

Canadian Immigration: Starting your journey in 2024

with Guest Speaker WES



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# **Express Entry Overview**

Express Entry is an electronic system used to manage the applications of skilled workers who wish to become permanent residents of Canada.

# Canadian Experience Class

- For skilled workers who have Canadian work experience
- Work experience must have been gained in the 3 years before you apply

# Federal Skilled Worker Program

- For skilled workers with foreign work experience
- Must meet criteria for education and other factors

# Federal Skilled Trades Program

- For skilled workers who are qualified in a skilled trade
- Must have a valid job offer or a certificate of qualification



# 2024 Canadian Immigration Targets

In 2024, the Canadian Government aims to accept 485,000 permanent residents across key classes.

281,135

114,000

76,115

13,750

#### **Economic**

- 110,770 Federal
   High Skilled
- 110,000 Provincial
   Nominee Program

### **Family**

- 82,000 Spouses, Partners, and Children
- 32,000 Parents
   and Grandparents

#### Refugee

- 27,000 Protected
   Persons
- 49,115 Resettled
   Refugees

Humanitarian



# Category-Based Draws

Category-based rounds are draws of top-ranking candidates in the pool eligible for a specific category.

#### Introduced in 2023

- 2023 16,000 EE Candidates, 17 Draws
- 2024 7,000 EE Candidates (FLP), 1 Draw

### Are you eligible?

- You must be eligible for 1 of the 3 programs managed through Express Entry to be placed in the pool
- You must be eligible for 1 of the government-set categories



French-Language Proficiency



**Healthcare Occupations** 



**STEM Occupations** 



**Trade Occupations** 



**Transport Occupations** 



Agriculture and Agri-Food Occupations



## Candidate Competitiveness

To be included in the Express Entry Pool, relevant documents are required. Your ranking in the pool is determine by the Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS).

#### **Documents**

You may need information from some or all of these documents to apply for Express Entry:

- Passport
- Language Test Results
- Educational Credential Assessment
- Provincial Nomination (if you have one)
- Written job offer (if you have one)
- Proof of work experience
- Trade occupation certification (if you have one)
- Proof of funds

#### CRS

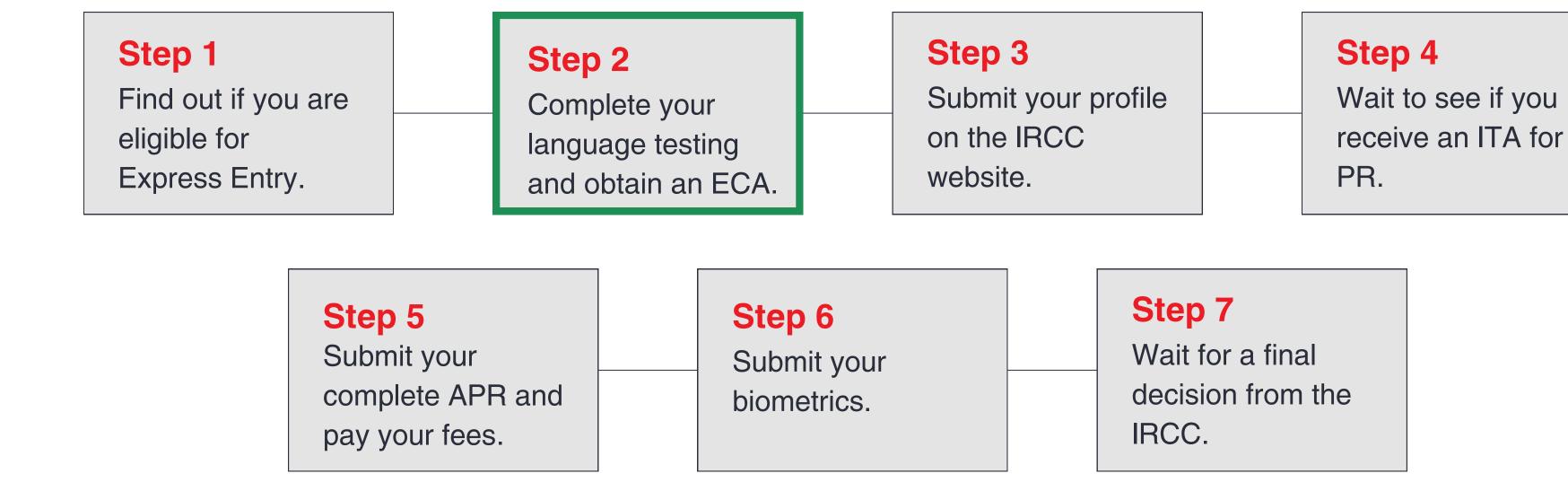
CRS is a points-based system used to assess and score your profile and rank it in the Express Entry pool. It assesses:

- Skills
- Education
- Language Ability
- Work Experience
- Other



## **Express Entry Process**

Express Entry consists of two major stages wherein candidates indicate interest in obtaining PR status and the Canadian government holds draws inviting candidates to immigrate.





# WES Educational Credential Assessment for the Express Entry Process

CanadaVisa.com Webinar

February 22, 2024

### **About WES**

Part I





We help people learn, work, and thrive in new places. We help society recognize the value of people's education and experience.



Everyone is able to put their education, experience, and skills to work anywhere in the world.

#### Nearly 50 Years of Experience and Expertise



### **World Education Services (WES)**



1974

- Started in 1974
- In Canada since 2000



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121 staff in Canada



348,000+

In 2022, served more than 348,000 applicants in Canada

#### **Top 10 Countries** of Education

2022 WES Applicants



India



Philippines



Nigeria



**United Kingdom** 



**United States** 



Hong Kong



Pakistan



Iran



China



Cameroon

### WES Credential Evaluation Reports Are Used By:



**Professional Licensing Bodies** 



Universities, Colleges, and Apprenticeship Training Programs



**Employers** 



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)

### **Immigration**

- Required for most Express Entry applicants
- WES is a <u>designated provider</u> of **Educational Credential** Assessments (ECAs) for IRCC

### **WES Evaluation Services**

Part III

#### **WES ECA Sample**



The Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) verifies your education background for Canadian immigration purposes.

#### Educational Credential Assessment for Citizenship and Immigration Canada

Name: SAMPLE, Sample Date of Birth: Month 01, 1993 Date: September 29, 2017

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#### CANADIAN EQUIVALENCY SUMMARY

Bachelor's degree (four years)

This report highlights the equivalency of your credential.

CREDENTIAL ANALYSIS

1. Name On Credential: Sample Sample

Credential Authentication: Official transcripts were sent directly by the institution

Country: Indi

Credential: Bachelor of Engineering

Year: 2014

Awarded by: Anna University
Status: Recognized Institution
Major/Specialization: Mechanical Engineering

Canadian Equivalency: Bachelor's degree (four years)

This report identifies and describes each credential, including: name of the credential, requirements for entry and program length, and the equivalent in terms of Canadian education.

#### **ECA Fee and Turnaround Time**



**Note:** Price does not include delivery fees, additional fees, or a 13% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). If you selected WES Basic for your evaluation, you may upgrade to WES ICAP for C\$39 if your evaluation is still in-progress.

International Credential Advantage Package (ICAP)

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# Upgrade Your IRCC-ECA to WES Standard Evaluation Reports for Employment, Higher Education and Licensing



#### Step 1

Go to My Account



#### Step 2

Upgrade ECA to meet the requirements of:

- Professional Licensing Bodies
- Academic Institutions
- Employers



#### Step 3

Upgrade to Documentby-Document (DxD) or Course-by-Course (CxC)



#### Step 4

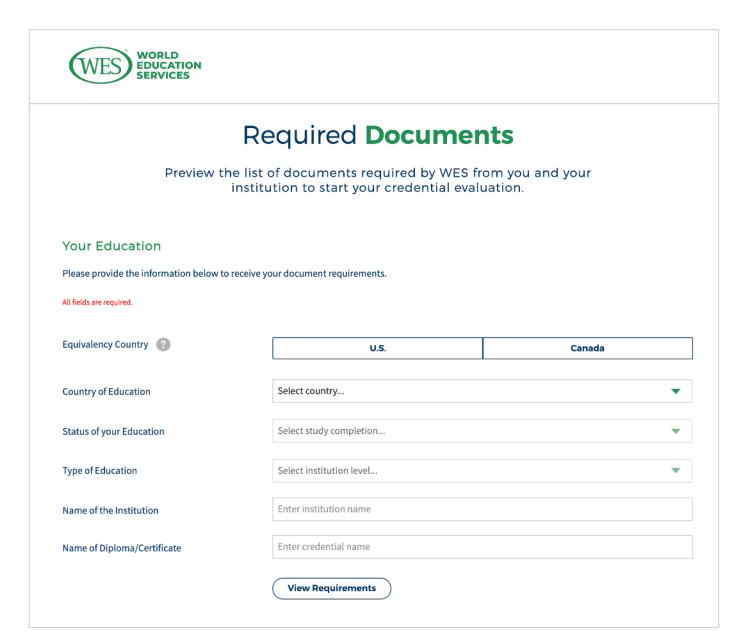
Select the recipient

#### **WES Services and Fees**

Services	Fees
Upgrade ECA to DxD	C\$54
Upgrade ECA to CxC	C\$108
Upgrade Standard DxD to CxC	C\$108

### **WES Application Process**

Part IV



#### **Overview of Evaluation Process**



#### Step 1

Applicant creates account and receives a WES reference number



#### Step 2

Applicant refers to required documents resources; asks awarding institution to send documents directly to WES (by mail or via digital transmission)



#### Step 3

We verify the credentials, create a report, and deliver it to specified recipients

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### **Selecting Additional Recipients**

▼ Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program, MCIIT

Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration, & Intl Trade

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**Delivery Method:** Electronic Delivery

- Chandigarh Immigration Services Inc.
- Chen Immigration Law Associated
- CILA Immigration
- Civis Immigration Consultant
- Commission de la Construction du Quebec
- ConnectingEdge Immigration
- Consulate General of Canada in Hong Kong
- Consulate General of Canada to Vietnam



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# Upload Your Degree Certificate/Translation in My Account

#### 1. Degree Certificate

For example: Lisans Diplomasi, Yüksek Lisans Diplomasi, Doktora Diplomasi

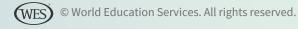
What you need to do:



You can upload a clear and legible copy of this document in My Account.

### **WES Resources and Tools**

Part V



#### **WES Free Tools and Resources**

### Degree Equivalency

See how your credentials compare to Canadian standards instantly

<u>applications.wes.org/ca/deg</u> <u>ree-equivalency-tool/</u>

#### **WES Advisor Blog**

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- Upgrade order

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