

# Yukon Immigration Programs

## Overview

The Department of Economic Development administers the Yukon Nominee Program and the Yukon Business Nominee Program in partnership with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Potential immigrants are nominated based on economic priorities and labour market conditions and a strong likelihood of successfully establishing themselves in Yukon society.

## Purpose

Yukon's immigration programs help business and industry respond to labour market needs, while at the same time ensuring job opportunities are safeguarded for Yukoners and Canadians.

## Yukon Nominee Program

The Yukon Nominee Program is employer driven and currently holds four nomination streams: Skilled Worker, Critical Impact, Express Entry and Community Program. To qualify under the program, an employer must prove that a Canadian citizen or permanent resident worker could not be hired for the position to be filled by a nominee. This condition is met through specific job advertisement requirements.

## Yukon Nominee Program Streams

### Skilled Worker Program

This stream attracts qualified workers who fit into National Occupational Classification (NOC) 0, A or B.

### Critical Impact Program

This stream enables employers to hire workers for positions in National Occupational Classification (NOC) C or D.

### Express Entry

This stream matches the federal express entry program. However, the candidate needs a job offer from a Yukon employer. The program applies only to skilled workers who fit into the qualifications for National Occupational Classification (NOC) 0, A or B.

### Community Program

This new initiative was established in January 2020 in the participating communities of Dawson City, Carmacks, Haines Junction, Watson Lake and Whitehorse. This stream provides flexibility and a streamlined process to employers in Yukon rural communities, where seasonal and part-time work is a fundamental part of the local economy and access to labour is essential for local economic development. Up to 50 nominees are eligible through the program to receive work permits. This enables the nominee to work for up to three employers or hold up to three different occupations with a single employer in a participating community on a year round basis.



## Yukon Business Nominee Program

The Yukon Business Nominee Program is designed to attract and retain skilled international entrepreneurs who must start a new business, purchase an existing business, or partner with an existing business. In all cases the candidate must operate the business. Accepted applicants are nominated by Yukon to become permanent residents.

## Impact of the Yukon Immigration Programs

The Yukon Business Nominee Program has attracted business entrepreneurs to the hospitality, service, tourism, arts and agricultural sectors in Dawson City, Mayo, Faro, Haines Junction and Whitehorse.

Since 2014, 41 candidates have been nominated for permanent residency through the program, establishing 24 businesses and investing over \$20.16 million in Yukon.

Since 2007, 73 provincial nominees from French-speaking countries were approved through the Yukon Nominee Program, accounting for 5.6% of total number of Yukon nominees.

## Additional Resources

For information about the National Occupational Classification, please visit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/express-entry/eligibility/find-national-occupation-code.html>

For more information on the Yukon Nominee Program, please visit: <https://yukon.ca/en/doing-business/yukon-nominee-program/find-immigration-form>

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