

## NEW BRUNSWICK STUDENT CONNECTION EXPRESS ENTRY PROGRAM

The province of New Brunswick is now accepting EOIs (Expressions of interest) under the [New Brunswick Express Entry Stream](#) from international students from any designated institutions located in New Brunswick in a program that is eligible for a PGWP (post-graduation work permit) **who meet all program criteria** and:

1. Have completed their studies in the past six months, are currently living in the province and are actively seeking employment in the province OR
2. Graduate students (Masters and PhD) enrolled in thesis-based programs: you may apply once your thesis has been officially submitted for evaluation.

If more than six months have passed since the completion of your studies, you will no longer qualify under the NB Student Connection. Please refer to the “**NB Employment Connection**” document.

**\*\*\* Please note:** The minimum duration of study required is a one-year degree, diploma, or certificate program. Proof of completion of studies is required from the institute.

The first step to apply is to have a valid [Express Entry Profile](#). Once you have your federal profile, you can then create an Expression of Interest (EOI) in the [INB Portal](#).

You must have lived in the province during and after the completion of your NB studies. Proof of residency in NB should be included in your INB application under “supporting documents”. This is a mandatory requirement and failure to do so may result in delays in the processing of your application.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW BRUNSWICK EXPRESS ENTRY STREAM THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE APPLYING:

(Complete program information is available in [Your Guide to the New Brunswick Express Entry Stream](#))

#### (1) Work Experience

The **minimum** work experience required for this program is at least **one year of full-time paid work (1,560 hours total) or an equal amount of part-time work**. The work experience must be in the following [National Occupational Classification](#) (NOC) TEER categories:

- TEER 0
- TEER 1
- TEER 2
- TEER 3

Your work experience can be in Canada or abroad.

Your work experience needs to be in the same type of job (have the same NOC) as the job you wish to use for your immigration application.

Your work experience *must* be paid work.

You can meet the one year (1,560 hours) of **continuous** work requirement in multiple ways:

- Full-time at one job: 30 hours per week for 12 months
- Full-time at more than one job: 30 hours per week for 12 months at more than one job
- Equal amount in part-time: 15 hours per week for 24 months

## (2) Language Testing

**All applicants** submitting an application through the NB Express Entry Stream **must have a valid language test** in English or French, that was administered by a designated IRCC testing agency and that is less than 18 months old at the time your application is submitted to the province of New Brunswick. Please note you must have obtained a minimum score equal to or greater than:

- a Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) 7 for English; or,
- Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC) 7 for French

The following language tests are accepted for immigration purposes:

- IELTS General Training
- CELPIP
- PTE Core
- TEF CANADA
- TCF pour le Canada

## (3) Education

You *must* provide a copy of at least two (2) of the following documents **showing successful completion of a PGWP-eligible program of study in New Brunswick within the past six (6) months** :

- final transcripts;
- diploma/certificate; and/or
- letter of completion from the institution

If you have completed your education in Canada, you do not need an educational credential assessment.

If you are a Master or PhD student applying at the point of thesis submission, i.e. before the final completion of your studies in New Brunswick, you will require an Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) for your previous studies, completed by a designated organization:

- Comparative Education Service (CES)
- International Credential Assessment Service of Canada (ICAS)
- World Education Services (WES)
- International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS)
- International Credential Evaluation Service (ICES)

- Medical Council of Canada (professional body for doctors)
- Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (professional body for pharmacists)

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You may be eligible for additional points under adaptability if you meet the following criteria:  
You completed at least two academic years of full-time study (**in a program at least two years long**) at a secondary or post-secondary school in New Brunswick. The points are awarded based on the length of the program. Therefore, the condensed programs will not be considered.

#### (4) Intent to reside in NB

You should only apply for immigration through New Brunswick if you intend to live and work in the province.

#### (5) Job Offer from a New Brunswick Employer

You are not required to have a job offer if you are applying for Express Entry under the NB Student Connection.

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#### (6) Proof of Funds

Settlement funds are not required for **Open Work Permit** holders with a **minimum one-year work experience** (in TEER 0, 1, 2 or 3) in **Canada** and who meet all [Canadian Experience Class \(CEC\)](#) Program requirements.

**NOTE: Bank statements with six-month transaction history are mandatory for all applicants under the New Brunswick Express Entry Stream.**

**Disclaimer: This document is a summary of the NBNP – Express Entry Stream and full eligibility requirements are in the Guide.**