

Message from the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

On the occasion of the 2025 National Citizenship and Immigration Conference Hosted by the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) May 14–16, 2025

As Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, I want to extend my warmest greetings to everyone participating in the 2025 National Citizenship and Immigration Conference, and to congratulate the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC) on its 20th anniversary.

This year's theme—Opportunity Through Change, Scaling New Peaks—reflects both the spirit of your profession and the moment we are in. As we navigate global uncertainty, shifting labour demands, and an evolving regulatory landscape, immigration remains one of Canada's greatest strengths—driving economic growth and enriching the social fabric of our communities. Meeting today's challenges requires strong collaboration and thoughtful, people-focused solutions.

For two decades, CAPIC has been a trusted voice in Canada's immigration landscape. Your commitment to professionalism, integrity and accountability has fostered a community of highly skilled and compassionate consultants. As trusted partners, your work supports the delivery of immigration programs and helps people from all walks of life take confident steps toward building a better future in Canada.

Set against the breathtaking backdrop of Lake Louise, this year's conference comes at a pivotal time. Immigration consultants are navigating rapid changes in policy, technology, and global conditions. These shifts affect not only your practice, but the lives of those placing their hopes in Canada. Whether helping a worker pursue a provincial nomination, advising a caregiver, or assisting someone in a vulnerable situation, your guidance makes a lasting difference in their journey.

Canada's leadership in global immigration depends on the knowledge, compassion, and adaptability of professionals like you. Through this conference, you are sharing insight, refining approaches, and building capacity to serve clients with clarity, care, and excellence.

CAPIC's legacy reflects an enduring commitment to a strong, fair, and accessible immigration system. Your collaboration with IRCC, your advocacy for clients, and your ability to meet change with confidence have helped shape a more resilient, trusted profession.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, thank you for your dedication to this important work. Congratulations once again on this milestone year, and I wish you a productive and inspiring conference.

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