



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



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

<b>4. Offer of employment</b>	<b>Points</b>
*According to the Offer of Employment Form (IMM 5984)	
a. Applicant is currently working with the employer providing the job offer.	<b>7</b>
b. Offer of employment is in a priority NOC occupation listed in Step 2.	<b>15</b>
c. Occupation is a skill level 0, A, or B.	<b>8</b>
d. Job offer wage indicated exceeds \$ 20.00 per hour.	<b>15</b>
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.	<b>8</b>

<b>5. Education</b>	<b>Points</b>
a. Applicant graduated from a post-secondary institution in the region (minimum two-year diploma or degree).	<b>7</b>
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.	<b>3</b>
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.	<b>6</b>

<b>6. Living in within the community boundaries</b>	<b>Points</b>
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.).  <b>Points from (a) may not be combined with (b) and (c). Points from (b) and (c) may be combined.</b>	

<p>a. Applicant is currently living within the boundaries and has been (as of the date of application) for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Over 2 years: <b>15 points</b> 1 year but less than 2 years: <b>8 points</b> Over 6 months but less than 1 year: <b>4 points</b></p> <p><b>For international students who studied in the region, time period begins after graduation.</b></p>	<b>15</b>
<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.</p>	<b>9</b>
<p>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. <b>2 points</b> given per trip to a <b>maximum of 6 points</b>.</p>	<b>6</b>

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

<p><b>8. Family or friend in the community boundaries</b> 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>	<b>Points</b>
<p><b>a. Immediate family connection</b> Includes parents, siblings, or children. <b>Maximum one connection for 10 points.</b></p>	<b>10</b>
<p><b>b. Extended family connection</b> Includes grandparents, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews. <b>Maximum one connection for 6 points.</b></p>	<b>6</b>

<p><b>c. Close friend connection</b> Friend must have no relation through blood, adoption, marriage or be your employer. <b>Maximum two connections.</b> Each connection will receive <b>2 points</b> for a <b>maximum of 4 points.</b></p>	<b>4</b>
<p><b>9. Connection to community organizations and groups</b></p> <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 style="text-align: center;">Volunteering with a community organization: <b>5 points each</b> Part of community group or team: <b>3 points each</b> <b>Up to a total maximum of 15 points</b></p>	<b>Points</b> <b>15</b>
<p><b>(A) MAXIMUM POINTS AVAILABLE FOR PRINCIPAL APPLICANT</b></p>	<b>200</b>

<b>10. Applicant's spouse or common law partner</b> Applicants will be required to provide supporting documents as proof in order to receive points.	<b>Points</b>
<p><b>a. Language proficiency</b></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 style="padding-left: 40px;">CLB/NCLC 4: <b>6 points</b> CLB/NCLC 5: <b>7 points</b> CLB/NCLC 6 and above: <b>8 points</b></p> <p>ii. Additional language test submitted for other official language with a minimum CLB/NCLC 4 across all four categories. <b>4 points</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>b. Work experience</b></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 style="padding-left: 40px;">2 years: <b>1 point</b> 3 years: <b>2 points</b> 4 years and more: <b>3 points</b></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. <b>5 points</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>c. Employment</b></p> <p>i. The applicant's spouse or common law partner is currently working with an employer within the region. <b>4 points</b></p> <p>ii. The applicant's spouse or common law partner is currently working in a priority NOC occupation listed in Step 2. <b>5 points</b></p> <p>iii. If not currently employed in Canada, the applicant's spouse or common law partner is currently eligible to work in Canada. <b>4 points</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>d. Living in the community boundaries</b></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: <b>5 points</b> Over 6 months but less than 1 year: <b>3 points</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p>

<p><b>For international students who studied in the region, time period begins after graduation.</b></p>	
<p><b>e. Experience living in a similar community</b></p> <p>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 &lt;100,000 and a distance &gt; 100 km from largest city. <b>(1 point per year to a maximum total of 2 points)</b></p> <p>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). <b>(2 points per year to a maximum total of 4 points)</b></p> <p><b>f. Up to a total maximum of 4 points. If applicant is currently living in the region, no points will be given.</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>g. Family or friend within the community boundaries</b></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><b>i. Immediate family connection</b> Includes parents, siblings, or children. <b>Maximum one connection for 4 points.</b></p> <p><b>ii. Extended family connection</b> Includes grandparents, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews. <b>Maximum one connection for 3 points.</b></p> <p><b>iii. Close friend connection</b> Friend must have no relation through blood, adoption, marriage or be your employer. <b>Maximum two connections.</b> Each connection will receive 1 point for a <b>maximum of 2 points.</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p>

<p><b>h. Connection to community organizations and groups</b></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>Volunteering with a community organization: <b>2 points each</b> Part of community group or team: <b>1 points each</b> <b>Up to a total maximum of 3 points</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
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<b>(B) MAXIMUM POINTS AVAILABLE FOR SPOUSE</b>	<b>50</b>
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<b>To calculate your points total:</b>	<b>Total Score</b>
If the principal applicant is single	= A
If the principal applicant has a spouse or common law partner	= [(A ÷ 200) x 150] + B