

BC PNP Updates

You have seen the updates/changes to the BC PNP program. Here is a list of things to “note” – courtesy of CAPIC members, Tiffany Chi and Chitra Bhatia. Please ensure you read the entire list of changes as noted by the BC PNP for your own use and knowledge.

1. The NOC for November 2021 has now been implemented. Points for NOC skill level have been removed. As there are no Teer level points, applicants working in TEER 0 or 1 positions won't receive any additional points.
2. Truck drivers must have a Canadian Driver's License at the time of application (meaning overseas applicants are not allowed to apply without one).
3. Health care assistants/aides and Dental Assistants must be registered with the BC Care Aide & Community Health Worker registry.
4. Dental Assistants and Dental Lab Assistants must have a license.
5. University professors and lecturers no longer need permanent job offer.
6. University professors/lecturers can use their research/coursework for their doctoral degree to fulfill their two-year experience requirement.
7. PhD graduates from any field in BC can apply to the International Postgraduates stream.
8. Trucking employers must be certified: [https://www.cvse.ca/national_safety_code.htm#:%7E:text=About&text=The%20National%20Safety%20Code%20\(NSC,for%20commercial%20vehicles%20and%20drivers](https://www.cvse.ca/national_safety_code.htm#:%7E:text=About&text=The%20National%20Safety%20Code%20(NSC,for%20commercial%20vehicles%20and%20drivers)

9. The points structure has been updated to include additional points in the regional area. Higher points are awarded to applicants with experience working or studying outside the Metro Vancouver Regional District.
10. The scoring system has been revised to include additional points for bilingual abilities system.
11. Please note the new terms "Regional Alumni" and "Regional Experience" - Additional points will be awarded to applicants who meet these criteria.
12. An updated LICO is required.
13. The wage points have been changed. Rather than being calculated based on the annual salary, wage points are now calculated based on the hourly wage.
14. The maximum points for human capital factors – education, work experience and language proficiency – have been increased

On Nov 17, 2022, a series of changes have been made to the BC Provincial Nominee Program's (BC PNP) Skills Immigration streams.

The changes include updating the Skills Immigration registration scoring system to increase immigration to regions outside the Metro Vancouver Regional District. People with experience working or studying outside of the Metro Vancouver Regional District may claim additional points if they have a qualifying job offer in that region. We have also adjusted [eligibility for the Economic Mobility Pathways Pilot \(EMPP\)](#) to include job offers from a regional employer in B.C. in any skilled occupation.

In addition, eligibility for the International Post Graduate stream has been expanded to any field of study for doctoral level programs. Professors and post-

doctoral fellows on limited term employment contracts at B.C. universities are now eligible for the Skilled Worker stream. Both of these criteria changes are intended to retain more innovators and experts that can bring their deep expertise to the province.

The BCPNP Online system is now open to new registrations and has been updated to use the [2021 version of the National Occupational Classification \(NOC\)](#).

For full details about these and other changes, including updates, please refer to updated [documents and guides](#).

Sincerely,

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Please be advised that the BC PNP does not provide immigration advice nor pre-assess eligibility on specifics for registrations/applications due to our role as program administrators, but we will be able to provide program information, explain and clarify criteria. **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their qualifications meet program requirements.**