

Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants L'Association Canadienne des Conseillers Professionnels en Immigration

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CAPIC Welcomes the Opening of the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants on November 23, 2021

August 11, 2021 – The Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) applauds yesterday's announcement from the Honourable Marco E.L. Mendicino, P.C., M.P., Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, that the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants will open on November 23, 2021.

Dory Jade, CEO, CAPIC: "The opening of the College is a significant milestone for our profession and CAPIC welcomes Minister Mendicino's announcement. The College will crackdown on unauthorized representatives, improve accountability and safeguard the public."

Minister Mendicino noted in his remarks that individuals "who wish to come to Canada deserve honest, professional and ethical advice—and we have a responsibility to ensure they're getting it. Our new College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants is a major milestone in these efforts."

The new College has a mandate to protect both the public and immigration and citizenship consultants, from those operating in bad faith. The College will be authorized to investigate professional misconduct and make disciplinary decisions. A Code of Conduct for the College is being developed with the purpose of ensuring College licensees adhere to strong professional and ethical standards.

About CAPIC

The Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) is the professional organization representing the interests of Canadian Immigration Consultants. The organization advocates for competency, ethical conduct, and consumer protection in the immigration consulting industry.

CAPIC's mission is to lead, connect, protect, and develop the profession, serving the best interests of its members. It is the only association recognized by the Government of Canada as the voice of Canadian immigration and citizenship consultants.

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