



Community Criteria for RNIP Program

Step 3: Once you've been deemed eligible based on [steps 1 and 2](#), the TEDC will prioritize applicants who are most likely to settle and reside in the Timmins region for the long-term and contribute to the local economy according to the Community Criteria. Applicants receive a score using the points-based system below. **[As of September 23, 2022]**

At the moment, **applicants need to achieve a total score of 60 or above** to be considered for recommendation. Note: As they are not considered priority occupations, applicants with a job offer in NOC 6211 and NOC 6311 need to achieve a total score of 70 or above to be considered for recommendation.

Community Criteria

1. Applicant's age on the date the application is received	Points
Under 25 years old	0
25-29 years old	8
30-39 years old	15
40-49 years old	10
50-54 years old	2
Over 54 years old	0

2. Language proficiency	Points
<p>a. Demonstrated language ability via Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) or Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC). Points given in each language category: reading, writing, speaking, and listening.</p> <p>CLB/NCLC of 6: 2 points One (1) additional point for each level above CLB/NCLC 6 to a total maximum of 15 points.</p> <p>If language test submitted is TEF Canada or TCF Canada, 5 additional points given.</p>	20
<p>b. Additional language test submitted for other official language. Points given for minimum level across all four categories.</p> <p>CLB/NCLC 4: 6 points CLB/NCLC 5: 8 points CLB/NCLC 6 and above: 10 points</p>	10



3. Work experience	Points
a. Applicants will receive points for accumulated full-time (at least 30 hours per week) relevant work experience: 1 year: 3 points 2 years: 5 points 3 years: 7 points 4 years and more: 9 points	9
b. Applicant will receive 8 points for one year full-time work experience in a priority NOC occupation listed in Step 2 and 12 points for two or more years (maximum 12 points).	12

4. Offer of employment	Points
*According to the Offer of Employment Form (IMM 5984)	
a. Applicant is currently working with the employer providing the job offer.	7
b. Offer of employment is in a priority NOC occupation listed in Step 2.	15
c. Occupation is a skill level 0, A, or B.	8
d. Job offer wage indicated exceeds \$ 20.00 per hour.	15
e. Employer is providing a workplace mentor for applicant (confirmed via a written letter from employer). Mentors and applicants should meet regularly (at least once a month) for at least one year after application.	8

5. Education	Points
a. Applicant graduated from a post-secondary institution in the region (minimum two-year diploma or degree).	7
b. Applicant has an undergraduate degree related to their offer of employment. Must be confirmed by an educational credential assessment (ECA) or from a Canadian institution.	3
c. Applicant has a qualification or certification related to the offer of employment and/or a priority NOC occupation as listed in Step 2. Examples include Red Seal, CHRP, etc.	6

6. Living in within the community boundaries	Points
Applicants will be required to provide proof of residence (e.g. lease agreement, home purchase agreement, utility invoice, etc.) or visitation (e.g. tickets, hotel stays, etc.). Points from (a) may not be combined with (b) and (c). Points from (b) and (c) may be combined.	
a. Applicant is currently living within the boundaries and has been (as of the date of application) for:	15

<p>Over 2 years: 15 points 1 year but less than 2 years: 8 points Over 6 months but less than 1 year: 4 points</p> <p>For international students who studied in the region, time period begins after graduation.</p>	
b. If not currently living within the boundaries, applicant has previously lived within the boundaries for a minimum of one (1) year within the past 10 years.	9
c. If not currently living within the boundaries, applicant has previously visited the region for a minimum of 2 consecutive nights within the past 10 years. 2 points given per trip to a maximum of 6 points .	6

<p>7. Experience living in a similar community Applicants will be required to provide proof of residence (e.g. lease agreement, house deed, utility invoice, etc.).</p> <p>If applicant is currently living within the community boundaries, no points will be given.</p>	Points
a. Applicant has previously lived or is currently living in a small/rural community. Small/rural community defined as a community with a population <100,000 and a distance > 100 km from largest city. (2 points per year to a maximum total of 6 points)	6
b. Applicant has previously lived or is currently living in a community with a cold climate. Cold climate defined as an average winter temperature of -10°C or lower (December-February). (3 points per year to a maximum total of 9 points)	9

<p>8. Family or friend in the community boundaries Applicant has an existing personal connection to a community member who is a permanent resident or Canadian citizen and who has been living in the region for a minimum of two years. The community member will need to provide a <u>signed</u> written reference letter stating the nature and length of the relationship.</p>	Points
<p>a. Immediate family connection Includes parents, siblings, or children. Maximum one connection for 10 points.</p>	10
<p>b. Extended family connection Includes grandparents, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews. Maximum one connection for 6 points.</p>	6
<p>c. Close friend connection Friend must have no relation through blood, adoption, marriage or be your employer. Maximum two connections. Each connection will receive 2 points for a maximum of 4 points.</p>	4

9. Connection to community organizations and groups	Points
<p>Applicant has been volunteering with a community organization or has been part of existing community group or sports team in the community for at least 3 months. A written reference letter from the community organization or group will be required.</p> <p>Volunteering with a community organization: 5 points each Part of community group or team: 3 points each Up to a total maximum of 15 points</p>	15

(A) MAXIMUM POINTS AVAILABLE FOR PRINCIPAL APPLICANT	200
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10. Applicant's spouse or common law partner	Points
<p>Applicants will be required to provide supporting documents as proof in order to receive points.</p>	
<p>a. Language proficiency</p> <p>i. The applicant's spouse or common law partner has demonstrated language ability via CLB or NCLC. Points given for minimum level across all four categories.</p> <p>CLB/NCLC 4: 6 points CLB/NCLC 5: 7 points CLB/NCLC 6 and above: 8 points</p> <p>ii. Additional language test submitted for other official language with a minimum CLB/NCLC 4 across all four categories. 4 points</p>	8
<p>b. Work experience</p> <p>i. The applicant's spouse or common law partner will receive points for accumulated full-time (at least 30 hours per week) work experience.</p> <p>2 years: 1 point 3 years: 2 points 4 years and more: 3 points</p> <p>ii. The applicant's spouse or common law partner has a minimum of one year full-time work experience in a priority NOC occupation listed in Step 2. 5 points</p>	3
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<p>c. Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The applicant's spouse or common law partner is currently working with an employer within the region. 4 points ii. The applicant's spouse or common law partner is currently working in a priority NOC occupation listed in Step 2. 5 points iii. If not currently employed in Canada, the applicant's spouse or common law partner is currently eligible to work in Canada. 4 points 	<p>4</p> <p>5</p> <p>4</p>
<p>d. Living in the community boundaries</p> <p>The applicant's spouse or common law partner is currently living within the community boundaries and has been (as of the date of application) for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Over 1 year: 5 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Over 6 months but less than 1 year: 3 points</p> <p>For international students who studied in the region, time period begins after graduation.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>e. Experience living in a similar community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The applicant's spouse or common law partner has previously lived or is currently living in a small/rural community. Small/rural community defined as a community with a population <100,000 and a distance > 100 km from largest city. (1 point per year to a maximum total of 2 points) ii. The applicant's spouse or common law partner has previously lived or is currently living in a community with a cold climate. Cold climate defined as an average winter temperature of -10°C or lower (December-February). (2 points per year to a maximum total of 4 points) <p>Up to a total maximum of 4 points. If applicant is currently living in the region, no points will be given.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>f. Family or friend within the community boundaries</p> <p>The applicant's spouse or common law partner has an existing personal connection to a community member who is a permanent resident or Canadian citizen and who has been living within the community boundaries for a minimum of two years.</p>	

<p>i. Immediate family connection Includes parents, siblings, or children. Maximum one connection for 4 points.</p>	4
<p>ii. Extended family connection Includes grandparents, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews. Maximum one connection for 3 points.</p>	3
<p>iii. Close friend connection Friend must have no relation through blood, adoption, marriage or be your employer. Maximum two connections. Each connection will receive 1 point for a maximum of 2 points.</p>	2

<p>g. Connection to community organizations and groups</p> <p>The applicant's spouse or common law partner has been volunteering with a community organization in the region or has been part of existing community group or sports team in the region for at least 3 months.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Volunteering with a community organization: 2 points each Part of community group or team: 1 points each Up to a total maximum of 3 points</p>	3
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(B) MAXIMUM POINTS AVAILABLE FOR SPOUSE	50
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To calculate your points total:	Total Score
If the principal applicant is single	= A
If the principal applicant has a spouse or common law partner	= [(A ÷ 200) x 150] + B