

# Journey to Permanent Residence in Canada for International Students

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

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# Agenda



**Important concepts**



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



**COVID-19 Updates**



**Pathways to permanent residence –  
Express Entry**



**Questions & Answers**

# Important concepts



# National Occupational Classification (NOC)

skilled  
jobs

**NOC 0:** management jobs

**NOC A:** professional jobs

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

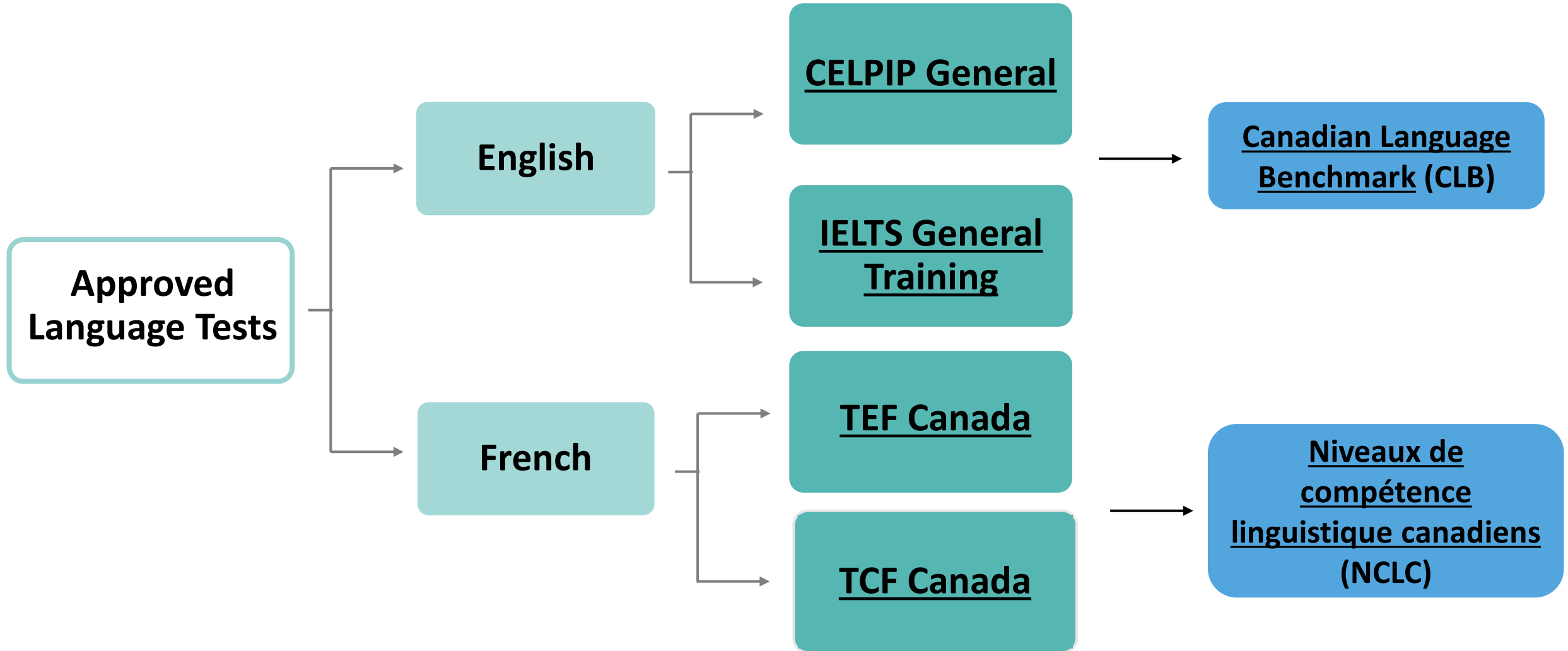
**NOC C:** semi-skilled jobs

**NOC D:** entry-level jobs

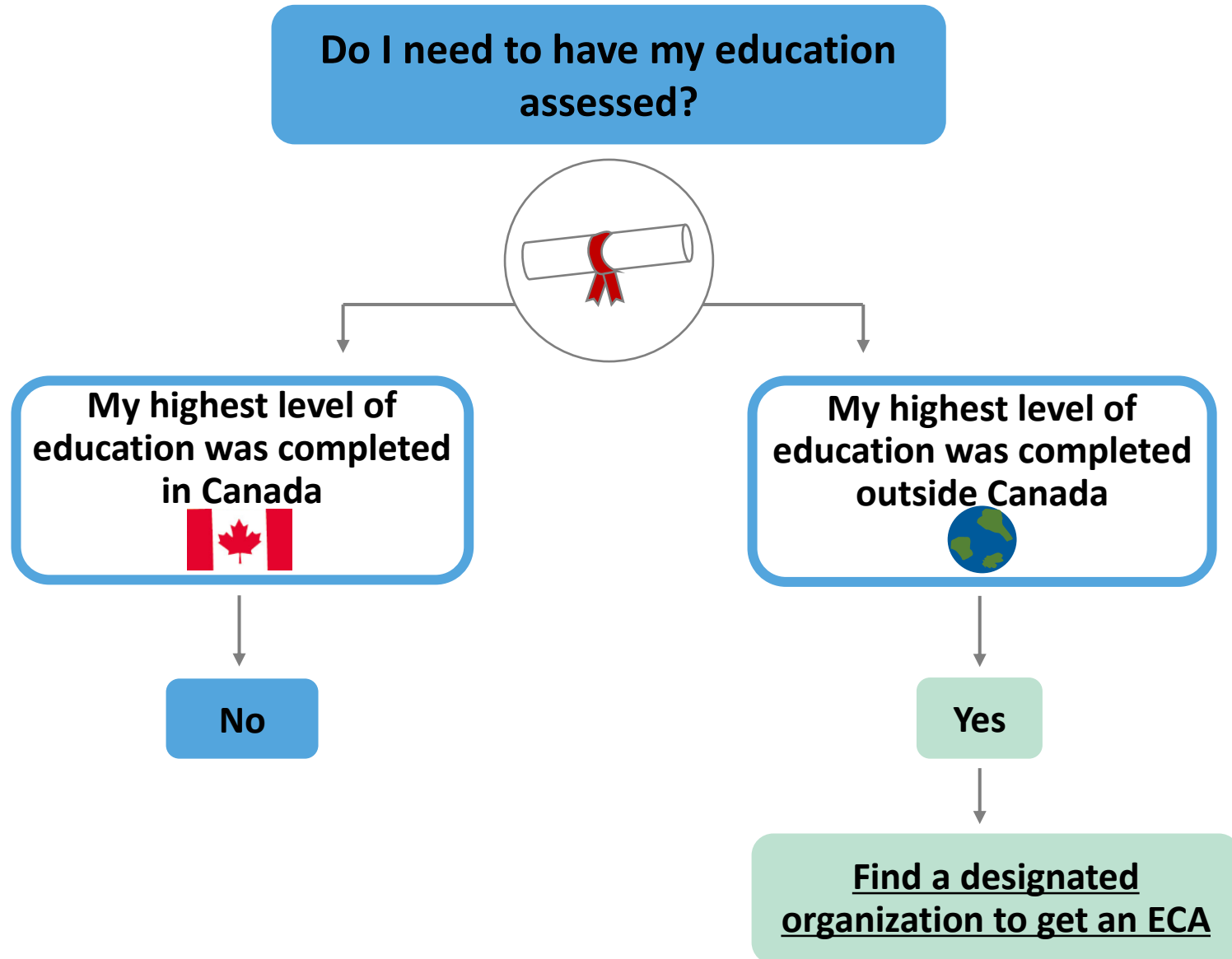
**IMPORTANT:** Work experience in **skilled jobs** (NOC 0, A, or B) is required before you can apply for PR through Express Entry



# Language testing



# Educational Credential Assessment (ECA)



# Extending your Stay as a Student and Maintained Status



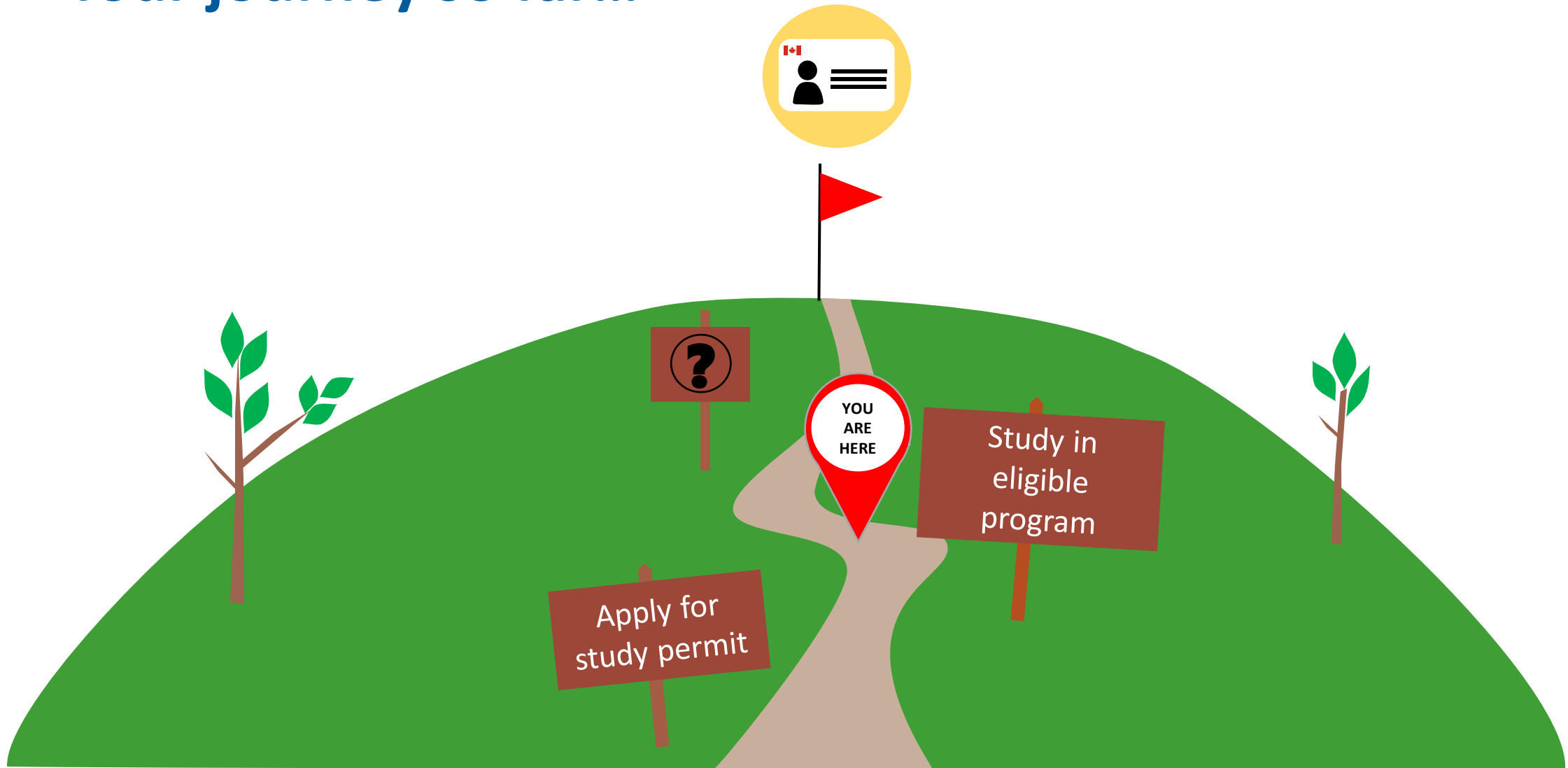
## **Extend your Study Permit**

- 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

# 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

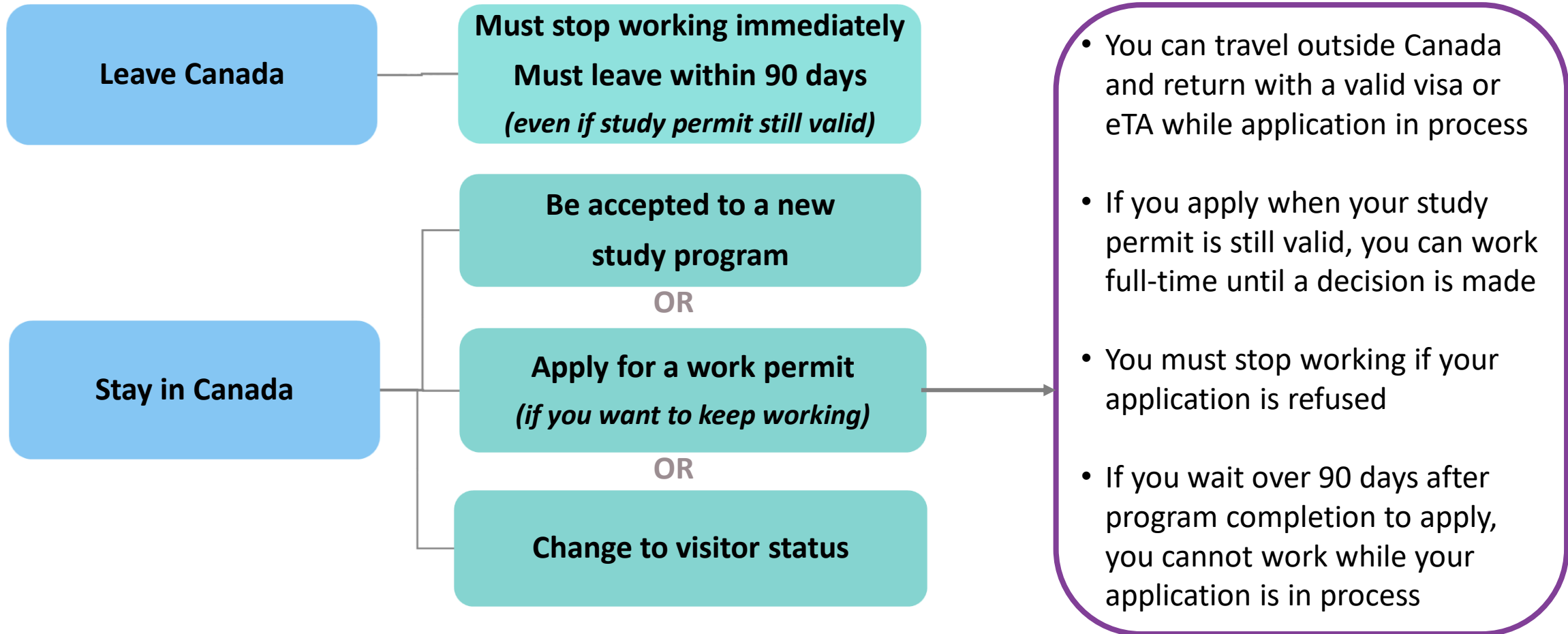


## Work in a Co-op or Internship

- 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:

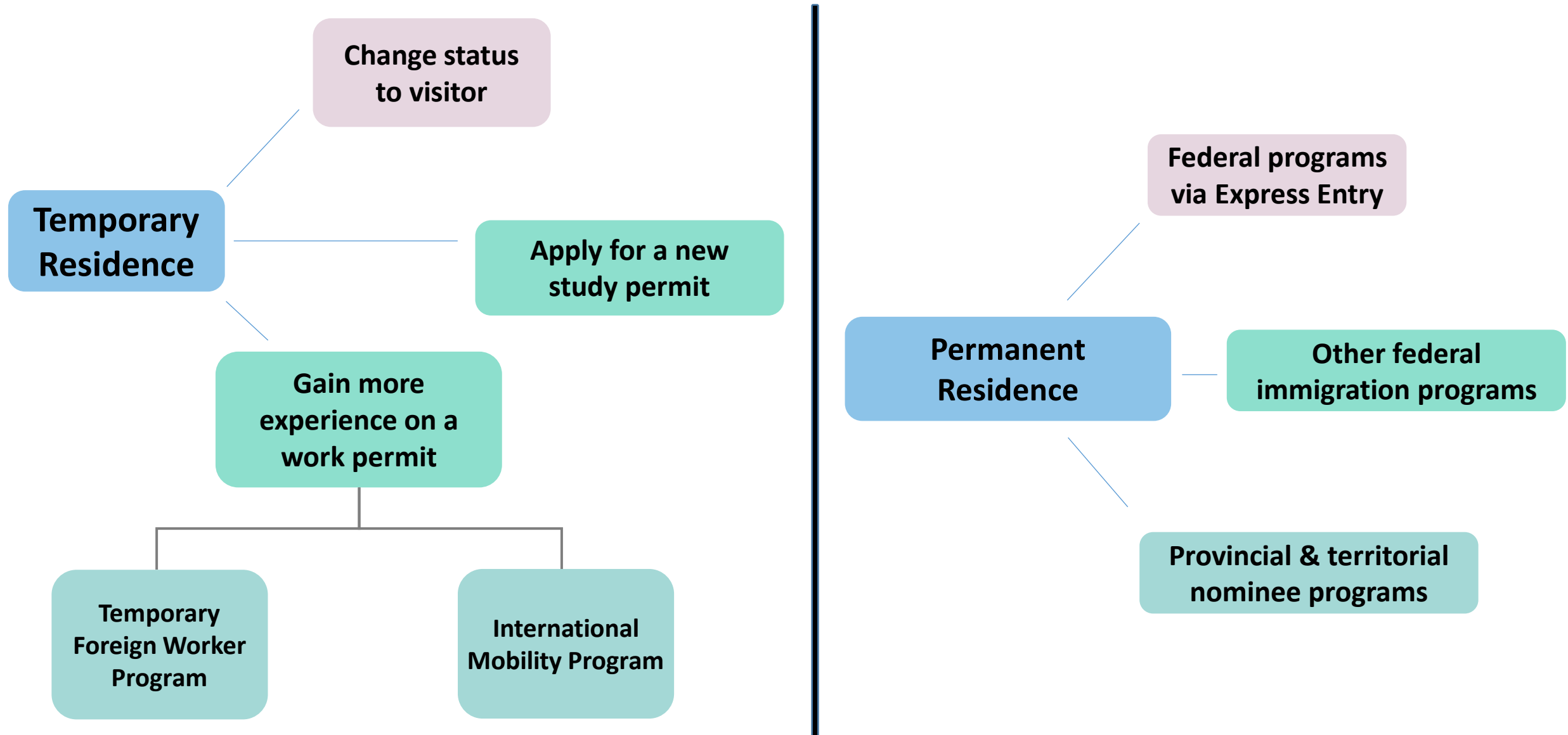
- Less than 8 months: not eligible
- 8 months - 2 years: same length as study program
- 2 years and longer : 3 years


**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

# When your PGWP Expires...





# IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON IRCC'S CLIENTS

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

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# 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 December 31, 2021 if you:**

- meet all the other PGWP requirements
- have been enrolled in a program that was **in progress in March 2020**, or
- have started a program **between spring 2020 and fall 2021**, 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

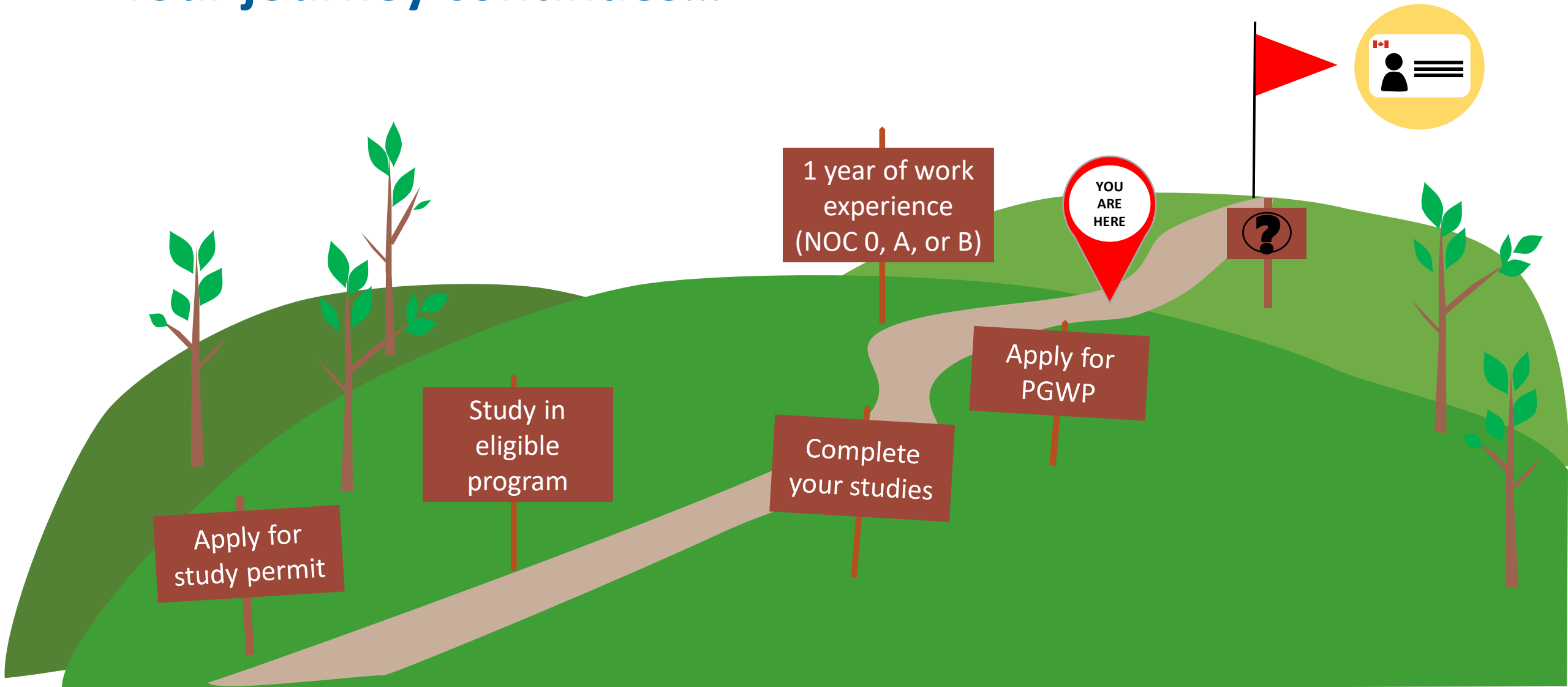


## Travel Restrictions – Adjustments to Canada’s border measures

As of January 15, 2022, certain groups of travellers, who are currently exempt from entry requirements, **will only be allowed to enter the country if they are fully vaccinated with one of the vaccines approved for entry into Canada. This change includes all international students who are 18 years old and older.**

Also effective November 30, 2021, Canada will expand the list of COVID-19 vaccines that travellers can receive to be considered fully vaccinated for the purpose of travel to Canada. The list will include Sinopharm, Sinovac and COVAXIN, matching the World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing.

# Your journey continues...



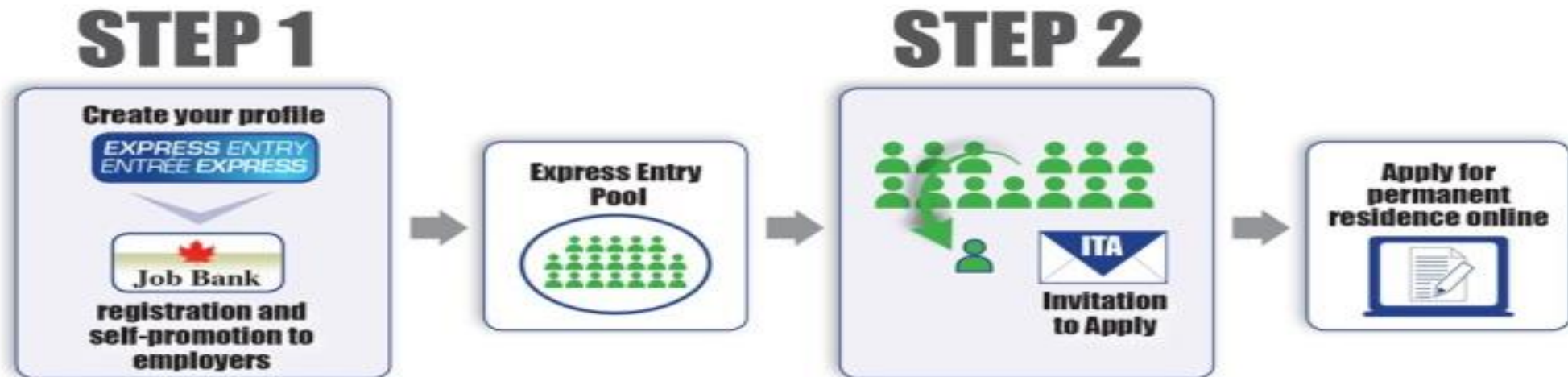
# Pathway to PR through Express Entry



# 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



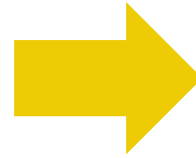
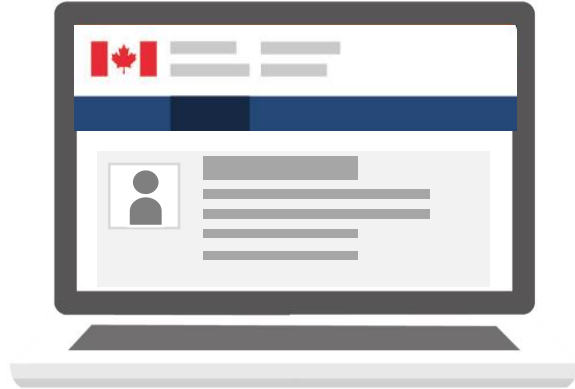
**Full-time:** 30 hours/week for 12 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours), or

**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

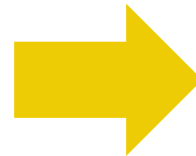
## Step 1: Create your Express Entry Profile



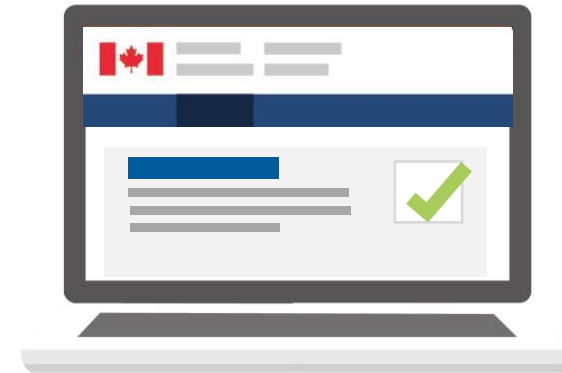
## Express Entry Pool



## Step 2: Receive an Invitation to Apply



## Apply for Permanent Residence Online



# Express Entry profile

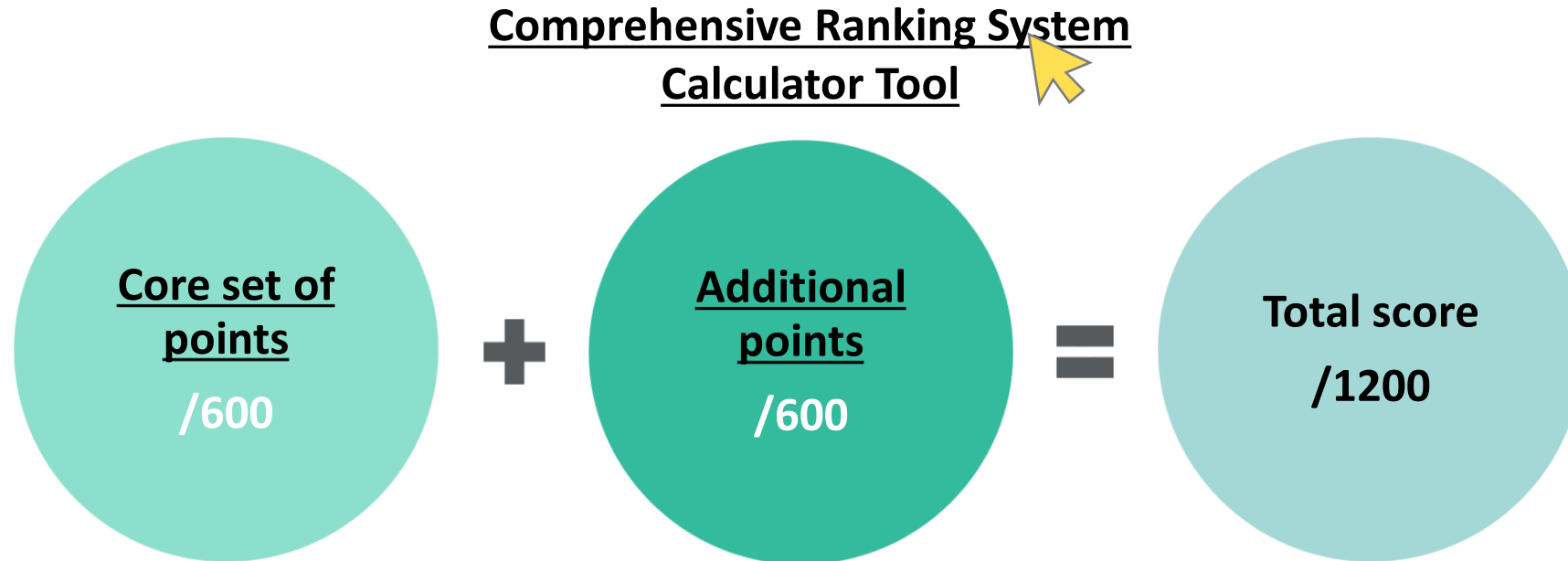
## IMPORTANT

- 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: Maximum points for each factor

<b>Core Human Capital Factors</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Spouse</b>
Age	110	100
Education	150	140
1 <sup>st</sup> Official Language	136	128
2 <sup>nd</sup> Official Language	24	22
Canadian work experience	80	70
<b>Spouse Factors</b>	<b>40</b>	
Education	10	
1 <sup>st</sup> Official Language	20	
Canadian work experience	10	

<b>Skill Transferability</b>	<b>100 points max</b>
Education (with OL or CDN exp)	50
Foreign work experience (with OL or CDN exp)	50
Qualification cert (with OL)	50
<b>Additional Points</b>	<b>600 points max</b>
Provincial Nomination	600
Valid job offer	200 (max)
Canadian Education	30 (max)
French proficiency	50 (max)
Siblings in Canada	15 (max)

**Total: 1200 points max**

# CRS additional points: Valid job offer

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

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

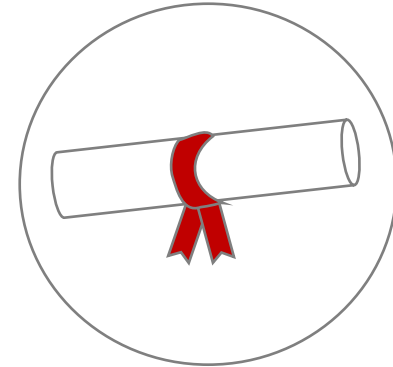
- Job offer must be:
  - minimum **1 year** once you receive PR;
  - non-seasonal;
  - NOC 0, A, or B; and
  - supported by a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) unless one is not needed



! 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:

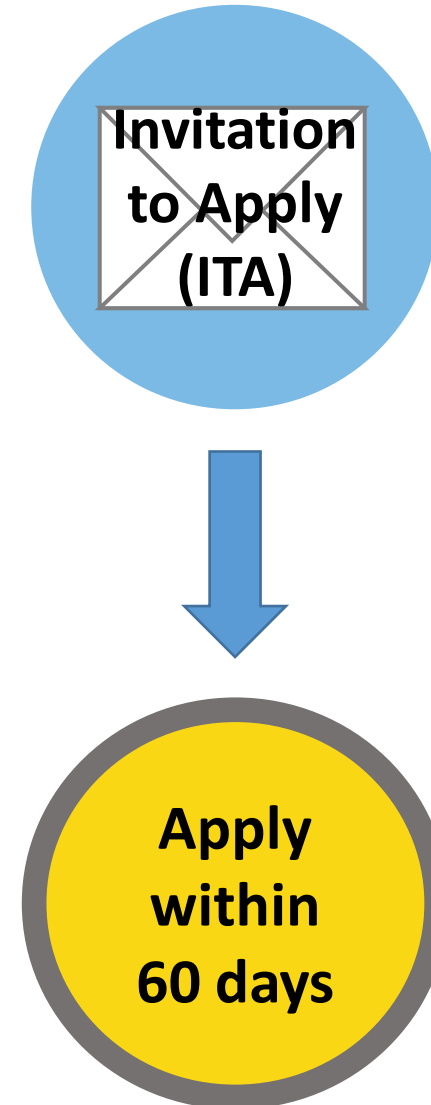
- Electronic application for permanent residence (e-APR)
- Cost recovery fees
- Supporting documentation

## 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

\*Fee is for processing and is non-refundable

## Right of Permanent Residence Fee

 **\$500**  
Principal applicant

 **\$500**  
Spouse/partner

\*Refundable if you withdraw or IRCC refuses your application

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

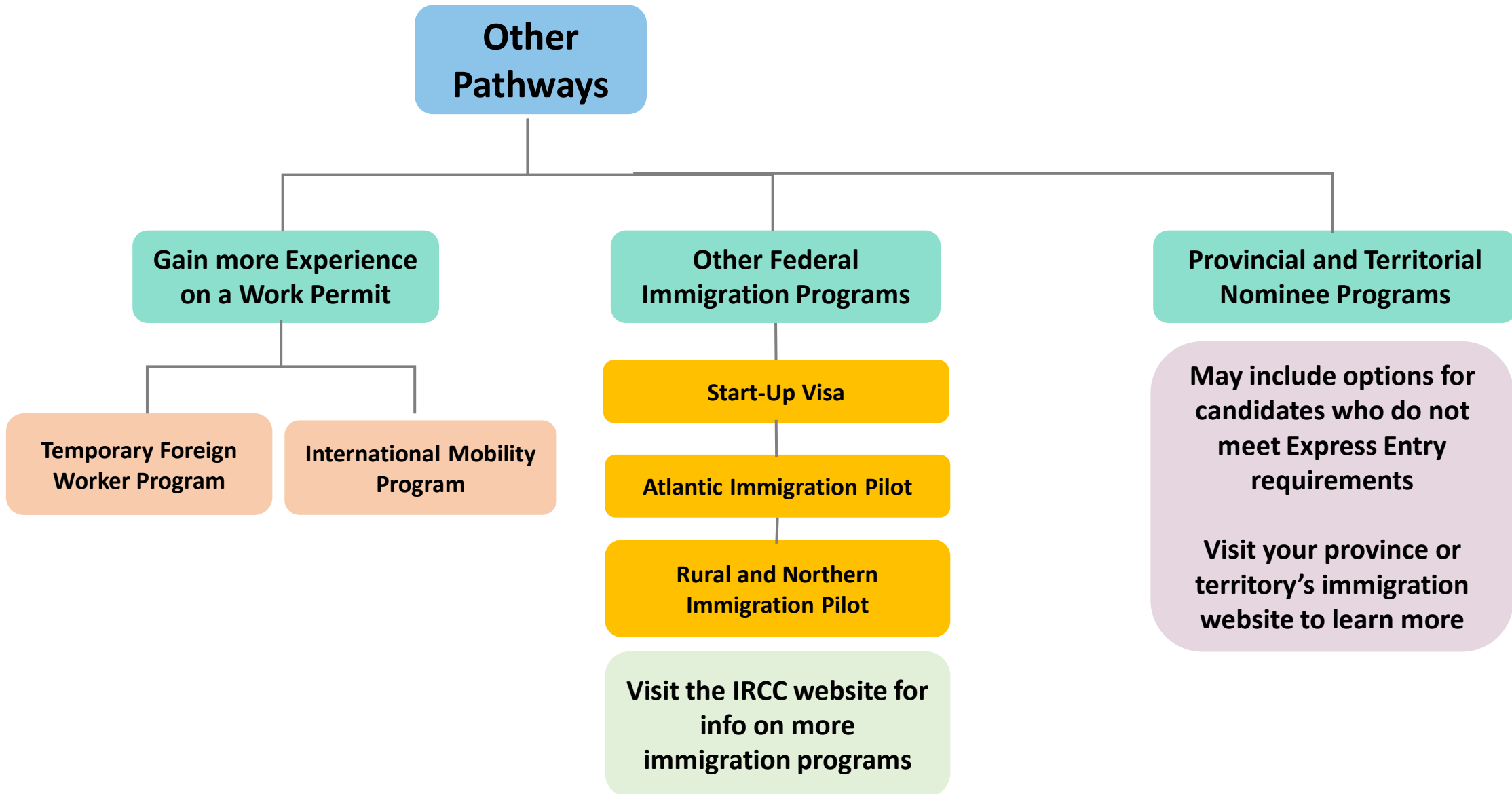
\*Exemption if you have a valid job offer

# Your Journey through Express Entry is Complete!





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



# For More Information

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**IRCC Client Support Centre:**

1-888-242-2100

**IRCC Web form:**

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