Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program
Information for Entrepreneurs

The Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program’s Entrepreneur Stream is designed to support individuals from countries outside Canada who are looking to implement a new business initiative or buy an existing business in our province. The program offers entrepreneurs the opportunity to be nominated for permanent resident status once their new business has been successfully established in Ontario.

Are you eligible?

You may be eligible for this program if you have a viable business activity that will bring significant economic benefit to our province. You and your business partner may apply for a temporary work permit in order to establish your business if we approve your proposal. Once your business has been successfully established, you and one business partner may be eligible for nomination by the Province.

- Minimum investment of $500,000 CDN depending on location and sector
- Minimum net worth of $800,000 CDN depending on location and sector
- If required, the entrepreneur may identify a business partner for nomination to assist in the establishment of the business in Ontario
- The entrepreneur and/or business partner will have two years to meet minimum program requirements (including language) prior to permanent residence nomination
- You must create at least two full-time, permanent jobs for Canadian citizens or permanent residents
- Other criteria apply

Why Choose Ontario?

Ontario has a dynamic and innovative business environment where entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized businesses flourish. Ontario offers key business advantages and access to strategic North American markets, with access to more than 140 million consumers within a day’s drive of its borders.

Ontario’s business advantages

- Canada’s economic powerhouse
- Skilled workforce
- Competitive taxes
- High quality of life
- Universal health care
- World-class public education
- Incentives to help your business grow
- Diverse, culturally-progressive communities

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