

Mobility: immigration alert

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Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP) updates selection factors under the Expression of Interest system

Executive summary

On 22 November 2022, Ontario reopened the OINP e-filing system following the introduction of the new TEER 2021 classification system. TEER 2021 is a major structural change to the NOC system as it includes the introduction of the Training, Education, Experience and Responsibilities (TEER) category, instead of the previous NOC O, A, B, C or D, the TEER system classifies occupations based on 5 TEER categories. Under the new TEER system, occupations are classified based on a new 5-digit format (instead of the previous 4-digit format) and some occupations under the previous skill level B has been split into TEER 2 or 3.

Foreign nationals looking to immigrate via an OINP stream can now submit their profile. Those who have previously submitted a profile prior to the re-opening of the e-filing system will need to re-submit a new profile given changes to overall scoring factors and points allocation. With the re-opening of the OINP e-filing system for profiles under the Expression of Interest (EOI), there have been notable changes to the scoring factors. The EOI scoring is comprised of two components: self-declared score - which includes human capital factors and investment factors - (max 126 points), and business concept score (max 74 points). The new maximum of points is 200 points and is an increase from the previous maximum of 120 points. Profiles will need to have at least 37 points for business concept to be placed in the EOI selection pool.

Key changes to the points allocation

There are several changes to the variation of points allocation

and additional factors being scored under respective streams, that were previously not considered. Some key changes to the Employer Job Offer stream include:

- ▶ NOC TEER eligibility: Candidates with work experiences under NOC TEER 0-3 are eligible for the employer job offer stream
- ▶ Level of education: Candidates can claim a maximum of 10 points for highest level of education for the international Student Stream. Those with a post-secondary degree or diploma after a minimum of 2 years will be eligible for points. The allocation of points has been changed where points variation has been reduced
- ▶ Language ability: Candidates can claim a maximum of 10 points for official language ability and for knowledge of Canada's official languages under the international Student Stream and under the Employer Job Offer-Foreign Work Stream. Previously points for language were not applied to the Foreign Worker Stream
- ▶ Work permit status: Candidates applying under the Foreign Worker Stream or International Student Stream can now claim 10 points for having a valid Canadian work permit
- ▶ Job tenure with job offer employer: Candidates with at least 6 months of work experience with the employer of the job offer will be eligible for 3 points under the Job Offer Streams
- ▶ Job offer - NOC broad occupational category: There is now increased variation for points based on broad occupational category (industry) under the In-Demand Skills Stream
- ▶ Job offer wage: There is now greater variation for points allocation based on wage



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Given the updates in point allocation, candidates will note a difference in their overall score compared to their previous EOI profiles. Candidates should also be reminded that given the NOC updates, new expression of interest profiles need to be created for the application to remain in the pool.

For further information about these updates and eligibility, please contact your EY Law LLP professional.

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