the country, but the same cannot be said about asylum seekers who wash up on our shores in boats, or who walk across our border with the U.S.

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Canada's approach to asylum seekers pokes holes in the image of the country as inherently welcoming to immigrants and refugees. The fear and panic Canadians expressed about the arrival of 174 Sikhs off the coast of Nova Scotia in 1987, the arrival of "ghost ships" from Fujian, China in 1999, and 492 Tamils aboard the MV Sun Sea in 2010, bear little resemblance to Mr. Trudeau's tweet in January where he told the world that, "To those fleeing persecution, terror and war, Canadians will welcome you." Indeed, a 2015 Environics poll found that nearly half of Canadians believe that refugees coming to Canada do not have a legitimate claim.

READ MORE:

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/canada-welcomes-refugees-but-shuts-the-door-on-asylum-seekers/article35905842/>

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Canada's immigration system and targets for 2017 – August 2, 2017



Signs pointing to pedestrian and cycle routes are seen outside a Canada Border Service Agency crossing at the Peace Bridge in Fort Erie, Ontario, Canada July 5, 2017.

OTTAWA (Reuters) - The U.S. administration is putting its support behind a bill that would reduce the number of illegal immigrants into the United States and prioritize high-skilled workers by setting up a merits-based system similar to those used by Canada and Australia.

To bring in skilled workers, Canada uses a points system to assess immigrants' ability to enter the Canadian workforce. The majority of Canada's economic immigrants this year are expected to come from this so-called express entry system. Canada plans to allow 300,000 immigrants into the country this year.

Applicants are ranked on their age, education, language ability, and work experience and earn points for each category up to 600. For example, people aged between 20-29 years get the maximum 100 points while those over 45 get zero for that category.

Potential immigrants get additional points if they have a sibling who is a citizen or permanent resident of Canada. Immigrants' spouses are assessed on the same criteria if they are also applying to come to Canada.

READ MORE:

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-canada-immigration-factbox-idUSKBN1A12UU>

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Quebec asylum requests surged to 150 a day: immigration minister - August 3, 2017



The Quebec government has asked Ottawa for help managing a surge of people who illegally crossed the U.S.-Canada border and are now seeking asylum in the province.

A day after Montreal's Olympic Stadium was turned into a temporary shelter for the growing number of asylum seekers, Quebec Immigration Minister Kathleen Weil said the province has "the experience to face these situations," but needs more assistance from the federal government.

Weil told reporters Thursday that the rate of people seeking asylum in Quebec spiked to about 150 per day in July and is on track to reach 12,000 by the end of the year.

Of 4,345 people who crossed the U.S.-Canada border between January and late June, 3,350 -- or 77 per cent -- entered into Quebec.

Quebec is asking Ottawa to help set up a triage system along the U.S.-Quebec border to see if some of the illegal crossers can be sent to other provinces while they wait for their asylum applications to be processed.

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The province is also asking for additional resources to speed up the processing of those applications, as well as help with finding more permanent accommodations for the claimants.

"The request we have for the federal (government) is to accelerate the treatment of cases to the maximum so that we can quickly know if their (asylum) request is accepted or not so we can better share expenses," Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard said Thursday.

The Olympic Stadium was opened up to asylum seekers because Montreal's shelters are already full. Beds, washroom facilities and food are available for up to 600 people at the arena, which will stay open until Sept. 19.

It cost \$1.5 million to prepare the stadium as a shelter and add security, Public Health Minister Lucie Charlebois said. The Quebec government will reassess the situation next month if the wave of migrants continues.

READ MORE:

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/quebec-asylum-requests-surged-to-150-a-day-immigration-minister-1.3531387>

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Canada's immigration minister discourages 'irregular' border crossings by asylum seekers, August 4, 2017

'We want people to claim asylum in the first country that they're in,' says Ahmed Hussen



Federal Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen says Canada wants people to claim asylum in the U.S. if that's their first country in which they arrived

Canadian Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen is discouraging asylum seekers trying to enter Canada from the U.S., urging them to apply in the country in which they first land.

In an interview Friday with CBC, Hussen said "irregular" crossings at Canada's borders with the U.S. aren't a new phenomenon, but Canada doesn't want to promote the practice.

Why are thousands of Haitians streaming into Canada from the U.S.?

"We discourage people from conducting irregular crossings of our borders," he said. "It's not safe, it's not something that we want people to do. We want people to claim asylum in the first country that they're in, which in this case is the U.S."

'We discourage people from conducting irregular crossings of our borders,' Hussen said Friday from Ottawa. 'It's not safe, it's not something that we want people to do.'

The number of asylum seekers, most of them Haitian, crossing illegally near the Saint-Bernard-de-Lacolle, Que., border crossing has tripled in the past two weeks — from about 50 a day to 200 a day, according to Hussen.

READ MORE:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/ahmed-hussen-asylum-seekers-illegal-border-crossing-1.4235218>

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What are skilled workers and why do we need them?

A: Skilled workers are selected for their ability to contribute to our economy and establish themselves successfully in Canada. They are the most skilled and highly educated immigrants that Canada accepts. Research shows that the demand for qualified workers in Canada is growing. Two-thirds of the available jobs will require post-secondary education. Jobs that require a university-level education are the fastest growing types of jobs. Skilled workers do well in Canada. With their generic skill set, they are better able to weather downturns in the economy. They are also more successful in the labour market than other immigrants, catching up to their Canadian counterparts more quickly and earning the highest average incomes.

Q: Why doesn't the government simply increase resources for processing and accept more immigrants?

A: Investing more money in processing without addressing the underlying structural problem with the current legislation will not allow us to tackle the backlog and make the system more flexible. We also need to ensure that we manage immigration in the country's interest. Like most countries, Canada manages the number of immigrants we accept every year. We do so to balance the number of immigrants we welcome with the opportunities and infrastructure available to help them successfully integrate and settle into Canadian communities and the work force. The legislative amendments, combined with the 2008 budget funding, are necessary to better manage applications, to be more responsive to the labour market, and to allow the Department to begin to reduce the backlog of applications.

Q: I have read in media reports that the Minister will have the power to deny admission to someone who has been approved by an officer. Is this true?

A: No. The bill would give the Minister the authority to issue instructions to officers on the categories and the number of applications to process. However, it would not give the Minister the authority to reject an application that has been processed and accepted. As is currently the case, the decisions on individual applications would be made by CIC immigration officers. The Minister cannot reverse these decisions. The instructions provided by the Minister will be open and transparent. They will be published in the Canada Gazette, reported in the Department's annual report to Parliament and posted on the CIC website. The instructions must be consistent with the overall objectives of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, which are to support Canada's economy and competitiveness, reunite families and provide protection to those who need it. They would also be consistent with the Canadian Charter

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of Rights and Freedoms, which protects against discrimination on such bases as race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age, and mental or physical disability.

Q: Why are some applications processed the same day while others take years?

A: Canada remains a destination of choice. Processing all the applications the country receives, including conducting proper medical and security checks, does take time. Temporary resident visa applications—visitors, workers and students—are processed upon receipt. Processing times may vary depending on medical, criminal and other screening requirements. Generally, temporary foreign workers are among those given priority since they have job offers and fill a specific labour market need that Canadian workers are unavailable to satisfy. Priority is also given to certain immigrant classes, and this can mean longer processing times for others. For example, our aim is to give priority to applications for sponsored spouses. Eighty percent of these cases are finalized within eight months. Immigrants selected under the Canada-Quebec Accord or provincial nominee agreements are given priority processing over other economic immigrants, such as federal skilled workers. In addition, our humanitarian traditions require that applications from people in need of protection be processed quickly.

Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) tool - Skilled immigrants (Express Entry)



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The Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) is a point-based system that assesses and scores potential skilled worker candidates on their skills, work experience, language ability, education, and other factors, such as a job offer or a nomination by a province or a territory.

Furthermore, you can use the CRS calculator to find out whether you are eligible to apply for Permanent Residency to Canada through the Express Entry System. For this purpose, please access this link:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/skilled/crs-tool.asp>

IELTS



Take this opportunity and get to know what IELTS all about. We just thought that it would be appropriate to supply you with some major links to IELTS, which we are so sure that you will find interesting and useful. For example, Road to IELTS is your best possible online preparation and practice resource for IELTS.

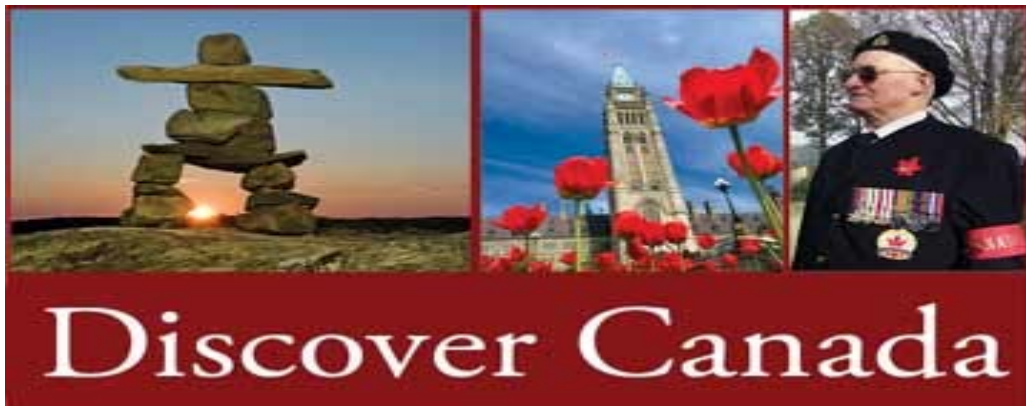
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- <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/prepare/road-to-ielts>
- <http://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/pt/recognising-organisation/american-university-sharjah>
- <https://www.ielts.org/>
- <https://www.ieltsessentials.com/global/prepare/freepracticetests>
- http://www.ielts-exam.net/practice_tests/

Canadian Citizenship Test



Passing this Canadian citizenship test is mandatory to obtain the Canadian citizenship. Therefore, we thought that it would be a good idea to provide you with useful and helpful links to do a free practice test to help you get ready for the Canadian Citizenship test. It is important to note that this is not the actual Canadian Citizenship test, but the questions are designed to help you build your knowledge and efficiently prepare for the real test.

To gain access to such free practice questions related to Canadian citizenship, you are recommended to log into the useful links below:

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- <http://www.apnatoronto.com/canadian-citizenship-test-practice/>
- <http://www.v-soul.com/>
- <http://www.yourlibrary.ca/citizenship/>
- <http://www.thecanadiantest.com/>
- <http://www.citizenshipsupport.ca/>

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