

Immigration in Cape Breton

A GLOSSARY OF COMMON TERMS

If you're reading the news or having a conversation about immigration, there are a number of common terms that you might come across. To promote clear communication about immigration, the Cape Breton Local Immigration Partnership (CBLIP) has compiled the following list of common terms and their definitions.

Accompanying Dependent: A spouse or dependent child of the principal applicant who intends to immigrate to Canada.

Atlantic Immigration Pilot (AIP): The AIP, implemented in partnership between Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and the four Atlantic provinces, aims to address demographic challenges, fill labour gaps and support economic growth in the Atlantic region.

Canadian Citizen: A person who is Canadian by birth, or who has applied for and received Canadian citizenship.

Cape Breton Local Immigration Partnership (CBLIP): Launched in June 2017, the CBLIP is a collaborative initiative working to foster communities that are welcoming and inclusive and to support newcomers to become fully engaged in the social, economic, political, and cultural life of Cape Breton.

Convention Refugee: A person who is outside of their home country or country where they normally live and fears returning to that country because of a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.

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Economic Immigrant: A category of immigrants selected for their skills and ability to contribute to Canada's economy. Skilled workers, entrepreneurs, investors, provincial nominees, and their spouses and dependents, make up the economic category.

Family Class: A class of immigrants to Canada made up of close relatives of a sponsor in Canada, including a spouse, common-law partner or conjugal partner; dependent children; parents and grandparents; children under age 18 whom the sponsor intends to adopt in Canada; children of whom the sponsor is the guardian; brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, and grandchildren who are orphans under age 18; and any other relative, if the sponsor has no relative as described above, either abroad or in Canada.

Federal Skilled Worker: An immigrant selected as a permanent resident based on their education, work experience, knowledge of English and/or French, and other criteria that have been shown to help people succeed in the Canadian labour market. Spouses and children are included on the application.

Foreign Credential Recognition: Foreign credential recognition is the process of verifying that the education and job experience obtained in another country are equal to the standards established for Canadian professionals. Credential recognition for regulated occupations is mainly a provincial responsibility.

Foreign National: A person who is not a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident. This includes a stateless person.

Immigrant: Persons residing in Canada who were born outside of Canada, excluding temporary foreign workers, Canadian citizens born outside Canada and those with student or working visas.

Nova Scotia Nominee Program: A program including a variety of streams to support skilled candidates to be nominated and able to make a permanent residency application.

Permanent Resident: A permanent resident is someone who has been given permanent resident status by immigrating to Canada, but is not a Canadian citizen. Permanent residents are citizens of other countries. A person in Canada temporarily, like a student or foreign worker, is not a permanent resident.

Post Graduation Work Permit: A document issued by IRCC to eligible international students who have:

- graduated from an approved program of study at an eligible Canadian designated learning institution
- applied to IRCC within 180 days of completing all degree or program requirements.

It allows permit holder to gain valuable Canadian work experience that helps them qualify for permanent residence in Canada.

Principal Applicant: The individual who must meet the immigration selection criteria. The spouse, common law, or conjugal partner should apply as a dependent.

Provincial Nominee: An immigrant selected by a province or territory for specific skills that will contribute to the local economy. A nominee must meet federal admissibility requirements, such as those related to health and security.

Temporary Resident: A foreign national who is legally in Canada on a temporary basis as a visitor, student, or worker.

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