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# Journey to Permanent Residence in Canada for International Students

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**IMPORTANT:** Policies & programs can change.

Please consult [www.canada.ca/immigration](http://www.canada.ca/immigration) for up-to-date information.



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# Agenda



**Important concepts**



**Working in Canada during studies  
& after graduation**



**Pathways to permanent residence**

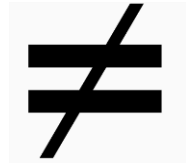


**COVID-19 Updates**

# Important concepts



# Coming to Canada



- **Temporary Resident Visa or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)**
  - Allows you to travel to Canada but does not give you legal status in Canada
- **At the Port of Entry, a Border Services Officer will decide on:**
  1. Your admission
  2. Your legal status – temporary resident (*visitor, student, worker*) or permanent resident
  3. The length of your stay in Canada as a temporary resident

# Extending your Stay as a Student and Maintained Status



## **Extend your Study Permit**

- Make sure your school is on the **Designated Learning Institutions List**
- Gather all required documents
- Apply online, ideally 3-4 months in advance

## **Maintained Status**

- If you apply for a new study permit before your old one expires, you can keep studying until a decision is made on your application
- You must remain in Canada

# National Occupational Classification (NOC)

skilled  
jobs

**NOC 0:** management jobs

**NOC A:** professional jobs

**NOC B:** technical jobs and skilled trades

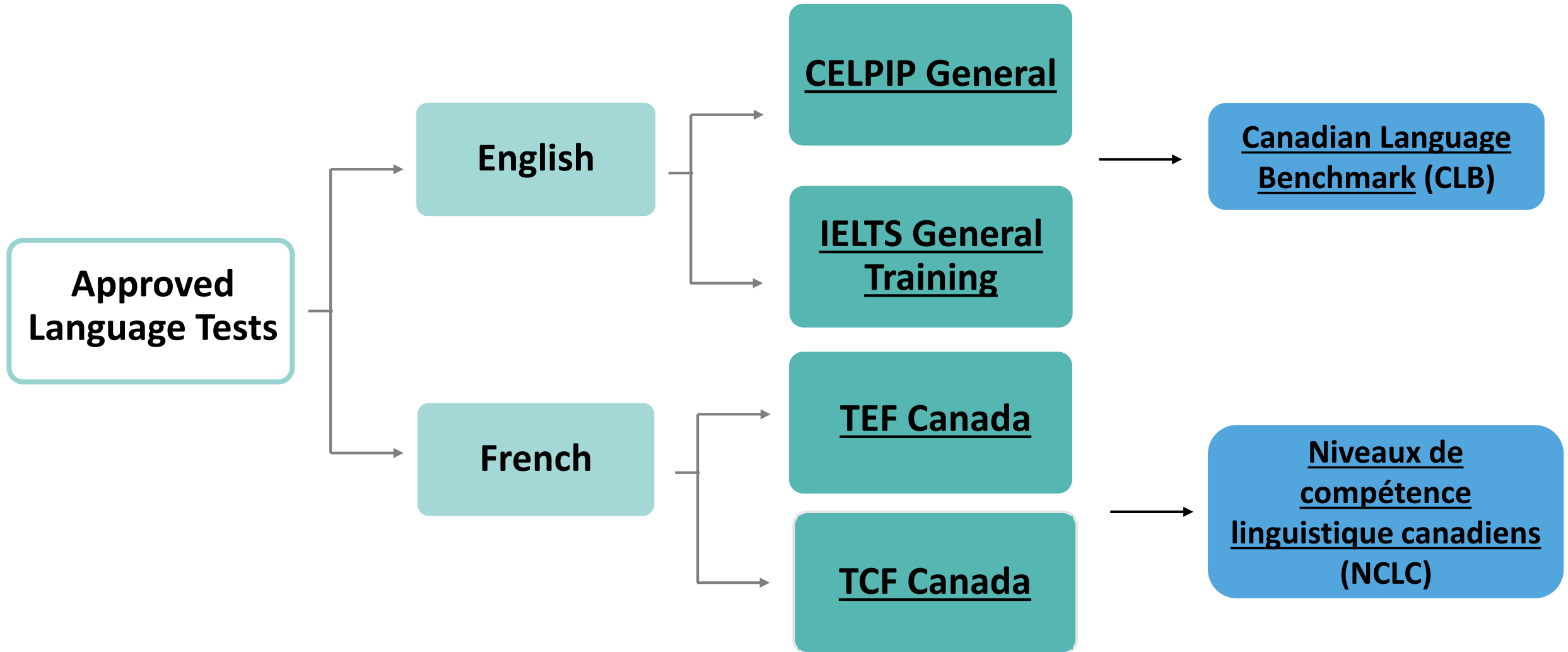
**NOC C:** semi-skilled jobs

**NOC D:** entry-level jobs

**IMPORTANT:** Work experience in **skilled jobs** (NOC 0, A, or B) is required before you can apply for PR through Express Entry

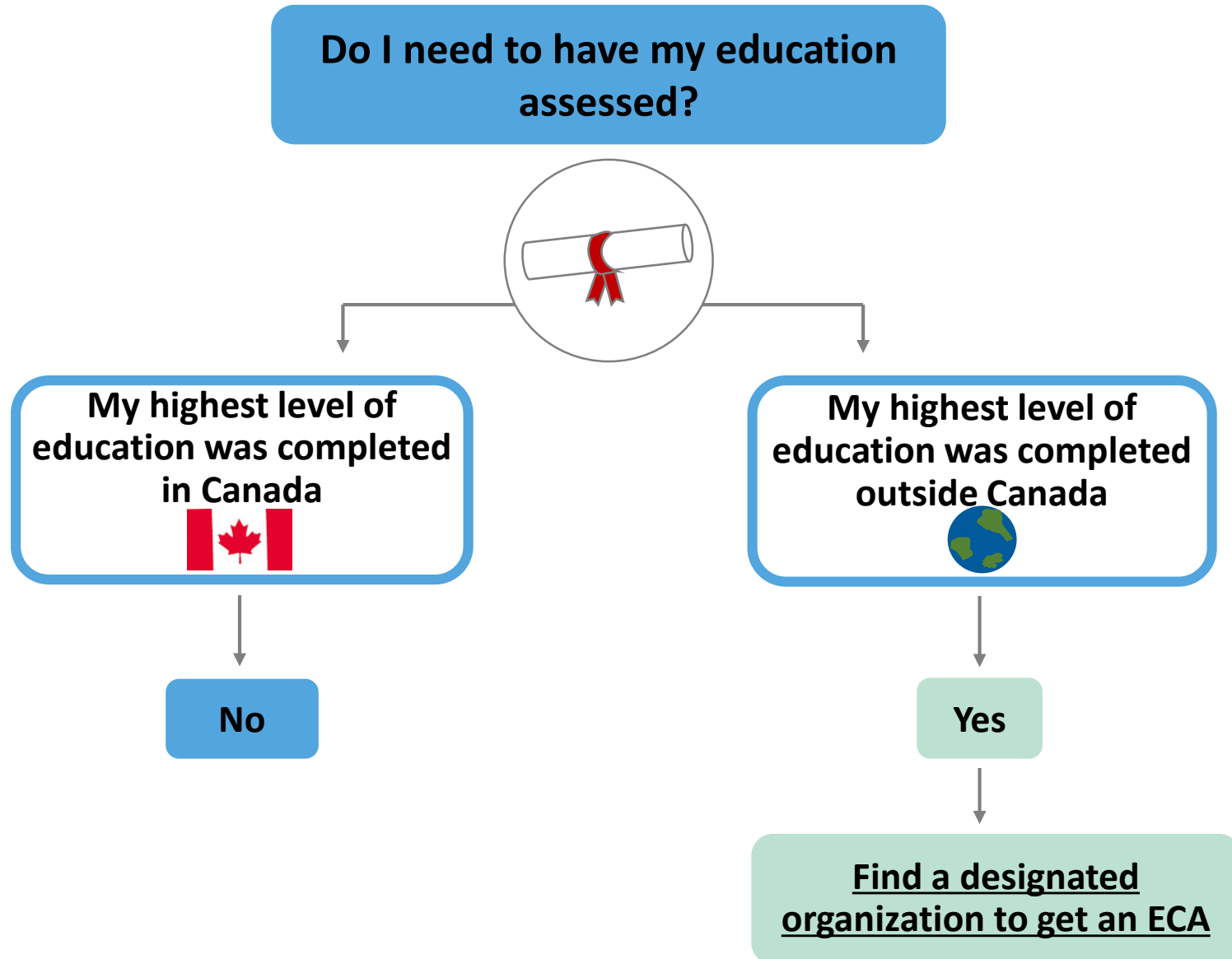


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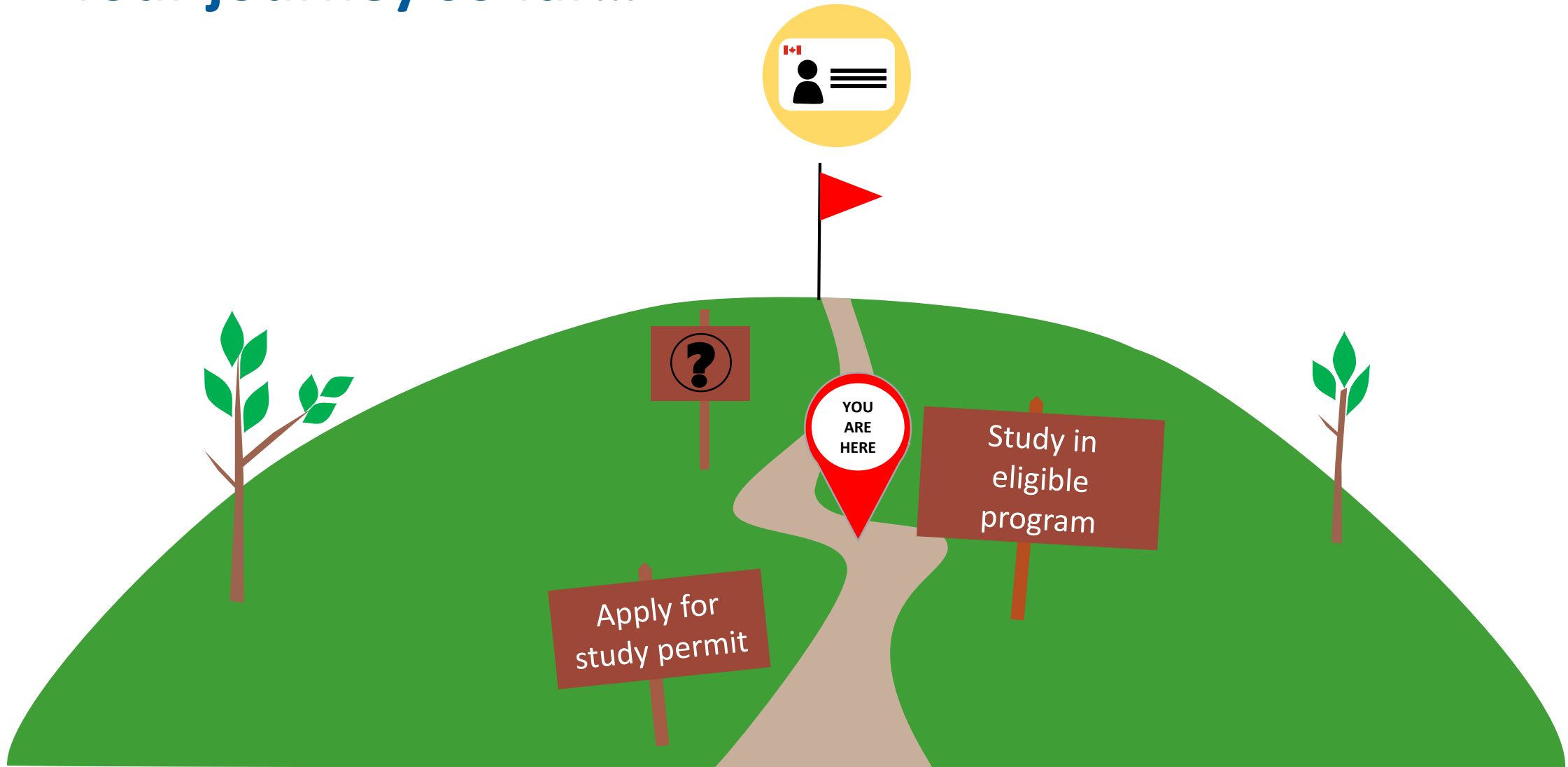




# Educational Credential Assessment (ECA)



# Your journey so far...



# **Working in Canada during studies & after graduation**



# Gaining Work Experience while Studying



## Work On-Campus

- Full-time student at an eligible educational institution
- Study permit says you can work on- or off-campus
- Have started studying
- Have a Social Insurance Number (SIN)



## Work Off-Campus

- Full-time student at a designated learning institution (DLI)
- Study program is minimum 6 months and leads to a degree, diploma or certificate
- Study permit says you can work off-campus
- Have started studying and have a SIN

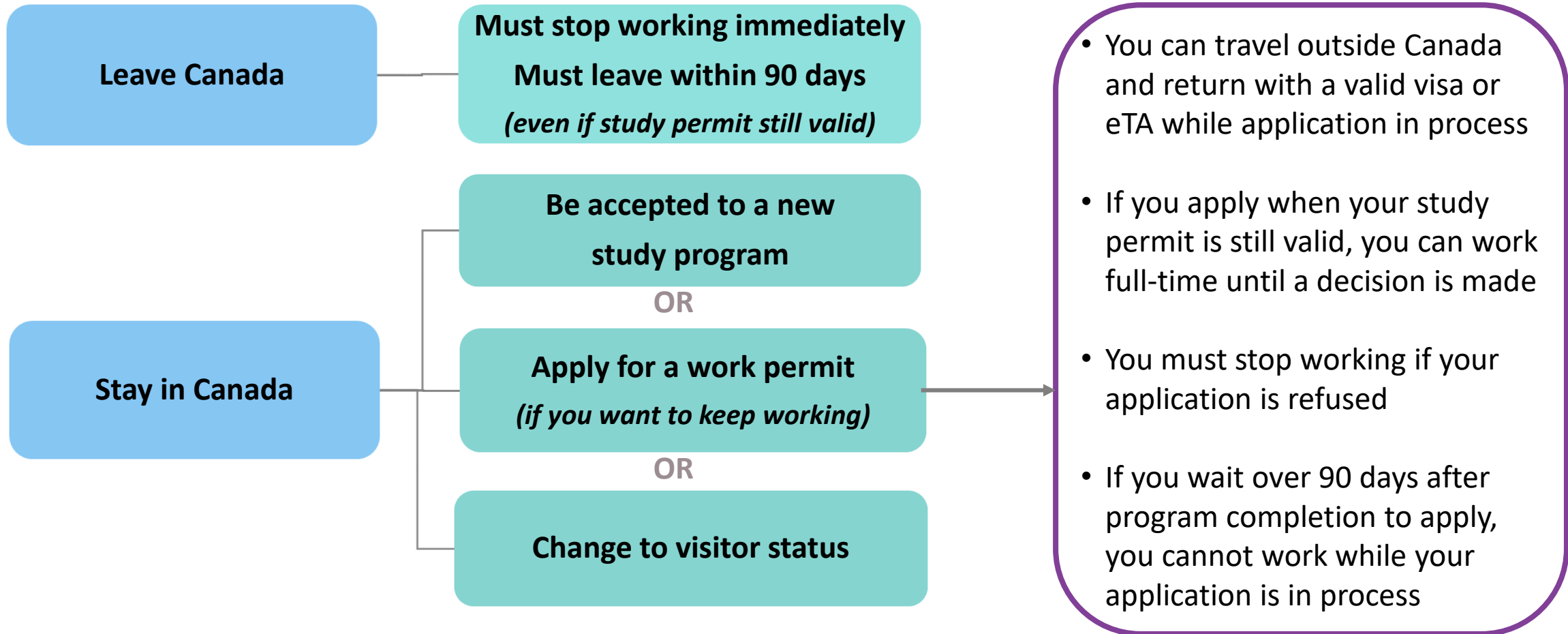


## Work in a Co-op or Internship

- Work is required to complete your study program in Canada
- Letter from your school that confirms all students in your program need to complete work placements to get your degree
- Totals 50% or less of your study program

# Options after completing your study program

**WITHIN 90 DAYS of receiving your completion letter OR final transcript:**



# Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

What is it?

- Open work permit
- Helps you gain Canadian work experience
- Helps support your PR application (NOC 0, A, B)
- Not renewable

How long is it valid?

Depends on length of study:

- Less than 8 months: not eligible
- 8 months - 2 years: same length as study program
- 2 years and longer : 3 years

**A work permit cannot be issued for longer than the validity of your passport**

How do I qualify?

- Successfully complete an eligible program
- Study full-time at an eligible Designated Learning Institution
- Do not take unscheduled breaks or unauthorized leave
- Do not exceed the allowable hours of off-campus work
- Apply within **180 days** of receiving written confirmation (including **final transcript**) that you can graduate

# Post Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) – In Canada

- **If you graduated or will graduate from a DLI that offers PGWP-eligible programs, you're still eligible for a post-graduation work permit if:**
  - your in-class courses in Canada are moved to an online-only format because of COVID-19, or
  - you had to put your studies on hold or study part-time because of COVID-19 during the winter, spring or summer 2020 semesters.
- **As of the fall 2020 semester, you must be studying full-time to be eligible.**



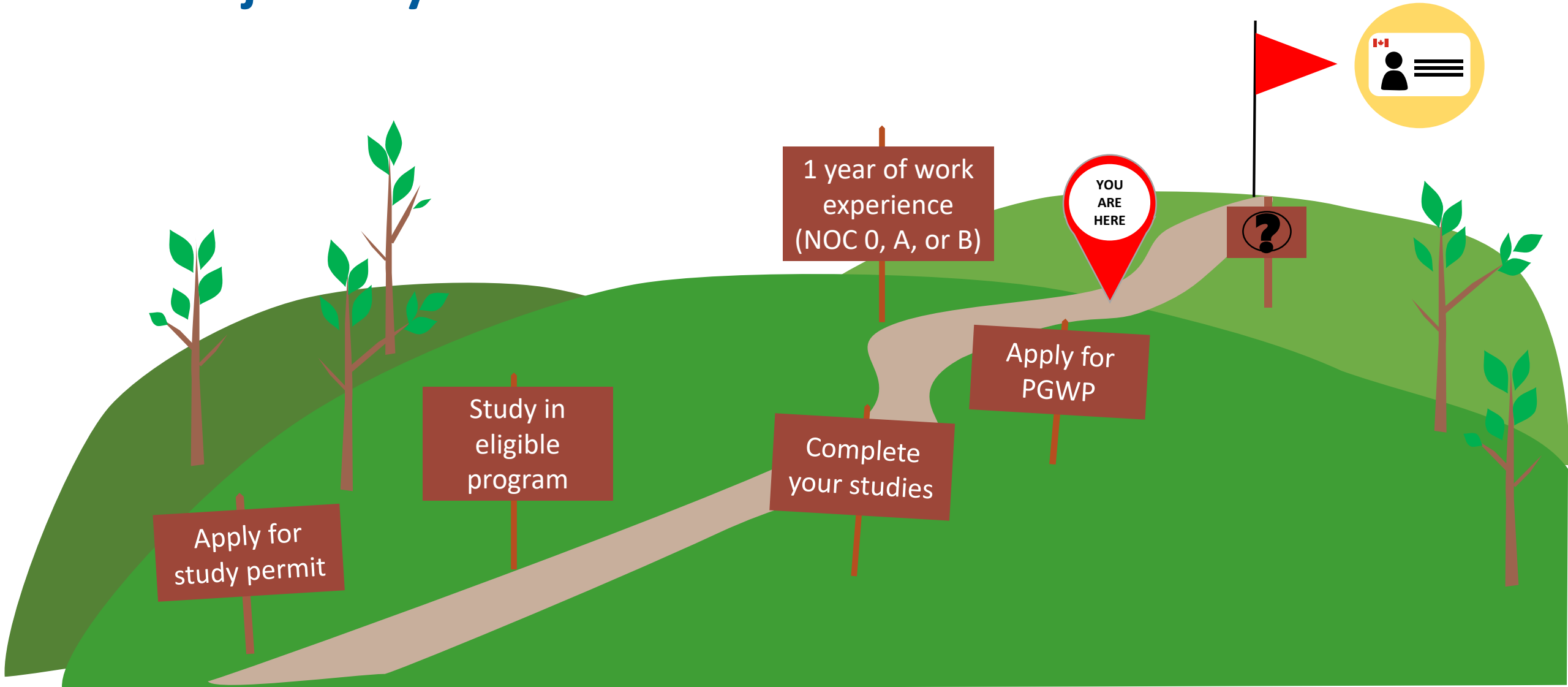
# How your PGWP eligibility is affected by online learning

**You can complete 100% of your program online until August 31, 2022 if you:**

- meet all the other PGWP requirements
- have been enrolled in a program that was **in progress in March 2020**, or
- have started or will start a program **between spring 2020 and August 31, 2022**, and
  - you have a study permit, or
  - you've been approved for a study permit, or
  - you applied for a study permit before starting your study program
    - your study permit must eventually be approved



# Your journey continues...



# Pathway to PR for residents of Quebec



# Permanent Resident Programs in Quebec

**Permanent Resident (PR) programs** enable immigrants to settle permanently in Canada. In Quebec, immigration is a shared jurisdiction.

## **Gouvernement of Quebec:**

- ✓ Selects candidates who are destined for Quebec.
- ✓ Determines the conditions and selection criteria for candidates.
- ✓ Issues the Quebec Certificate of Selection (CSQ).

For more information, please consult [MIFI's website](#).

## **Federal Gouvernement:**

- ✓ Grants the right of settlement (temporary and permanent) for all foreign nationals on the its territory, including Quebec.
- ✓ Checks the admissibility of immigrants (health, security & criminality).
- ✓ Delivers permanent residence and grants citizenship.

# Admissibility process for residents of Quebec

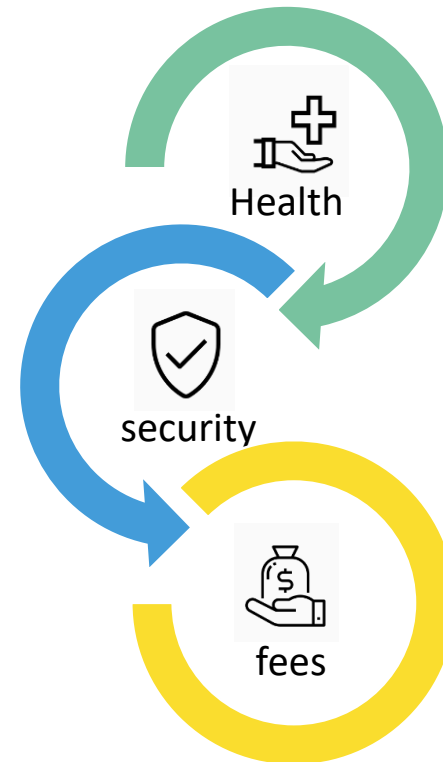
Once a Québec Certificate of Selection (CSQ) is issued, the candidates must apply at IRCC for admissibility assessment in Canada and fees.

## Admissibility:

- Health
- Criminality and security (incl. Biometrics)

## Fees:

- Application & Right of Permanent Residence



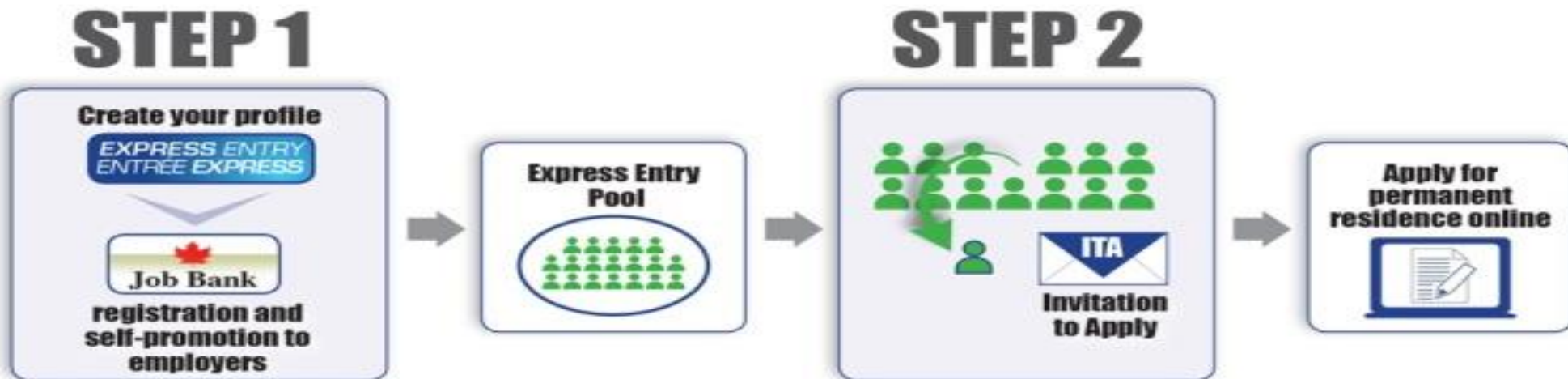
# Pathway to PR through Express Entry



# EXPRESS ENTRY



- Online system that manages expressions of interest in becoming a permanent resident of Canada
- Must meet minimum requirements to create a profile
- Your profile will be given a score and ranked against other candidates
- Creating a profile is free



# Pathway to permanent residence through Express Entry



**Express Entry** is your first step to immigrate permanently as a skilled worker under:



Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSW)



Federal Skilled Trades Program (FST)



Canadian Experience Class (CEC)



A portion of the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP)

- Only skilled work experience (NOC 0, A, B) qualifies for Express Entry
- Pass an approved language test — results must be **less than two years old** when you
  - complete your Express Entry profile, **and**
  - apply for permanent residence

# Minimum work experience requirement



## Federal Skilled Worker Program

**1 year** of **continuous** work in **one** skilled occupation

Experience while studying *can* count

Experience through self-employment *can* count

## Federal Skilled Trades Program

**2 years** of work in an eligible skilled trade

Experience while studying *can* count

Experience through self-employment *can* count

## Canadian Experience Class

**1 year** of work in Canada in **any** skilled occupation

Unauthorized work does **not** count

Experience during full-time study does **not** count

Experience through self-employment does **not** count



**Full-time:** 30 hours/week for 12 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours), or

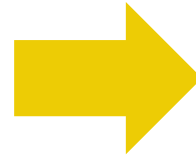
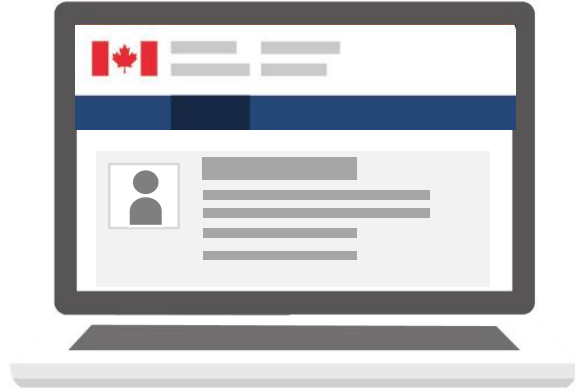
**Part-time:** 15 hours/week for 24 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)

**More than 1 job:** 30 hours/week for 12 months at more than 1 job = 1 year full time (1,560 hours)



# Express Entry is a step-by-step process

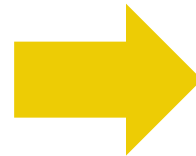
## Step 1: Create your Express Entry Profile



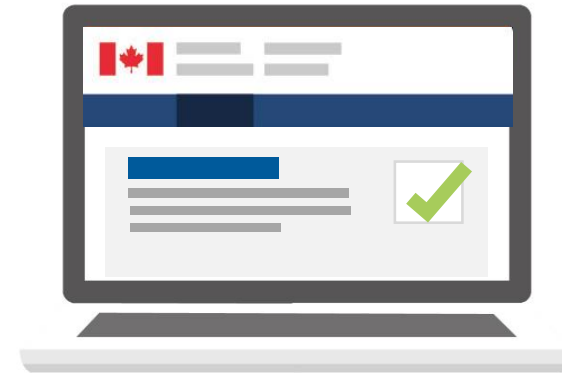
## Express Entry Pool



## Step 2: Receive an Invitation to Apply



## Apply for Permanent Residence Online



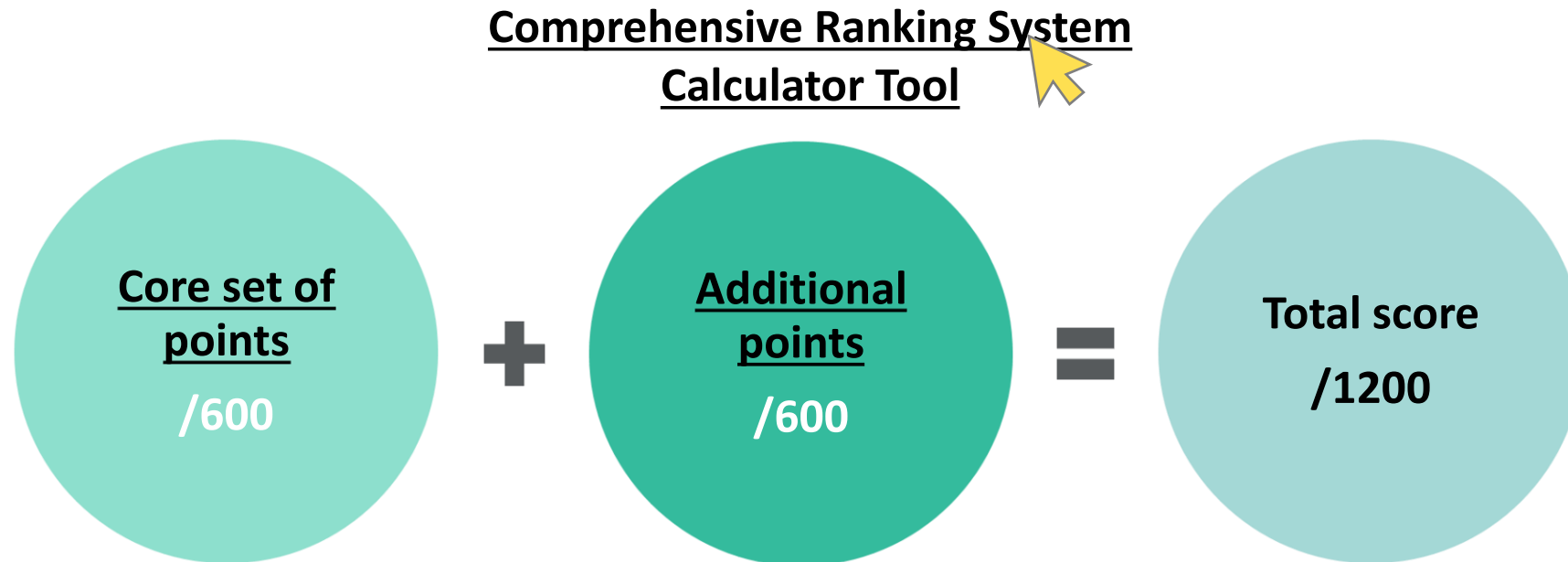
# Express Entry profile

## IMPORTANT

- Profile is valid for one year
- Keep it up-to-date
- There are no guarantees
- Be truthful



# Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS)



## Invitation to Apply (ITA):

- Issued to the **highest scoring candidates** in the Express Entry pool in each invitation round
- Minimum CRS score for ITA on September 14, 2021: 462
- [Click here for more information on the latest ITAs](#)
- [Click here for a breakdown of CRS points.](#)

# CRS additional points: Valid job offer

★ Valid job offer (NOC 00 executive): **200 points**

★ Valid job offer (NOC 0, A or B): **50 points**

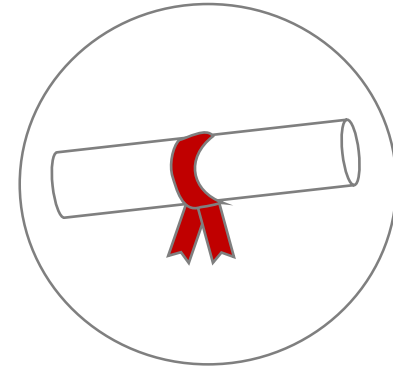
- Job offer must be:
  - minimum **1 year** once you receive PR;
  - non-seasonal;
  - NOC 0, A, or B; and
  - supported by a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) unless one is not needed



! You can still get points for Canadian work experience without a valid job offer

# CRS additional points: Education completed in Canada

- ★ Diploma or certificate (1 or 2 years): **15 points**
- ★ Degree, diploma or certificate (3 years or longer), Master's, entry-to-practice professional degree, or doctoral degree (minimum one academic year): **30 points**
- ! You must have completed the studies at a Designated Learning Institution (DLI)
- ! Each educational program needs to be entered separately into the Express Entry profile



# CRS additional points: Canada's official languages

- ★ French test results at NCL 7 in all four abilities: **25 additional points**
- ★ French test results of NCL 7 in all four abilities + English test results at CLB 5 or higher: **50 additional points**



*Parlez-vous français?*

Visit [canada.ca/francoimmigration](https://canada.ca/francoimmigration)  
to learn about Francophone life across Canada

# Apply for Permanent Residence Online after Receiving an ITA

## A Complete Application Requires:

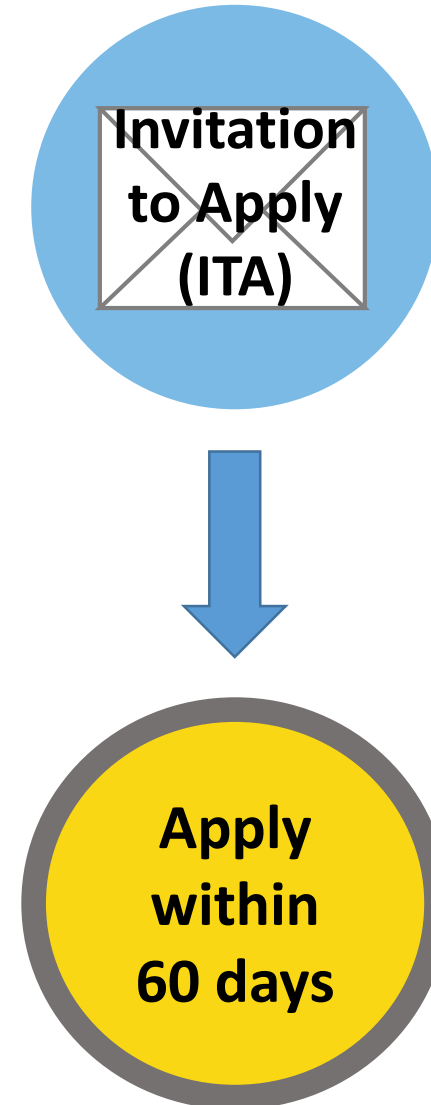
- Electronic application for permanent residence (e-APR)
- Cost recovery fees
- Supporting documentation

## Personalized Document Checklist

- Medical examination confirmation
- Police certificates
- Biometrics
- Copy of the biographical data page of a passport or travel document
- Proof of work experience
- Other documents as required

## For Complete Applications:


We verify all eligibility and admissibility criteria



# How much money do I need?

To pay for your application:

## Application Fee\*

 **\$825**  
Principal applicant

 **\$825**  
Spouse/partner

 **\$225**  
Dependent child

## Right of Permanent Residence Fee

 **\$500**  
Principal applicant

 **\$500**  
Spouse/partner


\*Fee is for processing and is non-refundable

Minimum amount for proof of funds:

## Proof of Funds (FSW & FST Only)\*

 **\$13,213**  
Family of 1

 **\$16,449**  
Family of 2

 **\$20,222**  
Family of 3

 **\$24,553**  
Family of 4

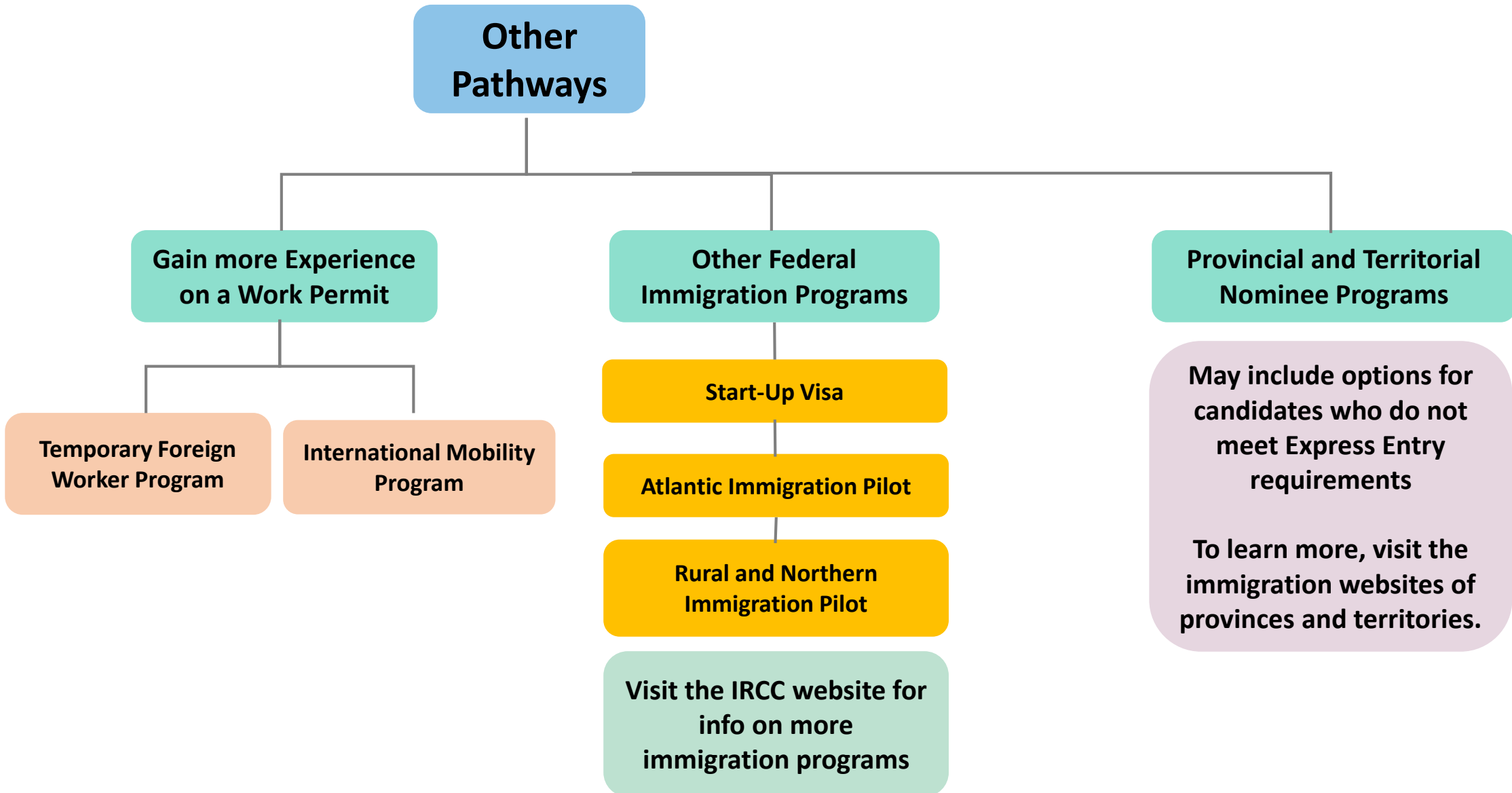
\*Exemption if you have a valid job offer



# Your Journey through Express Entry is Complete!



# If you are not eligible for Express Entry ...





# IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON IRCC'S CLIENTS

[canada.ca/ircc-covid19](https://canada.ca/ircc-covid19)

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# Travel Restrictions – All Foreign Nationals

**As of January 15, 2022, travellers are eligible to enter or return to Canada if they qualify as a fully vaccinated traveller. To qualify as a fully vaccinated traveller to Canada, you must:**

- have received at least 2 doses of a vaccine accepted for travel
- have received your second dose at least 15 calendar days before you enter Canada
- have no signs or symptoms of COVID-19
- follow pre-entry testing and entry requirements

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As COVID-19 impacts continue to evolve, please see:  
[Canada.ca/ircc-covid19](https://Canada.ca/ircc-covid19)

[Find out if you can enter Canada](#)

# For More Information

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**IRCC Client Support Centre:**

1-888-242-2100

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