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Canadian Experience Class (CEC)

A fast pathway to Canadian permanent residency for skilled workers with Canadian work experience.

TIMELINE	JOB OFFER	FAMILY
6 months	Not required	Spouse, children up to age 22

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At a glance

COUNTRY **Canada**	ROUTE **Skilled Migration - Points**
TIMELINE **6 months**	FAMILY MEMBERS **Spouse, children up to age 22**
LANGUAGE **CLB 7 for TEER 0 & 1 jobs; CLB 5 for TEER 2 & 3 jobs**	JOB OFFER **Not required**
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Overview

The **Canadian Experience Class (CEC)** is a fast and reliable Express Entry stream for skilled workers who have gained **eligible Canadian work experience**. It rewards in-country experience, language ability, and workforce integration as primary pathways to permanent residency.

Why Choose CEC

- Fast processing for in-country skilled workers
- No job offer or proof of settlement funds required
- Recognises Canadian experience, improving success chances
- Include family members in the application
- Clear route to citizenship after meeting residency obligations

Requirements

- Minimum 1 year of skilled Canadian work experience (1,560 hours) in the last 3 years.
- Work experience must be in NOC TEER 0, 1, 2 or 3 occupations.
- Meet language level requirements (CLB 7 for TEER 0/1; CLB 5 for TEER 2/3).
- Experience must have been gained while authorized to work in Canada.
- Intend to live outside Quebec.

When this route may not fit

- Not having at least 1 year of eligible Canadian work experience in the last 3 years.
- Failure to meet required language levels for your NOC category.
- Unverifiable employment or document discrepancies.

Skills, language and points

ACCEPTED TESTS	MINIMUM LEVEL
IELTS, CELPIP, TEF Canada, TCF Canada	**CLB 7 for TEER 0 & 1 jobs; CLB 5 for TEER 2 & 3 jobs**

Job offer: No job offer is required if you meet the Canadian work experience criteria.

Typical eligible occupations

- Skilled occupations in NOC TEER 0, 1, 2 or 3 (e.g., managers, professionals, technicians)

How the process works

1. **Confirm Canadian Work Experience**
   Ensure you have 12 months (1,560 hours) of eligible work experience in the last 3 years.
2. **Language Test**
   Take IELTS/CELPIP or TEF/TCF and meet CLB requirements for your NOC.
3. **Create Express Entry Profile**
   Enter the Express Entry pool under the CEC stream.
4. **Receive ITA**
   If selected, submit a complete PR application within 60 days.
5. **Receive PR Approval**
   After processing, receive Confirmation of Permanent Residence and land in Canada.

Document checklist

Identity & Civil

- Passport and ID

Work Experience

- Employment letters, pay records, and tax statements

Language

- IELTS/CELPIP or TEF/TCF results

Health & Character

- Medical exam certificate
- Police clearance certificates

Questions clients ask

Do I need a job offer to apply under CEC?

No — CEC is based on Canadian work experience and does not require a job offer.

Is proof of funds required?

No. Canadian Experience Class applicants do not need to show proof of settlement funds.

Can part-time work count?

Yes — part-time counts if total hours reach 1,560 within the qualifying period.

Can I apply from outside Canada?

Yes, if your Canadian experience was obtained within the last 3 years and meets requirements.

How long does it take?

Processing generally averages around 6 months after submission of a complete PR application.

Important notes

- Canadian experience must be properly documented and gained while authorised to work in Canada.
- Express Entry cut-offs still decide selection. Recent Canadian Experience Class draws have had cut-offs of 516-523.
- NOC/TEER classifications can change; XIPHIAS checks the current classification for your role before filing.

Compliance

- The timeline shown on this page is XIPHIAS's own observed average from our case files, not an IRCC published figure. IRCC publishes live processing times through its own checker tool; your individual case can run faster or slower than either.
- IRCC charges a processing fee and a Right of Permanent Residence Fee for each adult applicant, and a processing fee for each dependent child. XIPHIAS confirms the current amounts on canada.ca before filing.

Official sources: IRCC — Canadian Experience Class: who can apply; IRCC — Check processing times.



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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 **Canadian Experience Class (CEC)** fits, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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