



BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ABOUT CHANGES TO THE SKILLS
IMMIGRATION STREAMS FOR
RECENT GRADUATES



In January 2025, the British Columbia Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) will launch three new streams designed for recent graduates: Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate.

This document is intended to provide additional information about these forthcoming changes. Further details will be made to this document without notice. Please check the [documents page of our website](#) to ensure you are reading the most up-to-date version.

When the new graduate streams are launched, an updated edition of the BC PNP Skills Immigration Program Guide will be published with complete stream criteria, and this document will be removed. Should there be a discrepancy between this document and the BC PNP Skills Immigration Program Guide, the Skills Immigration Program Guide will be the official policy.

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- **What is the difference between a BC PNP 'registration' and an 'application'?**
 - A registration is not the same as an application to the Skills Immigration streams and does not guarantee that you will be invited to apply.
 - Skills Immigration uses a points-based expression of interest system that enables the BC PNP to manage applications from candidates to ensure strong economic outcomes for the province. The information provided in a registration is used to rank, select and invite people to apply (ITA). Once you receive an ITA, you have 30 calendar days to submit your BC PNP application.
 - When an application is submitted, the application fee must be paid and all required documents submitted.

- **What are the points based on?**
 - Registration scores are based on **human capital** and **economic** factors.
 - Human capital factors include directly-related work experience, education, and language proficiency in English or French
 - Economic factors include wage of the B.C. job offer and the location in B.C.

- **Will the job offer for the new student streams be limited to a certain 'list' of positions?**
 - The new student streams will not be limited to a list of eligible occupations, but job offers will be required to meet criteria.
 - Criteria will include factors such as, wage range for the job offer, and support of an eligible employer.
 - The BC PNP will continue to issue targeted invitations to apply to those with a job offer in a program priority.

- **Will there be a list of approved programs for the new student streams?**
 - The new student streams will not post a list of programs.
 - Recent graduates from degree programs in any field of study may be eligible for the new student streams, as long as they meet criteria, which will be designed for each stream.

- **I have a bachelor's degree. Will I have to compete against people with master's degrees?**
 - Once registered, invitations to apply will be issued based on a range of factors for each stream.
 - Bachelor's stream applicants will be considered alongside other Bachelor's applicants, and Master's stream applicants will be considered alongside other Master's applicants.