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Federal Skilled Trades Program (FSTP)

Permanent Residency pathway for qualified trade professionals under Canada's Express Entry system.

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 **Minimum CLB 5 for speaking & listening; CLB 4 for reading & writing**	JOB OFFER **Not required**
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Overview

The **Federal Skilled Trades Program (FSTP)** is a Canada Express Entry stream designed for **skilled trade professionals**. It recognizes practical trade experience and certification, providing a clear pathway to Canadian permanent residency for in-demand trades.

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Tradesmen like plumbers, electricians, craftsmen, technicians, and such other individuals who intend to find new shores in Canada for their workmanship can apply for a Canada Permanent Residency Status through Express Entry Program. Such applicants, need to be qualified in the skill trade relevant.

Eligibility for the Candidates who intend to apply under this category need to

- Have the required language levels for each language ability (listening, reading, writing and speaking). You need to meet the CLB defined.
- Meet the job requirements as defined in the National Occupational Classification
- Must have a certificate of qualification in the skill trade mentioned in the profile. This certificate should be issued a Canadian Provincial, territorial or federal authority.

There is no education requirement for this stream. However, Educational Credential Assessment report can add more score to you and can boost your application.

You need to provide proof for your funds for yourself and your family to settle in Canada. However, if you are currently already working in Canada or are having a valid job offer, you need not show your funding.

You can submit your profile online to the Express Entry Program along with the required supporting documents. If you get nominated from one of the provinces or through the pool itself based on your eligibilities and qualification, you can go ahead and apply for your Permanent Residency Status.

What XIPHIAS Immigration will do for you

- Profile assessment
- Submission of application and documents
- Application preparation
- Guidance about the applications and documents required
- Language proficiency tests
- Help till the point of getting your PR Visa
- Post landing counseling
- Post landing Job search assistance

Key benefits

- Permanent Residency pathway tailored for skilled tradespeople.
- No formal degree required — emphasis on practical trade experience.
- Faster processing once ITA is received (around 6 months).
- PNP nomination can add 600 CRS points for priority selection.
- Work and settle anywhere in Canada (except Quebec).

When this route may not fit

- Lack of required trade certification or valid job offer (when applicable).
- Insufficient or unverifiable work experience.
- Not meeting required language thresholds.

Skills, language and points

ACCEPTED TESTS	MINIMUM LEVEL
IELTS, CELPIP, TEF Canada, TCF Canada	**Minimum CLB 5 for speaking & listening; CLB 4 for reading & writing**

Job offer: Applicants must have either a valid full-time job offer for at least 1 year in Canada or a certificate of qualification issued by a Canadian provincial/territorial authority.

Common eligible trades (examples)

- Electricians
- Carpenters
- Chefs
- Industrial mechanics

How the process works

1. **Check Eligibility**
   Confirm trade, experience and language eligibility.
2. **Language Test**
   Take IELTS/CELPIP or TEF/TCF and meet CLB thresholds.
3. **Obtain Certification or Job Offer**
   Secure provincial certificate or valid full-time job offer.
4. **Create Express Entry Profile**
   Enter the pool under the FSTP stream.
5. **Receive ITA & Apply**
   Submit a complete PR application within 60 days of ITA.

Document checklist

Identity & Civil

- Passport and national ID
- Birth/marriage certificates

Trade Credentials

- Certificate of Qualification or provincial trade licence
- Employer references, work logs and payslips

Language & Tests

- IELTS/CELPIP or TEF/TCF results

Health & Character

- Medical examination
- Police certificates for all countries lived in 12+ months

Questions clients ask

Do I need a job offer?

Yes — either a valid job offer of at least 1 year OR a provincial/territorial certificate of qualification.

Is a degree required?

No formal degree is required, but an ECA can still boost CRS points.

How long does it take?

Processing typically completes in around 6 months after ITA.

Do I need proof of funds?

Yes, unless you have a valid job offer and authorization to work in Canada.

Important notes

- Trade certification processes vary by province — check requirements carefully.
- A job offer must meet IRCC criteria (full-time, for at least one year) to count toward FSTP eligibility.
- Processing and draw patterns depend on Express Entry draws and PNP activity.

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 — Federal Skilled Trades Program: 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 **Federal Skilled Trades Program (FSTP)** fits, set out the full cost in writing and manage the application with you from start to finish.

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