

Business immigration to New Brunswick

Every year, hundreds of immigrants around the world choose this province of Canada as their new home, the place where they want to establish themselves and start a new life. New Brunswick is happy to welcome these newcomers to the province, whether they are workers, entrepreneurs, investors, refugees, or people who want to be reunited with family members.

When New Brunswickers say "Welcome," they mean: "You are family, make yourself at home, this is your new community!" The traditions of welcoming newcomers and celebrating diversity are part of the New Brunswick way of life.

Immigration Agreement

New Brunswick has signed a Provincial Nominee Agreement with the federal government, which allows the Province to play a more active role in immigration by selecting a number of immigrants to fulfill specific economic needs.

To be considered as a business applicant:

- Applicant must have previous management experience with proven success as a senior executive and/or business owner;
- Applicant's business skills must be relevant to the business you intend to pursue in New Brunswick;
- Applicant must have sufficient funds to finance the first phase of the planned business venture without third party assistance and to support your family for a period of up to two years (the personal net worth requirement will vary based on business venture proposed);
- Applicant is required to participate in the business in an active managerial role.

The ability to speak English and/or French is critical to applicant's success as an entrepreneur in New Brunswick. Government expects you to have a basic knowledge of English and/or French and be able to understand and answer the questions during the interview with New Brunswick officials. If government is not satisfied that you have sufficient knowledge of the language to carry on a business in New Brunswick, you will be required to take intensive language training and to participate in a second interview prior to nomination.

As an applicant to the New Brunswick Provincial Nominee Program, you must make a commitment to settle permanently in New Brunswick and are required to sign a declaration stating your intention to live and work in this province. Provincial Nominees who pass the medical and security requirements at the federal government level are likely to see their application for immigration to Canada processed expeditiously.

Steps involves in this immigration application are:

1. **Submit the completed preliminary Evaluation form**
2. **Interview in New Brunswick (Exploratory visit)**

When immigration officers are satisfied that you meet the requirements as a business applicant, you will be contacted with an interview date in New Brunswick. During the interview, you will be asked to demonstrate knowledge of the business sector you are interested in pursuing in New Brunswick. Therefore, you should expect to spend at least five (5) full business days in New Brunswick to:

 - o research the business environment;
 - o consult with economic development agencies;
 - o identify opportunities related to your field of expertise;
 - o Explore education, housing and community facilities.

Our firm can assist applicant in their interview preparation applications including arranging for your visa to visit Canada for business trip..

Submit a Business Plan

Following a positive interview, you will be required to submit a detailed business plan for approval by an official from the Province of New Brunswick. If your plan is approved you will be advised to send immigration application.

3. **Submit an Application for Immigration to the** Department of Business New Brunswick.
4. **Written notice of the final decision**

Upon final review of the completed application, you will receive written notification of the decision about nomination for immigration under the New Brunswick Provincial Nominee Program. If you have been selected, your application will be forwarded to the appropriate Canadian Visa Office for final processing, along with the New Brunswick certificate of nomination.
5. **Application to immigration Canada:** Once nomination is received application is made to immigration Canada for medical and security clearance. On clearing the same final visa issued to you and your family.

Our firm assists business applicants on a regular basis in their complete process of the business immigration application including business plan preparation and doing exploratory trip to Canada.



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