

# BC PNP Archived News Items

## 2021

**December 22, 2021**

### **Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

On December 21, 2021, BC PNP issued invitations to apply to qualified registrants in Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC categories. Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply page](#) for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitations issued. For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

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**December 17, 2021**

### **Invitations to Apply in December 2021**

Please be advised that there will be no invitations issued for the week of December 27, 2021. The final invitations for 2021 will be issued the week of December 20. Invitations will resume in January 2022. Please contact the BC PNP at [PNPInfo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PNPInfo@gov.bc.ca) if you have any questions.

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**December 15, 2021**

### **Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Entrepreneur Immigration Base registrants. Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply page](#) for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitations issued. For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guides](#).

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**December 14, 2021**

### **Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified registrants with job offers in the [29 BC PNP Tech occupations](#). Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply page](#) for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitations issued. For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

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**December 7, 2021**

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**December 3, 2021**

### **British Columbia participates in federal pilot, providing a complementary pathway for skilled refugees**

British Columbia is participating in the [Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot \(EMPP\)](#), as a partner with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to allow skilled refugees to immigrate

under the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP).

B.C. recognizes that many refugees have the skills and experience to help address the province's labour shortages. The EMPP is designed to help employers find skilled refugees for positions that can't be filled domestically.

During stage one of [phase two](#), B.C. will nominate up to 50 EMPP applicants under the [BC PNP Tech](#) category. These occupations have strong labour market demand and earn high average salaries that will support the successful settlement and integration of skilled refugees and their families in the province.

More information, instructions, and details of our participation in the EMPP will be posted shortly.

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## **December 2, 2021**

### **Service Outage Notice – Sunday, December 12, 2021:**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available on December 12, 2021 from 10:00am (PT) to 4:00pm (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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## **November 30, 2021**

### **Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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## **November 25, 2021**

### **Service Outage Notice – Monday, November 29, 2021**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available on November 29, 2021 from 11:30am (PT) to 2:30pm (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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## **November 23, 2021**

### **Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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## **November 16, 2021**

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**November 15, 2021**

**Additional B.C. communities ready to participate in the second phase of the BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Regional Pilot**

Twenty (20) more communities are ready to attract and welcome new entrepreneurs to open businesses under the BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration (EI) Regional Pilot.

With the reopening of borders and international travel in some regions of the world, experienced entrepreneurs can now come to B.C. and help communities on the road to economic growth and recovery.

The list of participating communities can be found on the [Entrepreneur Immigration page](#).

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**November 9, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**November 4, 2021**

**New Refugee Readiness Fund announced**

The B.C. government has announced a new fund to help the Province boost local services and supports for families resettling in British Columbia due to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan.

The Refugee Readiness Fund is a one-time \$2 million investment. It will ensure that B.C. communities are ready to welcome and support refugees from Afghanistan. It will also complement services already in place and help enhance and coordinate community-level supports.

A procurement notice for the Fund will be [posted on BC Bid](#) in early December 2021.

[BC Gov news release](#)

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**November 1, 2021**

### **B.C. communities participate in the second phase of the BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Regional Pilot**

More than 50 communities across the province have signed up to participate in Phase 2 of the BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration (EI) Regional Pilot to attract and welcome new entrepreneurs to open businesses in these communities.

The EI Regional Pilot was introduced in March 2019 to support economic growth in smaller regional centres of B.C. and is an innovative collaboration between regional communities and the provincial government. Over the past two years, the pilot has demonstrated its ability to attract entrepreneurs from around the world and to contribute to regional economic development needs, despite the impacts of COVID-19.

With international travel restrictions beginning to ease in some regions of the world, new entrepreneurs will bring their business expertise and can help communities with their economic recovery and grow their local economy.

The first cohort of participating communities can be found on the [Entrepreneur Immigration](#) page. This list will be updated as new communities finalize their enrolment.

The BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration (EI) Regional Pilot has been extended until March 31, 2024.

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**October 27, 2021**

### **Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

On October 26, 2021, BC PNP issued invitations to apply to qualified registrants in Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC categories. Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply page](#) for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitations issued. For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

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**October 25, 2021**

### **Service Outage Notice – Monday, October 25, 2021**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available on Monday, October 25, from 4:30pm (PT) to 6:00pm (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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**October 22, 2021**

### **Service Outage Notice – Friday, October 22, 2021:**

There is a known technical issue with case submissions for some users. If you are experiencing difficulty submitting a case in progress, please email [PNPInfo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:PNPInfo@gov.bc.ca). The technical team is working on a solution, and the issue will be resolved as soon as possible.

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**October 22, 2021**

**Service Outage Notice – Friday, October 22, 2021**

The BCPNP Online application system is down for temporary maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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**October 19, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified registrants with job offers in the [29 BC PNP Tech occupations](#). Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply page](#) for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitations issued. For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

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**October 18, 2021**

**Service Outage Notice – Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available on Wednesday, October 20, from 5:00pm (PT) to 10:00pm (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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**October 12, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC and Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified registrants in Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC categories, and to Entrepreneur Immigration Base and Regional Pilot registrants. Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply page](#) for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitations issued. For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#) and to the [Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guides](#).

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**October 5, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**September 28, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**September 21, 2021**

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**September 14, 2021**

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**September 7, 2021**

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**August 31, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**August 24, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**August 17, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC and Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued**

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**August 10, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**August 3, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**July 27, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**July 20, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**July 19, 2021**

**Entrepreneur Immigration - Base Category: New registrations temporarily paused**

Effective immediately, the BC PNP is temporarily pausing the intake of new registrations to the Entrepreneur Immigration (EI) - Base category.

The EI - Base category has existed in its current form since 2015. It enables the province to nominate foreign entrepreneurs for permanent residence who plan, through ownership and active management, to open a new business or purchase an existing one in British Columbia. Given the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on B.C.'s economy, the temporary pause allows us to review the EI - Base category to ensure it continues to meet its objectives to support government priorities and economic recovery, and prepare prospective applicants for the greatest chance of success.

We will post an update early in 2022 to notify people when registrations will likely resume.

The temporary pause **does not affect individuals who have already submitted a**

**registration or application.** They will remain active in the system and will continue to be processed through to final decisions. However, registrations have an expiry date. Should a registration expire without having received an invitation to apply, a new registration cannot be submitted during this pause.

**The registration pause does not apply to the following:**

- The [Entrepreneur Immigration - Regional Pilot](#) category, which was recently extended to March 2024.
- The [Strategic Projects](#) category, which supports international companies to set up a presence in B.C. and support senior staff for permanent residence.
- All [Skills Immigration](#) categories remain open.

Contact us at [En.Imm@gov.bc.ca](mailto:En.Imm@gov.bc.ca)

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**July 15, 2021**

**Service outage notice: Monday July 19, 2021**

The BCPNP Online application system will have intermittent outages on July 19, 2021 from 10:45am (PT) to 11:15AM (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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**July 13, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**July 12, 2021**

**Service outage notice: Tuesday July 13, 2021**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available on July 13, 2021 from 10:00am(PT) to 12:00noon(PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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**July 6, 2021**

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**June 29, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**June 22, 2021**

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**June 22, 2021**

**WelcomeBC website updates**

An updated version of the WelcomeBC website launched today with improvements that make it easier for you to find the information you're looking for. Enhancements include:

- updated and reorganized content
- simpler navigation
- improved accessibility and search functionality
- moved old BC PNP documents to an Archived Documents page

These changes are effective June 22, 2021.

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**June 18, 2021**

**Website service outage notice – June 22:**

The WelcomeBC website will not be available on June 22, 2021, from 8:30am (PT) to 12:30pm (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience. Please note: this website service outage will not affect BCPNP Online. To access BCPNP Online during the WelcomeBC website outage, please use this direct link: <http://www.pnpapplication.gov.bc.ca/>

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**June 17, 2021**

**BC PNP Statistical Report 2020 released**

On June 17, 2021, the BC PNP released the statistical report for the year 2020. The report provides a range of statistical results about the program, including nominations, occupations, salaries, countries of origin, and regional distribution of nominees in the province.

The 2020 statistical report can be viewed on the [Documents](#) page. The reports from 2016 to 2019 are on the [Archived Documents](#) page.

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**June 9, 2021**

**Service Outage Notice: Thursday June 10, 2021**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available on June 10, 2021 from 9:00am (PT) to 12:00noon (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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**June 8, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**June 2, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**May 28, 2021**

**BC PNP Tech Pilot extended indefinitely**

The BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) Tech Pilot is being extended indefinitely, ensuring continued support for the tech sector and addressing workforce needs by prioritizing 29 in-demand tech occupations.

The program will be renamed BC PNP Tech.

We will continue priority processing, weekly tech draws, and concierge support for tech employers. Occupations will be periodically reviewed and may be subject to change.

Please visit the [BC PNP Tech page](#) for more information.

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**May 25, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**May 18, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**May 11, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**May 4, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**April 27, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**April 20, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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**April 14, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC and Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued**

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Regional Pilot registrants. Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply page](#) for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitations issued.

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## **April 9, 2021**

### **Service Outage Notice: Monday April 12, 2021**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available on April 12, 2021 from 7:30am (PT) to 11:00am (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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## **April 6, 2021**

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## **March 30, 2021**

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## **March 23, 2021**

### **BC PNP extends the Entrepreneur Immigration – Regional Pilot for 3 years**

The BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration (EI) Regional Pilot has been extended until March 31, 2024.

The EI Regional Pilot was introduced in March 2019 to support economic growth in smaller regional centres of B.C. and is an innovative collaboration between regional communities and the provincial government. Over the past two years, it has demonstrated its ability to attract entrepreneurs from around the world and to contribute to regional economic development needs, despite the impacts of COVID-19.

With travel restrictions still in effect, communities across B.C. may have other priorities and are unable to focus on the EI Regional Pilot. This extension will help communities welcome new entrepreneurs to their regions, and be well positioned to support recovery post-pandemic. In total, 65 communities enrolled in the initial pilot phase. Many will receive new entrepreneurs in their communities once international travel restrictions are lifted.

For up-to-date information, please check this News page regularly.

General information can be found on the [EI Regional Pilot](#) page.

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### **March 22, 2021**

#### **Service Outage Notice: Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available on March 24, 2021 from 6:00am (PT) to 8:00am (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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### **March 16, 2021**

#### **Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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### **March 3, 2021**

#### **Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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### **February 24, 2021**

#### **Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

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### **Temporary suspensions for 31 occupations lifted**

Effective February 16, 2021 the BC PNP resumed issuing invitations to apply (ITA) to the 31 occupations previously excluded from receiving invitations.

To balance the need across all sectors of the provincial labour market, a separate draw has been conducted for [Retail and Wholesale Trade Managers \(NOC 0621\)](#) and [Restaurant and Food Service Managers \(NOC 0631\)](#) as both occupations have a high number of registrants within the BC PNP Skills Immigration Registration System.

Those who receive an ITA must demonstrate that they have met, and continue to meet, all program and category requirements at the time of registration and application.

We will continue to monitor and adjust the program requirements as needed, ensuring that we do not lose sight of our long-term objectives and the role immigration plays to support quality economic growth throughout B.C.

For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

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## **February 2, 2021**

### **Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC and Entrepreneur Immigration Invitations Issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified registrants in Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC categories, and to Entrepreneur Immigration Base registrants. Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply page](#) for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitations issued. For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#) and to the [Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guides](#).

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**February 2, 2021**

**Temporary amendment to the in-class learning requirement for international students**

The BC PNP is temporarily amending the online learning requirement for the international student categories. This will allow learning to be online, with 50% of studies or more from within Canada. This is a temporary change in response to the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to review this and other policies to determine if changes are appropriate. For more information about this policy and other temporary measures introduced due to COVID-19, please visit the [COVID-19 Updates page](#). You can also refer to the BC PNP Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide - Addendum on the [Documents page](#).

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**January 26, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified registrants with job offers in the [29 key technology occupations](#) of the BC PNP Tech Pilot. Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply page](#) for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitations issued. For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

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**January 20, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

On January 19, 2021, the BC PNP issued invitations to apply to qualified registrants in Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC categories. Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply page](#) for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitations issued. For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

**Review of 31 Occupations Excluded from Invitations to Apply**

On March 30, 2020, the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) temporarily suspended issuing invitations to apply (ITA) for individuals in 31 tourism, hospitality, retail and personal services occupations. The temporary measure was in response to widespread unemployment in these sectors resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. We have received questions regarding the status of these exclusions given a previous posting that the suspensions would continue for the remainder of 2020. A review of labour market information and other factors related to the excluded occupations is underway. We will post new information on this page, together with links to other related resources.

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**January 13, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

On January 12, 2021, the BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified registrants with job offers in the [29 key technology occupations](#) of the BC PNP Tech Pilot. Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply page](#) for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitations issued. For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).

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**January 5, 2021**

**Skills Immigration & Express Entry BC Invitations Issued**

The BC PNP issued invitations to apply to qualified registrants in Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC categories. Please refer to the [Invitations to Apply page](#) for a full breakdown of minimum scores and total invitations issued. For more information on the invitation and application process, please refer to the [Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC Program Guide](#).