

# BC PNP Archived News Items

## 2022

**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 20, 2022**

### **Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified registrants in tech, healthcare, and childcare. Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations](#) issued are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

Please be advised that there will be no invitations issued for the week of December 26, 2022. The final invitations for 2022 will be issued the week of December 19. Invitations will resume in January 2023. 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 14, 2022**

### **Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration invitations issued**

On December 13, 2022, the BC PNP issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#).

Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. More [information on the invitation and application process](#) can be found in the Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guides.

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**December 6, 2022**

### **Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified registrants in tech, healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#). Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations](#) issued are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**November 29, 2022**

### **Skills Immigration invitations issued**

On November 28, 2022, the BC PNP issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#). Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. More [information on the invitation and application process](#) can be found in the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**November 16, 2022**

### **Changes to the BC Provincial Nominee Program's Skills Immigration**

B.C. has made a series of changes to the BC Provincial Nominee Program's (BC PNP) Skills Immigration. The changes include updating the Skills Immigration registration scoring system to increase immigration to regions outside the Metro Vancouver Regional District.

People with experience working or studying outside of the Metro Vancouver Regional District may claim additional points if they have a qualifying job offer in that region. We have also adjusted [eligibility for the Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot \(EMPP\)](#) to include job offers from a regional employer in B.C. in any skilled occupation.

In addition, eligibility for the International Post Graduate stream has been expanded to any field of study for doctoral level programs. Professors and post-doctoral fellows on limited term employment contracts at B.C. universities are now eligible for the Skilled Worker stream. Both of these criteria changes are intended to retain more innovators and experts that can bring their deep expertise to the province.

The BCPNP Online system has been updated and is now using the [2021 version of the National Occupational Classification \(NOC\)](#).

Applications received before November 16, 2022 will continue to be processed using NOC 2016. All registrations and applications submitted on or after November 16, 2022 will need to use NOC 2021.

#### **Highlights of changes:**

- The points structure has been updated to help regional employers retain people with experience working or studying outside of the Metro Vancouver Regional District
- Eligibility for the Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot (EMPP) has been expanded to any skilled occupation in the regions
- The International Post-Graduate stream has been expanded to include doctoral graduates and PhD candidates in any field of study
- University professors and lecturers (NOC 41200) working at B.C. public universities on limited term contracts are now eligible for the Skilled Worker stream
- The maximum points for human capital factors – education, work experience and language proficiency – has been increased
- Points for NOC skill level have been removed
- Other changes to criteria that protect the safety of British Columbians and strengthen the integrity of the program

For [full details about these and other changes](#), please see the November 16, 2022 version of the BC PNP Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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## November 8, 2022

### Entrepreneur Immigration invitations issued

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Entrepreneur Immigration Base and Regional Pilot registrants. Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. More [information on the invitation and application process](#) can be found in the Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide.

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## November 2, 2022

### Multi-day service outage notice: November 14-16

The [BCPNP Online application system](#) will not be available from November 14, 2022 at 9:00 am (PT) to November 16, 2022 at 3:00 pm (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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## October 12, 2022

### Skills Immigration invitations issued

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#). Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. More [information on the invitation and application process](#) can be found in the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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## October 12, 2022

### Changing from NOC 2016 to NOC 2021

The Skills Immigration registration system will be unavailable from October 12 to November 16, 2022, to change from NOC 2016 to NOC 2021.

As a result, those who have not been invited to apply have been removed from the BC PNP registration pool.

In order to be considered for future invitations to apply, applicants will need to submit a new registration when the system reopens, after November 16, 2022.

Applicants may also wish to visit the NOC 2021 website to [find the new NOC for their occupation](#). This will help them prepare to submit a new registration when the system reopens.

Those applying under the Health Authority, International Post-Graduate and Entrepreneur Immigration categories can continue to submit applications.

Visit the BCPNP Online page for [more information about system availability](#).

### New BC PNP scoring

The BC PNP will also have a new scoring system after November 16, 2022. More details about the scoring and other changes will be available in November when a new BC PNP Skills Immigration Program guide will be posted.

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**October 12, 2022**

**Service Outage Notice – October 12, 2022**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available on Wednesday October 12, 2022 from 2:00pm (PT) to 2:30pm (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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**October 4, 2022**

**Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration Base registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#).

Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. More [information on the invitation and application process](#) can be found in the Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guides.

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**September 27, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified registrants in tech, healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#). Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations](#) issued are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**September 22, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

On September 21, 2022 the BC PNP issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply were also been issued to qualified registrants in [healthcare and childcare occupations](#).

Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. More [information on the invitation and application process](#) can be found in the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**September 16, 2022**

**Technical Update: BC PNP transition to NOC 2021**

On Nov. 16, 2022, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is switching to the 2021 version of the [National Occupational Classification \(NOC\) system](#), known as NOC 2021.

To ensure a smooth transition to the NOC 2021, and to make additional program changes, the Skills Immigration online registration system will be temporarily unavailable from Oct. 12, 2022 to Nov. 16, 2022. The last invitation to apply (ITA) under the current NOC system, NOC 2016, will be issued on Oct. 12, 2022. Invitees will have up to 30 calendar days to submit their application. Applications will be processed using the program criteria in place at the time of application. Application processing times are anticipated to remain within the service standard of 3 months for 80% of applications.

All Skills Immigration registrations remaining in the registration pool after Oct 12, 2022 will be removed from the pool and registrations will need to be resubmitted when the system re-

opens. Individuals who do not receive an ITA before the temporary pause are encouraged to visit the NOC 2021 website to find the new NOC for their occupation. This helps in preparing to submit a new registration using NOC 2021 when the registration system reopens on or about Nov. 16, 2022.

Entrepreneur Immigration ITAs will continue to be issued. Those applying under the Health Authority, International Post-Graduate and Entrepreneur Immigration categories can continue to submit applications until Nov. 13, 2022. A notice will be posted advising of the system outage period and anticipated reopening timeframe.

When the system re-opens, a new BC PNP Skills Immigration program guide will be posted with more details about these changes.

Visit the Employment and Social Development Canada's website [for more information on NOC 2021 changes](#) and impact on eligibility for federal programs.

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### **September 13, 2022**

#### **Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#).

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### **September 7, 2022**

#### **Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in [healthcare and childcare occupations](#).

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### **August 30, 2022**

#### **Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration, Entrepreneur Immigration Base, and Entrepreneur Immigration Regional Pilot registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#).

Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. More [information on the invitation and application process](#) can be found in the Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guides.

**August 23, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#).

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**August 16, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

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**August 15, 2022**

**Changes to the National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2021**

On Nov. 16, 2022, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) will be adopting the 2021 version of the National Occupational Classification (NOC). This version updates the structural framework of the classification, making it more consistent, accurate and flexible. We will be posting further information on how these changes affect BC PNP applicants over the next few months. Please check back in the fall. Visit the IRCC website for [more information on NOC 2021 changes](#) and impact on eligibility for federal programs.

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**August 11, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

On August 10, 2022, the BC PNP issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#). Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. More [information on the invitation and application process](#) can be found in the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**August 3, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified registrants in [tech, healthcare, childcare](#), and other [priority occupations](#). Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**August 2, 2022**

**BC PNP Statistical Report 2021 released**

The BC PNP has released the statistical report for the year 2021. 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. This year's report also contains a new section outlining the program's strategic priorities and performance measures for the program. The [2021 statistical report](#) can be viewed on the Documents page. The [reports from 2016 to 2020](#) are on the Archived Documents page.

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**July 26, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#).

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**July 19, 2022**

**Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified registrants in [tech, healthcare, and childcare](#) in Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC categories, and to qualified Entrepreneur Immigration - Regional Pilot registrants.

Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations](#) issued are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Program Guides.

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**July 14, 2022**

**Service Outage Notice – Wednesday July 20, 2022**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available on July 20, 2022, from 11:00am (PT) to 4:00pm (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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**July 13, 2022**

**British Columbia reopens BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Base category**

B.C. has ended the temporary pause to the Entrepreneur Immigration (EI) Base category and is now open to new registrations from experienced entrepreneurs.

The EI Base category was temporarily paused on July 19, 2021, to ensure it was aligned with government's priorities and positioned to support economic recovery. As a result of an internal review, some changes have been implemented, effective immediately.

To support government strategic priorities, targeted invitations to apply may now be issued that are based on one or more factors, such as:

- the business sector

- proposed business location
- community population
- whether the business is a start-up or purchase of an existing business

B.C. continues to prioritize applications under the EI Regional Pilot to attract international entrepreneurs and businesses that support the unique needs of participating communities. We will continue to periodically conduct draws for high scoring entrepreneurs who have qualified for the registration pool. [More information](#) is available on the Invitations to Apply page. Priority business sectors will be posted on the [Strategic Priorities & Initiatives section](#). B.C. has also made minor adjustments to the EI registration scoring system to re-balance points between human capital, or the skillset of an individual, and economic factors. This change ensures that selected entrepreneurs have a strong foundation for success. Points have also been redistributed to increase the weighting for factors – such as the exploratory visit – that indicate an entrepreneur’s genuine intent and readiness to establish a business in the province. Other changes aim to clarify program criteria and processes. As part of the province’s commitment under the Canada-B.C. Immigration Agreement, an independent evaluation of the program will be conducted in the coming months and may inform further changes. Any future updates will be posted on this page. For full details about these changes, a new version of the [BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration Program Guide](#) is now available.

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## July 12, 2022

### Skills Immigration invitations issued

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## July 5, 2022

### Skills Immigration invitations issued

The BC PNP has issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified registrants in [tech, healthcare, childcare](#), and other [priority occupations](#). Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations](#) issued are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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## June 29, 2022

### New communities added to EI Regional Pilot

The following communities are now participating in the EI Regional Pilot: Lillooet, Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine (Areas B, C, E), and Tumbler Ridge. The [community profiles](#) have been added for each of these communities. For more [information on the EI Regional Pilot](#), please visit the Entrepreneur Immigration page.

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**June 28, 2022**

**Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in [healthcare and childcare occupations](#), and to qualified Entrepreneur Immigration - Regional Pilot registrants.

Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations](#) issued are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Program Guides.

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**June 23, 2022**

**B.C. Newcomers' Guide 2021 edition – print version**

The [2021 British Columbia Newcomers' Guide to Resources and Services](#) is now available in thirteen languages, including Ukrainian, Russian, and Dari. You can download a PDF copy, or order a print version if you are in B.C.

The B.C. Newcomers' Guide has information to help you in your first few months living here. It will help you settle into B.C. quickly and easily.

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**June 21, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified registrants in [tech, healthcare, and childcare](#) occupations. Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations](#) issued are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**June 14, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#).

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**June 8, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

On June 7, 2022, the BC PNP issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified registrants in [tech, healthcare, and childcare](#) occupations. Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations](#) issued are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

**May 31, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#).

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**May 24, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified registrants in [tech, healthcare, and childcare](#) occupations. Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**May 18, 2022**

**Service Outage Notice – Wednesday May 25, 2022**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available on May 25, 2022, from 11:00am (PT) to 3:00pm (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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**May 18, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

On May 17, 2022, the BC PNP issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in [healthcare and childcare occupations](#).

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**May 10, 2022**

**Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified registrants in [tech, healthcare, and childcare](#) in Skills Immigration and Express Entry BC categories, and to qualified Entrepreneur Immigration - Regional Pilot registrants.

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**May 4, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

On May 3, 2022, the BC PNP issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#). Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. More [information on the invitation and application process](#) can be found in the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**May 2, 2022**

**Entrepreneur Immigration Base Category to reopen in July 2022**

The BC PNP Entrepreneur Immigration (EI) Base category will be re-opened to new intake in July 2022 with modifications. An updated EI Base Program Guide will be posted at the same time. New intake under EI Base category has been temporarily paused since July 2021. During this time, all existing applications have continued to be processed.

The Regional Pilot and the Strategic Projects categories remain open to accept applications from those interested in investing and establishing a business in B.C. For more information, contact us at [En.Imm@gov.bc.ca](mailto:En.Imm@gov.bc.ca).

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**April 26, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified registrants in tech, healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#). Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**April 19, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#). Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. More [information on the invitation and application process](#) can be found in the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**April 14, 2022**

**Welcoming Ukraine**

With thousands of displaced Ukrainians expected to relocate to British Columbia over the coming months, the Province is expanding services and supports to connect individuals and families to the help they need. A new, dedicated [Welcoming Ukraine portal](#) is operational. Ukrainians moving to the province can connect to free services to find housing, sign up for health-care coverage, look for a job, sign children up for school, and learn about other community services and supports. In addition to supporting displaced Ukrainians, the information can be used by British Columbians who want to offer support to Ukrainians such as housing, employment opportunities or donations.

As the situation in Ukraine evolves, so will B.C.'s response.

- English: [gov.bc.ca/WelcomingUkraine](https://www.gov.bc.ca/WelcomingUkraine)
- Ukrainian: [gov.bc.ca/WelcomingUkraine-UKR](https://www.gov.bc.ca/WelcomingUkraine-UKR)
- Russian: [gov.bc.ca/WelcomingUkraine-RU](https://www.gov.bc.ca/WelcomingUkraine-RU)

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**April 5, 2022**

### **Skills Immigration invitations issued**

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**April 4, 2022**

### **Service outage notice: April 5, 2022**

The WelcomeBC website will not be available on Tuesday, April 5 from 10:00am (PT) to 10:30am (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience. This website service outage will not affect BCPNP Online. To access BCPNP Online during the outage, please use this direct link: <http://www.pnpapplication.gov.bc.ca/>

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**March 29, 2022**

### **Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified registrants in tech, healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#). Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations](#) issued are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**March 24, 2022**

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**March 23, 2022**

**Entrepreneur Immigration – Base Category: temporary pause continues**

The temporary pause on the intake of new registrations to the Entrepreneur Immigration - Base category remains in place as we continue to review the category to ensure it supports government priorities, aligns with the [StrongerBC Economic Plan](#), and prepares prospective applicants for the greatest chance of success. A further update will be posted by May 1, 2022. The temporary pause does not affect individuals who have been invited to apply or have already submitted an application. They will remain active in the system and will continue to be processed through to final decisions. For registrations that expired without receiving 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 continues to accept new registrations
- 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, which remain open

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

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**March 22, 2022**

**Skills Immigration and Entrepreneur Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued invitations to apply to qualified Entrepreneur Immigration - Regional Pilot and Skills Immigration registrants. Targeted invitations to apply have also been issued to qualified registrants in healthcare, childcare, and other [priority occupations](#).

NOC 3114 Veterinarians and NOC 3213 Animal health technologists and veterinary technicians have been added to the list of other priority occupations. Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations issued](#) are on the Invitations to Apply page. More [information on the invitation and application process](#) can be found in the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**March 22, 2022**

**Service Outage Notice – March 24, 2022**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available on Thursday, March 24, 2022, from 9:00am (PT) to 10:30am (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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**March 14, 2022**

**Skills Immigration invitations issued**

The BC PNP has issued targeted invitations to apply to qualified tech, healthcare, and childcare registrants. Full details of [minimum scores and total invitations](#) issued are on the Invitations to Apply page. For more [information on the invitation and application process](#), please refer to the Skills Immigration Program Guide.

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**March 10, 2022**

## **Healthcare workers, ECEs the focus of changes to BC PNP**

On March 10, 2022, [the Ministry of Municipal Affairs announced](#) that B.C. is responding to the crucial need for more healthcare workers and early childhood educators (ECEs) by implementing changes to the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) Skills Immigration stream to prioritize these occupations and increase support for the care economy.

Key changes, effective March 10, 2022, include:

- Targeted invitations to apply will give priority access to select occupations in the care economy, specifically registrants [whose occupation is on a pre-determined list](#) of in-demand health occupations as well as early childhood educators.
- Healthcare assistants and dental assistants have been added to the Entry Level and Semi-Skilled category as eligible occupations.
- Targeted invitations to apply (priority access) replaces the registration points awarded for high demand occupations in the Labour Market Outlook.
- Periodic general draws will be conducted for other skilled and semi-skilled workers who meet program criteria.
- [Invitations to apply](#) can be based on various factors that support B.C. government priorities.
- The Health Care Professional category has been replaced with the Health Authority category and is open to all occupations employed by a health authority.
- An [overview of Strategic Priorities & Initiatives](#) has been added to the website. There are no changes to BC PNP Tech.
- Workers in management occupations (grouped under Skill Type 0 in the NOC) may only register/apply under Skilled Worker categories; management occupations are not eligible under the International Graduates categories.
- The requirement of two years directly related experience under the Skilled Worker category is replaced with two years of skilled experience.
- [Employer requirements are updated](#) with new or clarified conditions.
- Other changes to the Skills Immigration categories include clarifying or adjusting criteria, and updating definitions.

For full details about these and other changes, a new version of [the BC PNP Skills Immigration Program Guide](#) is now available.

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**March 8, 2022**

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

The BC PNP has 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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**March 2, 2022**

**Service Outage Notice: March 9-10, 2022**

The BCPNP Online application system will not be available from Wednesday March 9, 1:00pm (PT) to Thursday March 10, 10:00am (PT) due to scheduled maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

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**March 1, 2022**

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

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**February 22, 2022**

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

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**February 15, 2022**

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

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**February 8, 2022**

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**February 1, 2022**

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

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**January 25, 2022**

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

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**January 18, 2022**

**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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**January 11, 2022**

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

The BC PNP has 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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**January 5, 2022**

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

On January 4, 2022, BC PNP 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](#).