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RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT | CANADA

Nova Scotia Entrepreneur Stream – Business Immigration

Invest from CAD $100,000 outside Halifax, or CAD $150,000 within it, operate the business for a year, and be nominated for Canadian permanent residency.

INVESTMENT FROM
CAD 100,000

TIMELINE
2 years

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At a glance

COUNTRY **Canada**	ROUTE **Residency by Investment**
MINIMUM INVESTMENT **CAD 100,000**	TIMELINE **2 years**
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Overview

The **Nova Scotia Entrepreneur Stream (NSNP)** lets business owners and managers start, buy, or run a business in Nova Scotia. It provides a **path to Canadian PR** through active business management and job creation. Applicants first get a **temporary work permit** and may apply for **PR** after one year.

Program Highlights

- **PR Pathway:** Through business ownership.
- **Investment:** CAD $150,000 inside the Halifax Regional Municipality, or CAD $100,000 outside it.
- **Net worth:** CAD $600,000 inside the Halifax Regional Municipality, or CAD $400,000 outside it.
- **Application fee:** CAD $2,000, payable after an Invitation to Apply (from 1 September 2026).
- **Sectors:** Tech, ocean, manufacturing, services.
- **Family Benefits:** Full work, study, and residence rights.
- **Government Support:** Guidance and settlement help.

Why XIPHIAS Immigration

XIPHIAS assists entrepreneurs in preparing EOIs, verifying funds, planning business operations, and securing PR under Nova Scotia's Entrepreneur Stream.

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Nova Scotia Provincial Nomination Program

One of the thirteen astounding provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, offers the best life to its residents with its low cost of living and sustainable economy. Compared to most provinces, Nova Scotia has one of the most affordable living costs and provides the best environment to raise your family. This province is well known for its rich culture and vibrant art scenes. And with the Nova Scotia Provincial Nominee Program(NSNP), you can be a part of this colourful and stunning

province. The Nova Scotia Immigration Nominee Program provides workers with extraordinary skills, entrepreneurs, and highly qualified graduates who wish to work and settle in Nova Scotia. Through the Nova Scotia Nominee Program, the province nominates individuals with the skills and experience needed for the prosperity of the local labour market. Let's learn further about the Nova Scotia PNP as we go on.

Nova Scotia Immigration Nominee Program

As mentioned above, the Nova Scotia PNP is designed to attract skilled workers, experienced business owners, and qualified graduates who can contribute to the economy of Nova Scotia. But why Nova Scotia? Let's see:

- Access to affordable yet high quality of life.
- Proximity to major urban centers, providing both rural charm and urban amenities.
- Lower crime rate.
- Strong communities.

The Nova Scotia Provincial Nomination Program can be your golden ticket to a new and better life! Our Nova Scotia PNP immigration consultants at XIPHIAS can make your journey smooth and hassle-free! We are determined to take every step meticulously so that you can comfortably plan your immigration dreams. And XIPHIAS will promptly, answer all your immigration queries.

Nova Scotia Express Entry Program

The Nova Scotia Express Entry Program complies with the federal Express Entry system. This stream is meant mainly for highly skilled workers with a strong educational background, language proficiency and extensive work experience. The Nova Scotia Express Entry system uses the same Comprehensive Ranking system, and applicants must have a high score to expedite their nomination process. Under the Express Entry system, candidates create an online profile outlining their skills, work experience, education, language ability, and other relevant information. Based on the Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS), candidates are assigned a score, and those with the highest scores are invited to apply for permanent residency in Canada.

Nova Scotia PNP Requirements, Eligibility, Fees and Processing Time

There are certain criteria that individuals must fulfil to be eligible for the Nova Scotia Provincial Nominee Program. Those include:

- Applicants must be roughly between the ages of 21 and 55 at the time of application.
- Applicants are required to at least have completed their high school education (some streams may require even higher educational qualifications).
- They must have relevant work experience in a designated occupation or field as required by the stream that they're applying to.
- Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in either English or French. They can appear for the following language assessment tests: IELTS (English), CELPIP (English), or TEF (French).
- Applicants must demonstrate a genuine interest in working and settling in Nova Scotia. They can present their valid job offers from Nova Scotia employers, previous study experience, etc.
- Applicants must present that they have sufficient funds to provide for themselves and their families in Nova Scotia.

- Nova Scotia PNP- Express Entry stream: No fees.

When this route may not fit

- No active business ownership or senior management experience.
- Net worth that cannot be independently verified, or unclear fund sources.
- Failure to meet Business Performance Agreement terms.
- Language score below CLB 5 in English or French.

Funds to show

Requirement	Amount	Notes
Verified net worth (HRM)	CAD 600,000	For a business inside Halifax Regional Municipality.
Verified net worth (outside HRM)	CAD 400,000	For a business outside Halifax Regional Municipality.

How the process works

1. **Submit EOI & Receive ITA**
   Submit your Expression of Interest and wait for an invitation.
2. **Verify Net Worth & Submit Application**
   Get your financials verified and submit your business plan.
3. **Attend Interview & Sign Agreement**
   Discuss your plan and sign the Business Performance Agreement.
4. **Obtain Work Permit & Start Business**
   Apply for a work permit and operate your business for 12 months.
5. **Get Nomination & Apply for PR**
   Receive nomination and apply for Permanent Residency.

Questions clients ask

What is the minimum investment?

CAD $150,000 inside the Halifax Regional Municipality, or CAD $100,000 outside it.

Is a visit required?

Yes, if you plan to buy an existing business.

Do I need a deposit?

No, this program is performance-based.

When can I apply for PR?

After 12 months of business operation.

What language score is needed?

Minimum CLB 5 in English or French.

Important notes

- Application is by invitation only. Expressions of interest sit in a pool and are chosen in periodic draws — selection is not first-come, first-served and is not guaranteed.
- The CAD $2,000 application fee is non-refundable even if the application is refused, and no waivers or exemptions are available.
- Any EOI selected for assessment on or after 1 September 2026 attracts the fee, regardless of when the EOI was submitted.

Compliance

- Nova Scotia introduced NSNP application fees on 1 September 2026: CAD $2,000 for the entrepreneur stream and CAD $1,000 for the worker streams. There is no fee to submit an EOI.
- Expressions of interest have carried a 12-month validity period since 1 May 2026.
- The NSNP consolidated its streams in February 2026, with the portal closed from 13 to 18 February 2026. The Entrepreneur stream continues after the consolidation.
- The NSNP publishes no refundable good-faith deposit requirement for this stream.

Official sources: Government of Nova Scotia — Entrepreneur stream eligibility; Government of Nova Scotia — NSNP application fees effective 1 September 2026; Government of Nova Scotia — Nova Scotia Nominee Program.



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NEXT STEP

Plan your Canada application with our Dubai team

Tell us about your profile, family and timeline. We will confirm whether **Nova Scotia Entrepreneur Stream – Business Immigration** fits, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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