

Journey to Permanent Residence in Canada for International Students

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Agenda



Important concepts



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



Pathways to permanent residence



Q & A

Temporary documents and legal status



Permission to come to Canada

- Visitor visa
- Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

Permits to stay in Canada

- Study permit
- Work permit

Legal status

- Temporary resident
- Permanent resident
- Canadian citizen

Implied 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

Implied status

- If you applied for a new study permit before your old one expired, 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

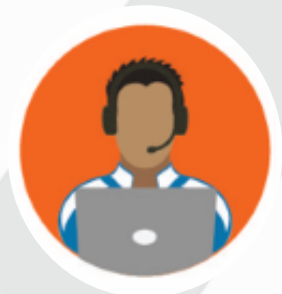
NOC A: professional jobs

NOC B: technical jobs and skilled trades

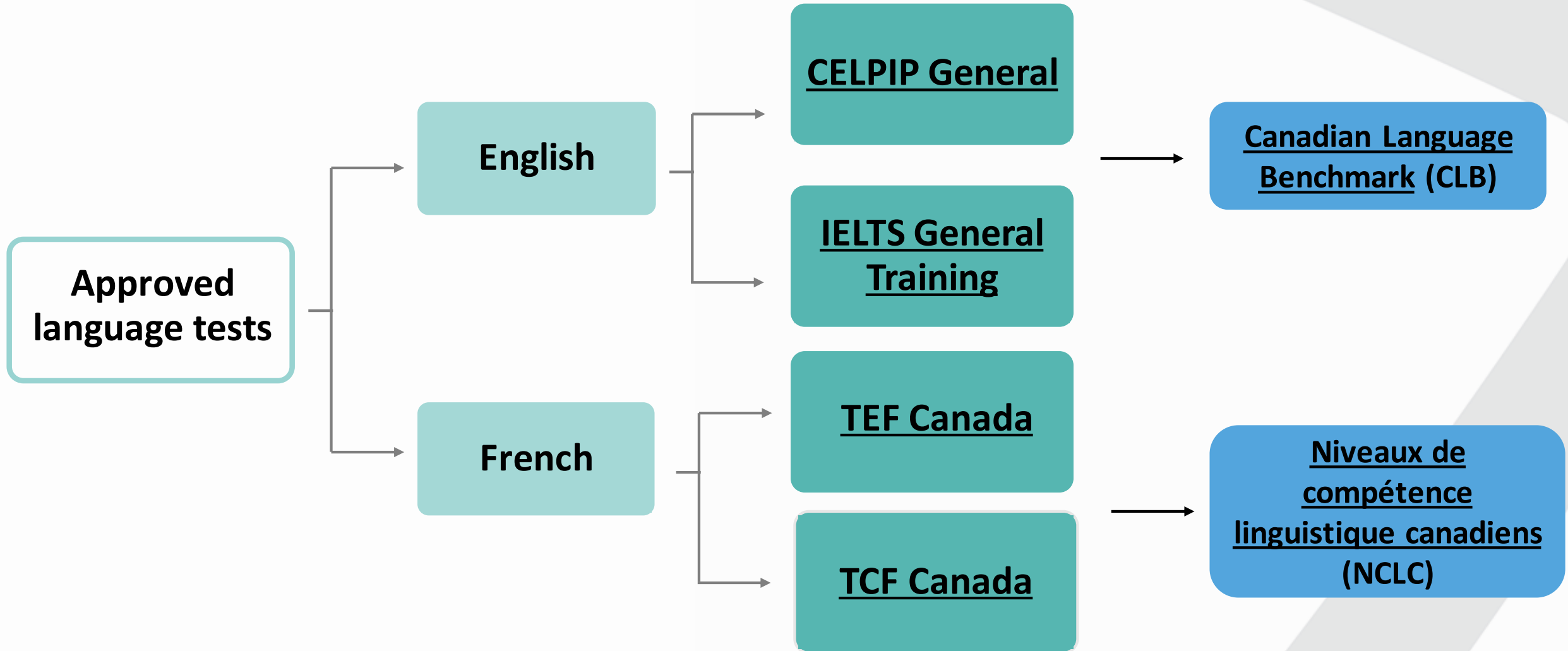
NOC C: semi-skilled jobs

NOC D: entry-level jobs

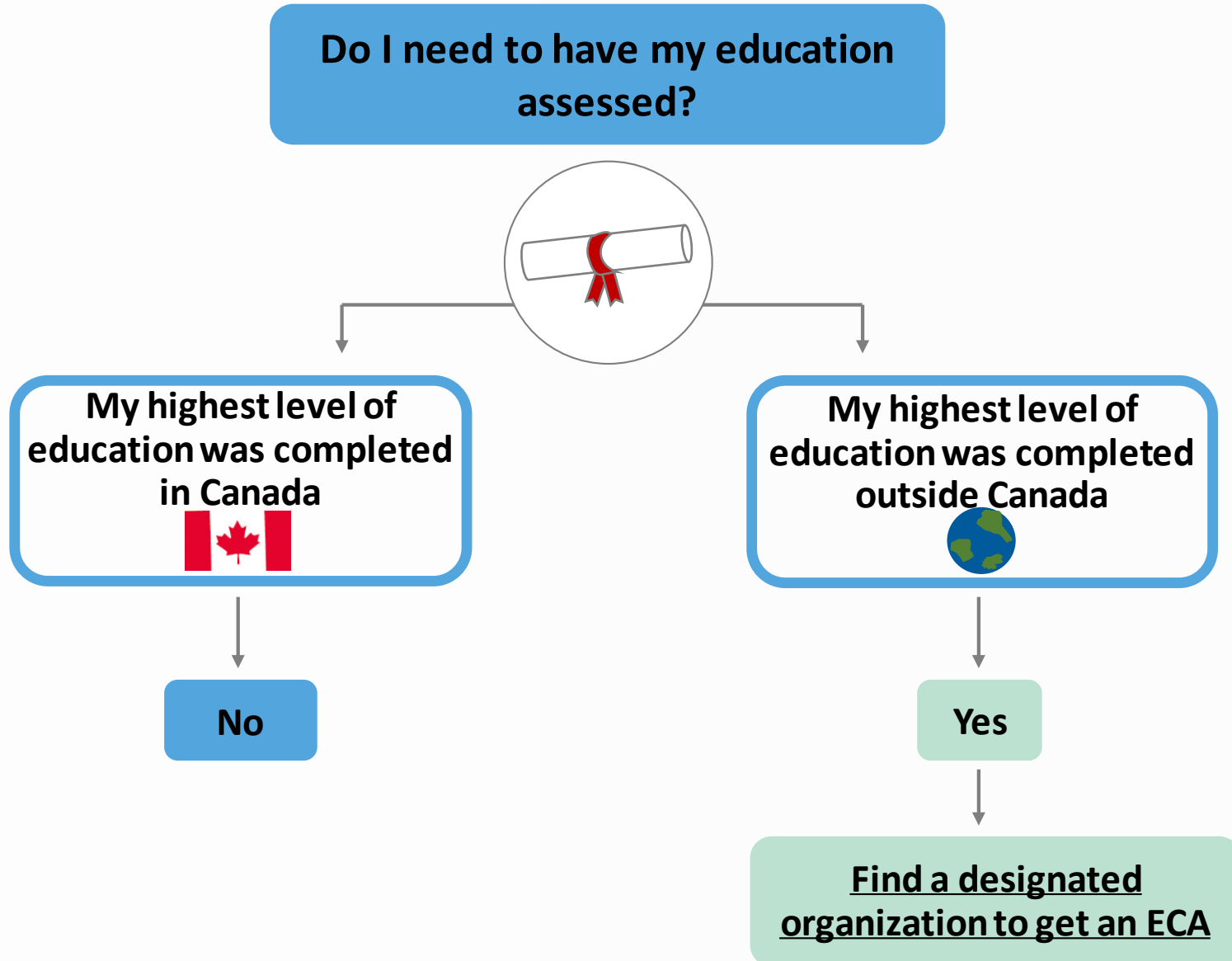
IMPORTANT: Work experience in **skilled jobs** (NOC 0, A, or B) is required before you can apply for PR through Express Entry



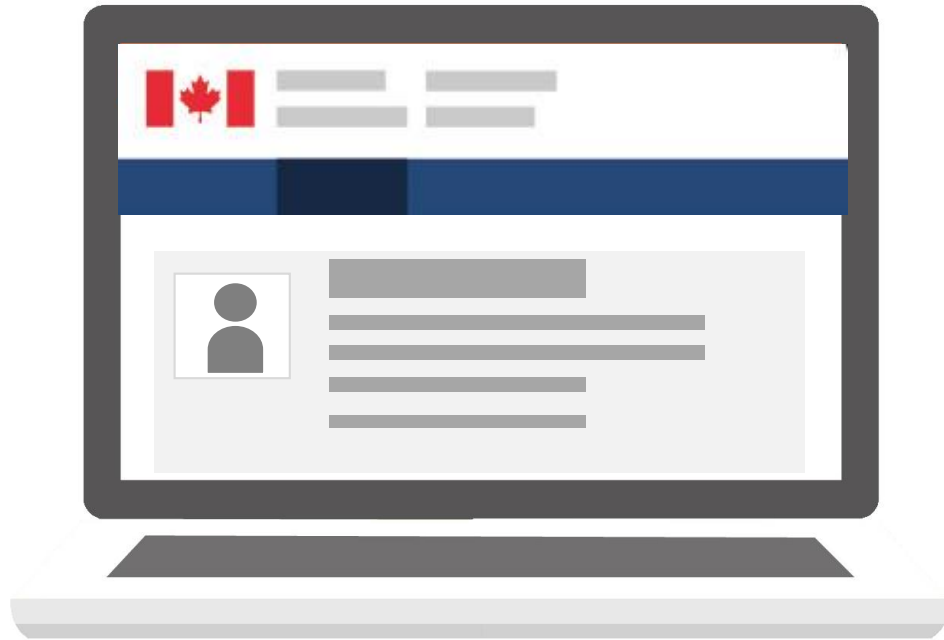
Language testing



Educational Credential Assessment (ECA)



Express Entry & Comprehensive Ranking System



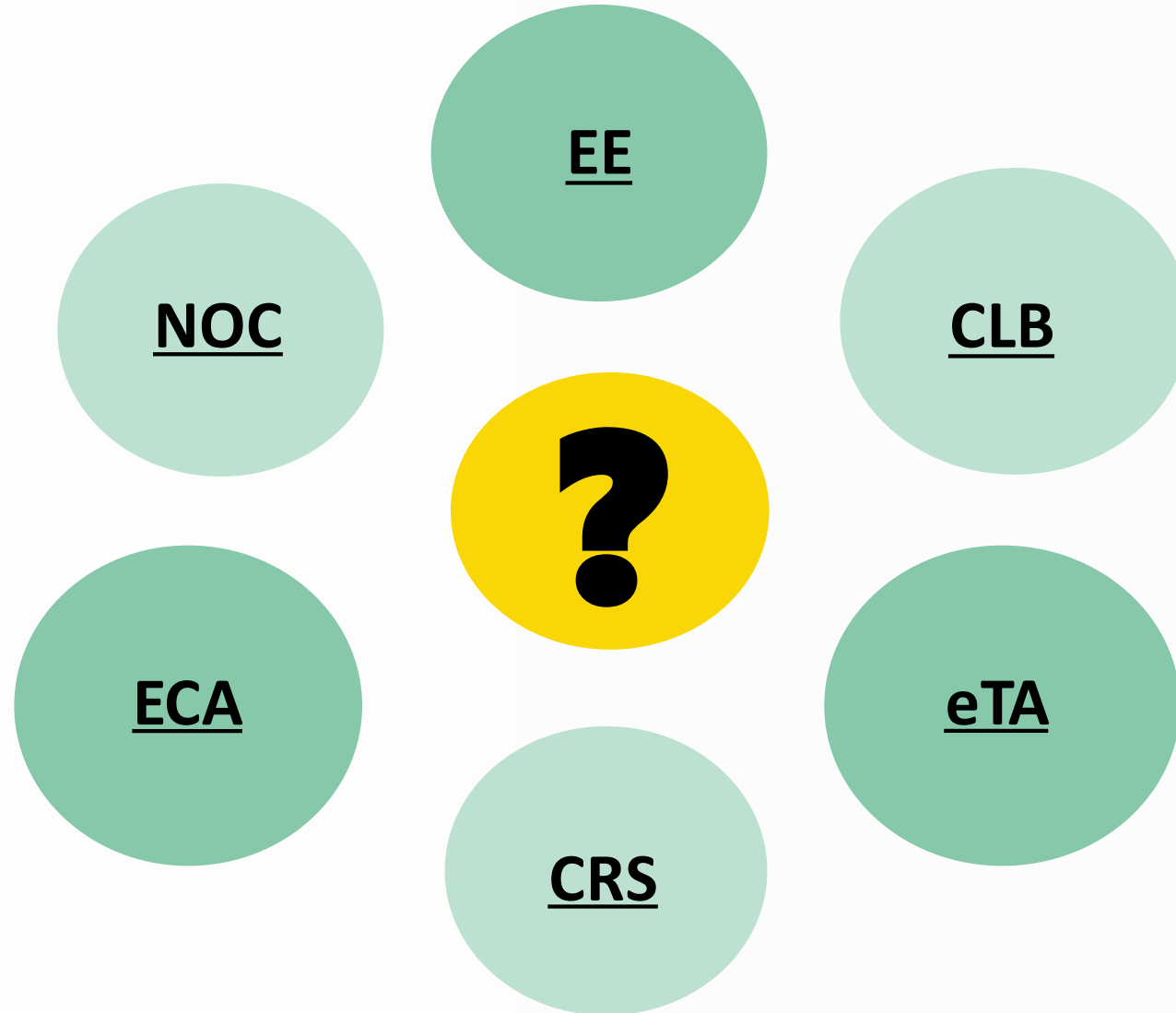
Express Entry

- Online system to manage applications for permanent residence from skilled workers
- User-friendly
- Free

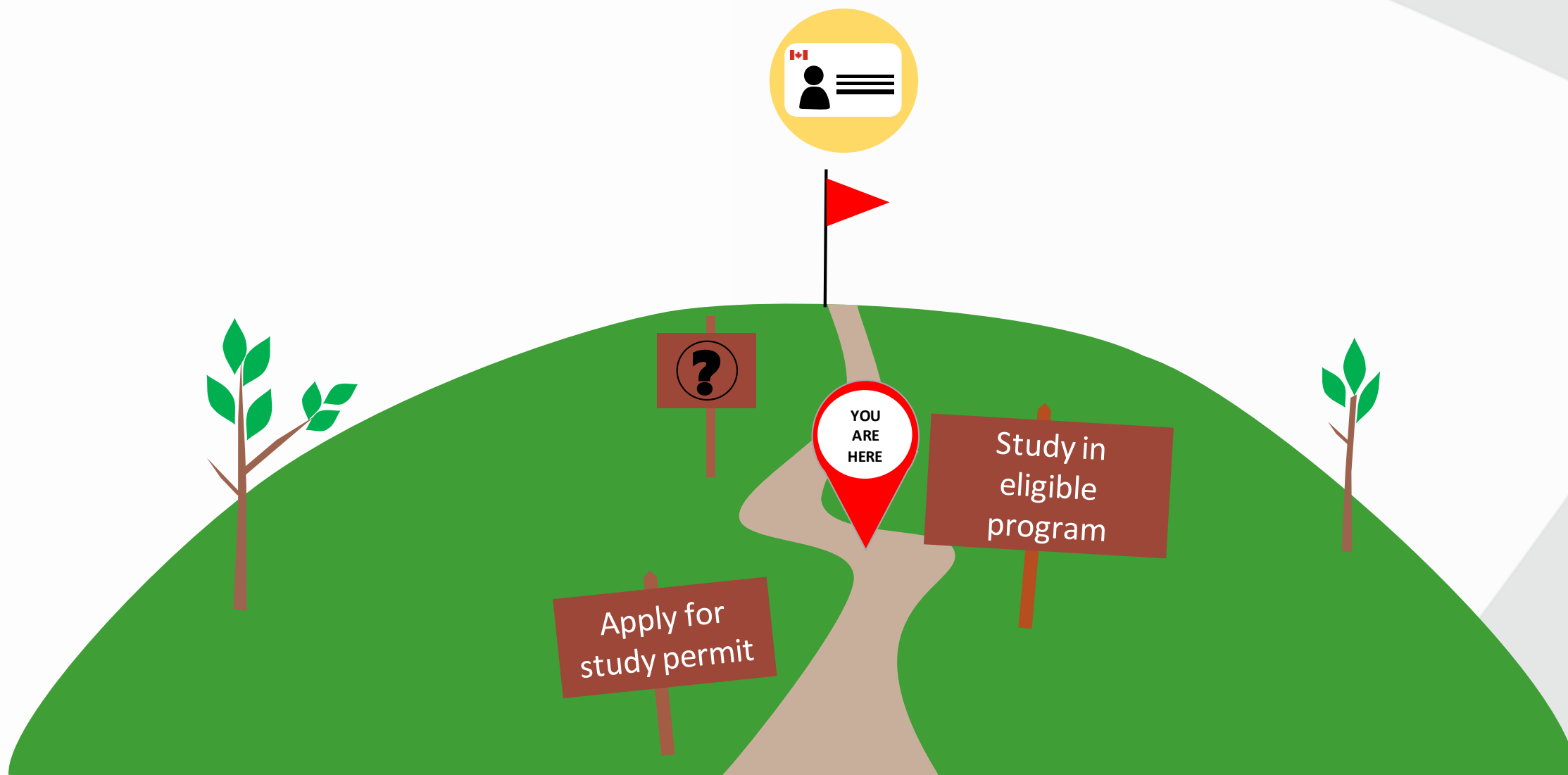
Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS)

- Points-based system which scores candidates and ranks them in the Express Entry pool
- Includes a core set of points up to 600 and a set of additional points of up to 600
- Top-scoring candidates are invited to apply for permanent residence

Important concepts: review



Your journey so far...



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 as a co-op student or intern

- 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 study program



- You can travel outside Canada and return with valid visa or eTA while application in process
- If you apply when your study permit is still valid, you can work full-time until a decision is made
- You must stop working if your application is refused
- If you wait over 90 days after program completion to apply, you cannot work while your application is in process

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:

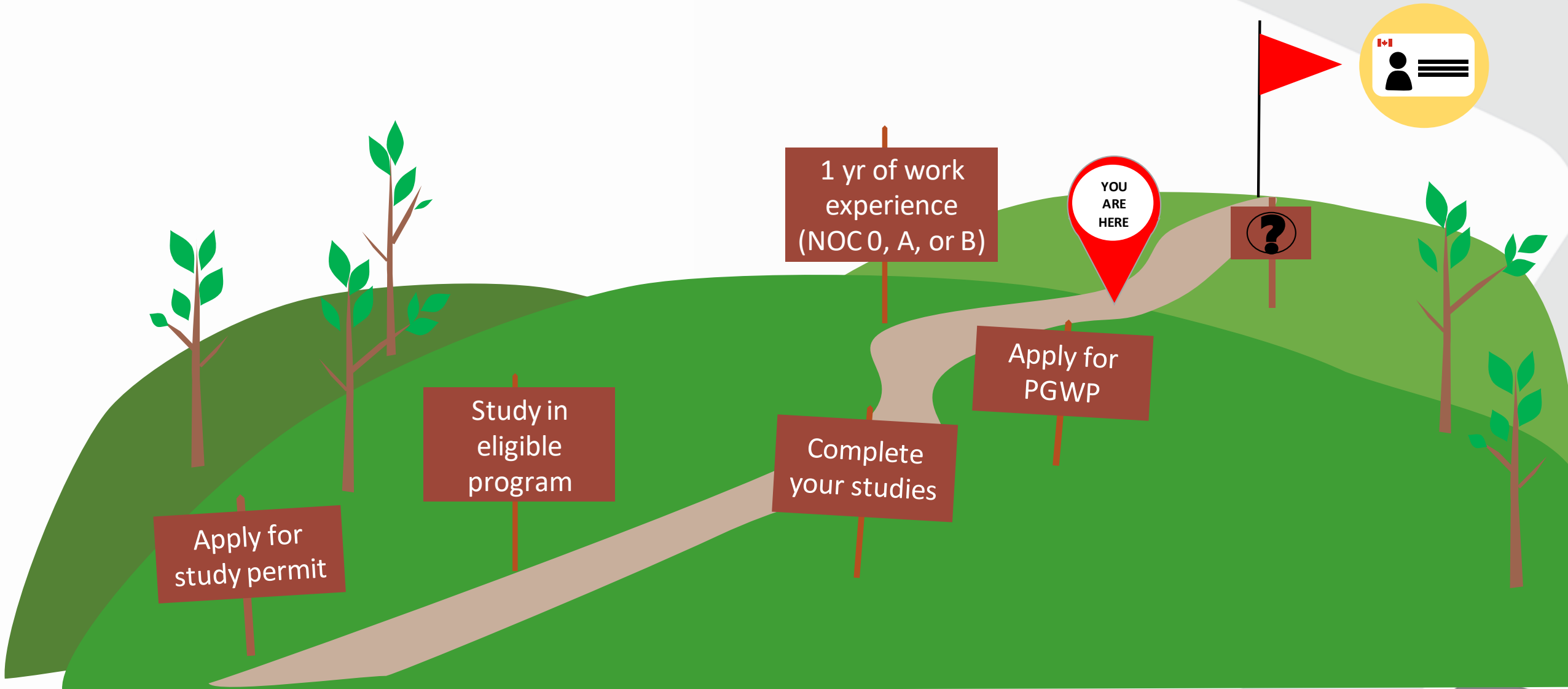
- Less than 8 months: not eligible
- 8 months - 2 years: same as study program
- 2 years and longer : 3 years

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

How do I qualify?

- Successfully completed an eligible program
- Full-time at an eligible Designated Learning Institution
- No unscheduled breaks or unauthorized leave
- Did not exceed the allowable hours of off-campus work
- Apply within **180 days** of receiving written confirmation (including **final transcript**) from school that you can graduate

Your journey continues...



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 eligibility criteria for Express Entry



Federal Skilled Worker Program (FSW)

- At least **1 year** of **continuous** Canadian or foreign work experience (NOC 0, A or B) within the **last 10 years**
- Canadian secondary or post-secondary certificate, diploma or degree, or the foreign equivalent
- A score of 67 or higher out of 100 on the FSW points grid
- **CLB 7** in all 4 language abilities



Federal Skilled Trades Program (FST)

- At least **24 months** of work experience (NOC B) in an eligible skilled trade within the **last 5 years**
- Valid job offer in the skilled trade for at least 1 year, or a Canadian certificate of qualification
- **CLB 5** in speaking and listening; **CLB 4** in reading and writing
- Meet job requirements as set by NOC (except the requirement related to certification)



Canadian Experience Class (CEC)

- At least **12 months** of skilled Canadian work experience (NOC 0, A or B) within the **last 3 years**
- NOC 0, A jobs: **CLB 7** in all 4 abilities
- NOC B jobs: **CLB 5** in all 4 abilities

Work experience requirements



FSW (NOC 0, A or B)

- **1 year** of continuous work in one skilled occupation **within last 10 years**
- Paid work



FST (NOC B)

- **2 years** of work in an eligible trade **within last 5 years**



CEC (NOC 0, A or B)

- **1 year** in any skilled occupation **within last 3 years**
- Experience gained by working in Canada **legally**
- Experience gained during full-time study or self-employment does **not** count

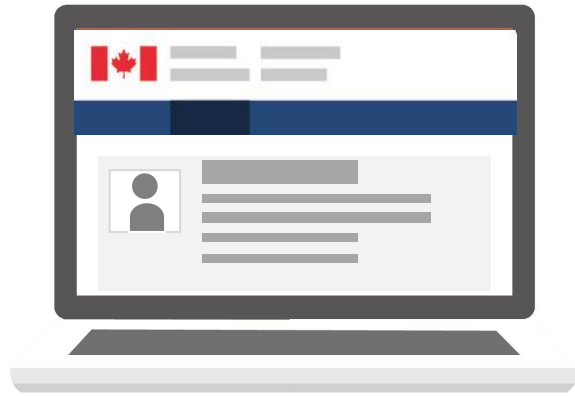
Full-time: 30 hours/week for 12 months = 1 year full time (1,560 hours), or

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 invitation to apply



Apply for Permanent Residency 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)

Comprehensive Ranking System
Calculator Tool



Invitation to Apply (ITA)

- Issued to the **highest scoring candidates** in the Express Entry pool in each invitation round
- Minimum CRS score for ITA (March 4, 2020): **471**

CRS: maximum points for each factor

Core Human Capital Factors	Single 500	Spouse 460
Age	110	100
Education	150	140
1 st Official Language	136	128
2 nd Official Language	24	22
Canadian work experience	80	70
Spouse Factors	40	
Education	10	
1 st Official Language	20	
Canadian work experience	10	

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

Total: 1200 points max

CRS additional points: provincial/territorial nomination



Provincial/territorial nomination (PNP): **600 points**

- Candidates nominated under Express Entry PNP stream of province or territory
- Criteria and streams differ across the country



You must meet minimum entry criteria for Express Entry including those for 1 of the 3 federal economic programs



CRS additional points: valid job offer

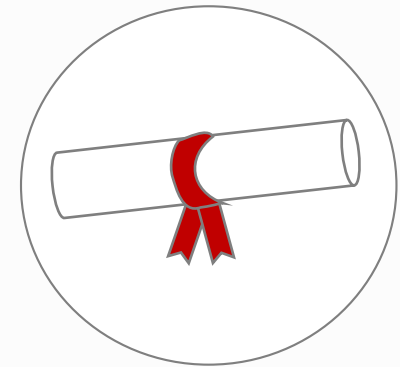
- ★ Valid job offer (NOC 00): **200 points**
- ★ Valid job offer (NOC 0, A or B): **50 points**
- ★ Job offer must be:
 - minimum **1 year** once you receive PR;
 - non-seasonal;
 - NOC 0, A, or B; and
 - supported by a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) unless one is not needed



! 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: **15 additional points**

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

Bonjour!



Parlez-vous français? Visit canada.ca/francoimmigration to learn about Francophone life across Canada.

CRS additional points: sibling in Canada



★ At least one sibling who is a Canadian permanent resident or citizen, is residing in Canada, and is aged at least 18 years old: **15 points**

- *Sibling* = the biological or adoptive children of candidate or accompanying spouse's
 - father or mother
 - father or mother's spouse
 - father or mother's common-law partner

Get an ITA then apply for permanent residence online

Complete application requires:

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



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
- We process them in six months or less, 80% of the time

**Apply
within
60 days**

How much money do I need?

Application fee



\$550

Principal applicant



\$550

Spouse/partner



\$150

Dependent child

Right of Permanent Residence Fee



\$490

Principal applicant



\$490

Spouse/partner

Proof of funds (FSW & FST only*)



\$12,669

Family of 1



\$15,772

Family of 2



\$19,390

Family of 3



\$23,542

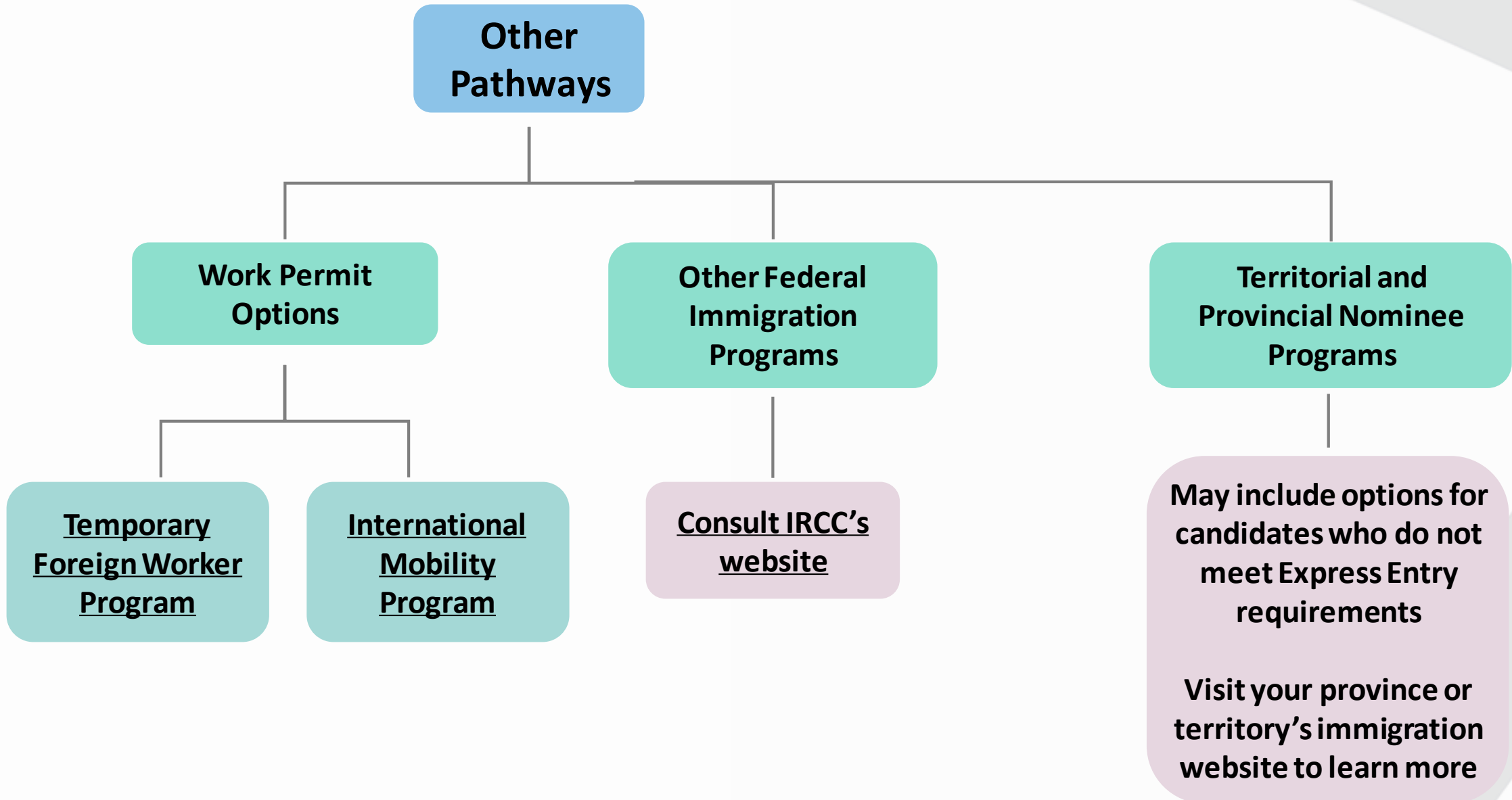
Family of 4

*Exemption if you have a valid job offer

Your journey through Express Entry is complete!



If you are ineligible 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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