



Provincial Nominee Program:

Application for Permanent Resident Visa

PHYSICIANS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM:

- a) Must be working in British Columbia under a Temporary Work Permit for a period of approx. 9 months or more, AND
- b) Have passed their Medical Council of Canada Evaluating Exam (MCCEE) - (if so required), AND
- c) Have been given a positive assessment of their performance by their supervising physician.

STEP 1: PHYSICIAN RECEIVES LETTER FROM THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF BC

- The College issues a letter to the applicant physician advising that the applicant's supervising physician is satisfied with his/her performance to-date, the applicant has passed the MCCEE (if so required), and is now eligible to apply to the **BC Provincial Nominee Program** for permanent resident status.
- Questions? If you have not received this letter, please contact the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC at Tel: 604.733.7758.

STEP 2: PHYSICIAN CONTACTS HEALTH MATCH BC

- The Physician gathers the forms listed below and mails a photocopy of the completed application to Health Match BC for review:
 - Health Match BC's Physician Checklist
 - PNP Forms:
 - Information Release Form (PNP)
 - Nominee Information Form (PNP)
 - PNP Fee Payment Form (\$550.00)
 - Guaranteed Job Offer form (to be completed by sponsoring Health Authority)

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- Immigration Forms (Citizenship and Immigration Canada - CIC)*:
 - Application for Permanent Resident - IMM0008 Generic - completed by Physician
 - Schedule 1 - Background/Declaration - IMM0008 Schedule 1 - completed by Physician, Spouse and Dependants over the age of 18
 - Schedule 4 - Economic Classes - Provincial Nominee - completed by Physician
 - Additional Family Information (IMM5046) - completed by Physician, Spouse and Dependants over the age of 18
 - Appendix A Checklist for Buffalo or other visa office as applicable – completed by Physician
 - Authority to Release Information to Designated Individuals (if applicable)
- Physician's CV
- Copy of the Physician's Temporary Work Permit
- Copy of the Letter of Need that the Ministry of Health wrote to the sponsoring Health Authority/Community that supported their hiring a foreign physician. This letter is not from HRSDC and the physician would not have received a copy. The physician must request a copy of this letter from the sponsoring physician.

*** If the Physician has a current application for permanent residency with CIC,** he/she will send Health Match BC copies of the immigration application sent to CIC, the last correspondence received from CIC that includes the CIC file number and the date the Immigration medical was completed (if done).

- **Once the forms are completed,** the Physician mails or faxes a copy to Health Match BC, Suite 200, 1333 West Broadway, Vancouver B.C. V6H 4C6; Fax: 604.736.5963.

The Physician must keep the originals of the Citizenship and Immigration Canada forms as they will be needed for their application to the CIC Buffalo Visa Office.

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- All forms needed are available from these sources:
 1. Physician Checklist, PNP and CIC forms - Available from Health Match BC (the Physician Checklist is available online at <http://www.healthmatchbc.org>)
 2. All CIC Forms including Appendix A Checklist for each visa office is available on the Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) website at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/skilled/provnom/>.
 3. PNP Forms from the B.C. Ministry of Economic Development's website at <http://www.ecdev.gov.bc.ca/ProgramsAndServices/PNP/index.htm>
- **Questions?** Contact Health Match BC, Tel: 604.736.5920.

STEP 3: PHYSICIAN NOMINATED TO THE PNP PROGRAM

- Once checked for completeness, Health Match BC sends the application to the Ministry of Economic Development for approval.
- If approved, the Ministry sends a Letter of Acceptance with a Confirmation of Acceptance Form to the Physician.
- **Questions?** Once the Physician has been nominated, all questions concerning the status of the file are to be directed to the assigned PNP Program Consultant. (Contact details are on the Application Confirmation letter sent to the applicant.)

STEP 4: PHYSICIAN APPLIES TO CIC FOR PERMANENT RESIDENT VISA

- Upon receipt of the Confirmation of Acceptance referred to in Step 3, the Physician must submit their Immigration application along with the necessary documents and fees to the Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) Visa Office located in Buffalo, New York or to the visa office responsible for their country of origin.
- CIC will send the Physician a letter including their CIC file number and a request for any outstanding information after their application has been checked for completeness.
- The Physician will receive instructions outlining the medical examination process after they have submitted their application to the Visa Office.
- The CIC application process commences when the CIC file number is generated. Average processing time is approximately 8 - 10 months.
- **Questions?** Contact the assigned PNP Program Consultant.



STEP 5: PHYSICIAN RECEIVES PERMANENT RESIDENT VISA

- If successful, the Physician will be asked to send their passport to CIC so that a "Confirmation of Permanent Residence" (COPR) can be issued directly into the Nurse's passport.
- The Physician will be instructed to travel to the nearest Port of Entry to become 'landed' as a permanent resident. The COPR has a date of expiry and a Physician must visit the Port of Entry before this date expires.