



# IMMIGRATION Canada

## Application for Permanent Residence –Skilled Worker– Visa Office Specific Instructions

Caracas



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# Appendix A Checklist

Assemble all your documents as listed. Check (☑) each applicable item on the checklist and attach the checklist to your documents (a paper clip will do). Place all the documents in a sealed envelope. **Do not send originals.** Send **notarized photocopies** of all documents, **except** the police certificates, which must be **originals**. If your documents are not in English or French, send a notarized (certified) translation with a copy of the originals.

If you are applying as a **Federal Skilled Worker**, use column **F**.

If you are applying as a **Provincial Nominee**, use column **P**.

If you are applying as a **Quebec-Selected Applicant**, use column **Q**.

		F	P	Q
<b>1.</b>	<b>FORMS</b>			
	See the " <b>Complete the application</b> " section on our <a href="#">Web site</a> for specific instructions on how to complete the questions on each of the following forms.			
	<b>APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN CANADA (IMM 0008)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Check that it is completed by the principal applicant.			
	<b>SCHEDULE 1: BACKGROUND DECLARATION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Include a Schedule 1 form completed by:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the principal applicant</li> <li>spouse or common-law partner</li> <li>each dependent child over 18 years of age</li> </ul>			
	<b>SCHEDULE 3: ECONOMIC CLASSES – FEDERAL SKILLED WORKERS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Completed by the principal applicant.			
	<b>SCHEDULE 4: ECONOMIC CLASSES – PROVINCIAL NOMINEES</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Completed by the principal applicant.			
	<b>SCHEDULE 4A: ECONOMIC CLASSES - PROVINCIAL NOMINEES - BUSINESS NOMINEES</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Completed by the principal applicant.			
	Complete Schedule 4A if you are being nominated with the intention of establishing or purchasing a business, becoming a partner in a business, or working as a self-employed person.			
	<b>SCHEDULE 5: DECLARATION OF INTENT TO RESIDE IN QUEBEC: ECONOMIC CLASSES</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Completed by the principal applicant.			
	<b>ORIGINAL CERTIFICAT DE SÉLECTION DU QUÉBEC (CSQ)</b>			<input type="checkbox"/>
	Copy labelled "Immigration Canada" for:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>you (the principal applicant);</li> <li>your spouse or common-law partner; and</li> <li>your dependent children.</li> </ul>			

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<b>ADDITIONAL FAMILY INFORMATION (IMM 5406)</b> Completed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the principal applicant</li> <li>• spouse or common-law partner</li> <li>• each dependent child over the age of 18 years</li> </ul>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>USE OF A REPRESENTATIVE (IMM 5476)</b> Complete and include this form in your application if you have a representative.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2.</b>	<b>IDENTITY AND CIVIL STATUS DOCUMENTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth, marriage, final divorce, annulment or separation certificates for you and your spouse or common-law partner</li> <li>• Death certificate for former spouse if applicable</li> <li>• Photocopy of <b>citizenship certificate, permanent resident card or permanent resident visa</b> (formerly called “immigrant visa”) for any family members who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3.</b>	<b>CHILDREN’S INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s birth certificates (which name their parents)</li> <li>• Proof of legal registration of adoption for adopted dependent children</li> <li>• Proof of custody for children under the age of 18 and proof that the children may be removed from the jurisdiction of the court</li> <li>• If the children will not accompany you to Canada, proof that you have fulfilled any obligation stated in custody agreements</li> <li>• Proof of <b>continuous full-time studies</b> of all dependent children aged 22 or over, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• complete school records/transcripts since attaining age 22;</li> <li>• letters from the schools indicating the number of hours of classes attended per day, and the number of days attended per week;</li> <li>• proof of full financial support by parents since reaching age 22.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4.</b>	<b>TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND PASSPORTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passports or travel documents for you, your spouse or common-law partner and your dependent children. Include only copies of pages showing:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the passport number,</li> <li>• date of issue and expiry,</li> <li>• your photo, name, date and place of birth.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If you live in a country different from your nationality, include a photocopy of your visa for the country where you currently live.</li> <li>• You must hold a valid regular passport; diplomatic, official, service or public affairs passports <b>are not</b> valid for immigration to Canada.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5.</b>	<b>PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP IN CANADA (IF APPLICABLE)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of relationship to your close relative in Canada, such as birth, marriage or adoption certificates.</li> <li>• <b>If your close relative is a permanent resident of Canada:</b> photocopy of his or her Record of Landing (IMM 1000), Confirmation of Permanent Residence or Permanent Resident Card.</li> <li>• <b>If your close relative is a Canadian citizen:</b> proof of Canadian citizenship, such as a photocopy of pages of a Canadian passport or Canadian citizenship card.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**6. EDUCATION/TRAINING/QUALIFICATIONS**

For you, your spouse or common-law partner:

- **Post-secondary education documents:** vocational or technical certificates or diplomas;
- **College or university documents:** certification of completion and the graduation degree, diploma, or certificate issued by the college or university and the evaluation committee;
- **Transcripts:** original transcripts of all degrees must be submitted in university-sealed envelopes.
- **Professional qualifications certificates:** notarized professional qualifications certificates should be submitted if available. (e.g., Engineer, Computer Programmer, Accountant, Economist, Translator/Interpreter, Architect etc.)

**7. WORK EXPERIENCE**

**For you and your spouse or common-law partner:**

- notarized employment contracts from your present and past employers, accompanied by an English or French translation
- original and up-to-date letters of reference from your past and current employers. Letters must be written on company letterhead and show the company's full address, telephone and fax numbers, and be stamped with the company's official seal.

**Letters must include all of the following information:**

- the specific period of your employment with the company
- the positions you have held during the period of employment and the time spent in each position
- your main responsibilities and duties in each position
- your total annual salary plus benefits
- the signature of your immediate supervisor or the personnel officer of the company
- a business card of the person signing

**If you cannot provide a reference from your current employer, provide a written explanation.**

**8. PROOF OF LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Refer to instructions in the "**Proof of your language abilities**" section of our [website](#).

- **Test results from an approved language-testing organization:** You must submit test results. You must provide the **original**. Photocopies are unacceptable. Language test results must not be older than one year upon submission.

**Proof of language proficiency is required for your application to be considered complete, otherwise it will be returned to you.**

**9. ARRANGED EMPLOYMENT (IF APPLICABLE)** 

- If you are currently working in Canada under a work permit, provide:
  - a photocopy of the permit, and
  - a **letter from your employer** indicating that you will be employed indeterminately upon receiving permanent resident status.
- If you have a permanent job offer confirmed by Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC), provide:
  - a photocopy of the HRSDC/Service Canada confirmation letter (Arranged Employment Opinion) which was sent to your employer and
  - a **letter from your prospective employer** indicating that you will be employed indeterminately upon receiving permanent resident status.

The original version of the "**letter from your employer**" or "**letter from your prospective employer**" must be:

- written on company letterhead,
- signed by the responsible officer/supervisor,
- show the company's full address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and website addresses and
- stamped with the company's official seal (if applicable)

Letters must include all of the following information:

- the specific period of your anticipated employment with the company
- the position you will hold during employment
- your main responsibilities and duties in anticipated position
- your total annual salary plus benefits
- the number of hours per week you are anticipated to work
- a business card of the person signing

**10. NON-ACCOMPANYING FAMILY MEMBERS DECLARATION (IF APPLICABLE):**   

If you have a spouse, common-law partner or dependent children and you do not intend to include them in your application for permanent residence, submit with your application:

- a notarized statutory declaration stating your intention to proceed to Canada without your family members, and
- confirming that you understand that your family members must meet immigration requirements in their own right if they wish to join you in Canada.

**11. SETTLEMENT FUNDS** 

Refer to the "**Proof of Funds**" section of our [Web site](#) for exact figures and instructions.

Provide proof of unencumbered and readily transferable funds in a convertible currency available for settlement in Canada (for you and your family members):

- current bank certification letter; or
- evidence of savings balance; or
- fixed or time deposit statements.

**12. POLICE CERTIFICATES AND CLEARANCES**



Please consult our **Web site** at: [www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/security/police-cert/index.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/security/police-cert/index.asp) for specific and up-to-date information on how to obtain police certificates from any country.

**Note:** For applications submitted at the Centralized Intake Office (CIO) prior to June 26, 2010, you must submit police certificates with your complete application and supporting documents to the visa office within the **120 day deadline** set out by the CIO.

If you are submitting your application to the CIO on or after June 26, 2010, the police certificates are not required with your complete application to the CIO. If your application is placed into processing you will be required to provide police certificates to the visa office at a later date.

**13. FEE PAYMENT**



Follow these instructions to pay the fees. If you do not, we will return your application. Processing fees are **not** refundable.

If you are applying as...	Then you must...
a federal skilled worker	pay the processing fees to the CIO in <b>Canadian funds</b> . Fees are payable by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) or to the " <b>Receiver General for Canada</b> " by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• certified cheque,</li> <li>• bank draft, or</li> <li>• money order.</li> </ul> <b>Do not enclose cash.</b> <b>Note:</b> Refer to the <b>Payment Instructions</b> in this section for the Right of Permanent Residence Fee.
a Provincial Nominee, or a Quebec - Selected Skilled Worker	refer to the <b>Payment Instructions</b> in this section to pay the processing fees and the Right of Permanent Residence Fee.

**Payment Instructions**

Consult the **Fees** section of our **Web site** or the *Guide for Skilled Worker Applicants* to calculate your fees.

You may pay cash, in Canadian dollars or Bolivares. For the fee schedule in Bolivares, contact the Caracas Immigration Section via e-mail at [crcas.immigration@dfait-maeci.gc.ca](mailto:crcas.immigration@dfait-maeci.gc.ca). **Do not send cash in the mail or by courier.**

You may also pay with a certified cheque. If the amount is in Bolivares, the cheque should be written to the attention of Canadian Embassy in Caracas. If the amount is in Canadian dollars, the cheque should be written to the attention of Receiver General for Canada.

**14. PHOTO REQUIREMENTS**



Supply **seven (7) photos** for each member of your family and yourself. Follow the instructions provided in section **How to Complete the Forms** of the application guide and in **Appendix B: Photo Specifications**.

# Mailing Your Application

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If you are applying as a ...	Then you must ...
federal skilled worker <b>on or after June 26, 2010,</b>	mail to the <b>CIO</b> in Sydney, Nova Scotia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your complete application, <b>and</b></li> <li>• supporting documents required in this checklist.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> After submitting your application, do not send any additional documents unless you are requested to do so.</p> <p>Refer to the "<b>Mail the application</b>" section of the <i>Guide for Skilled Worker Applicants</i>.</p>
federal skilled worker <b>before June 26, 2010,</b>	mail to the <b>visa office</b> the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• photocopies of the forms you submitted to the CIO, <b>and</b></li> <li>• supporting documents required in this checklist, within the <b>120 day deadline</b> set out by the CIO.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to the instructions for <b>Mailing to the Visa Office</b> below.</p>
Provincial Nominee, or a Quebec - Selected Skilled Worker	mail your complete application to the <b>visa office</b> .  Refer to the instructions for <b>Mailing to the Visa Office</b> below.

## Mailing to the Visa Office

Place all of your documents in a sealed envelope along with your application form and mail them to:

**Canadian Embassy  
Immigration Section  
Avenida Francisco de Miranda con Avenida Sur Altamira  
Caracas  
Venezuela**

**We strongly encourage you to use a commercial courier when sending documents to this office.**

Your application will be assessed according to the Immigration Regulations in effect on the date of receipt of your *Application for Permanent Residence* with the applicable fee at the Canadian Embassy in Caracas.

The Embassy will send you an Acknowledgement of Receipt letter.

Once we have received your completed application and documents, they will be thoroughly reviewed and we will inform you whether an interview is required. Applications for permanent residence may be approved without the need of an interview if you submit all requested documentation.

# Appendix B

## Photo Specifications

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### Notes to the applicant

**TAKE THIS WITH YOU TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER**

- Immigration photos are **not** the same as passport photos.
- Make sure that you provide the correct number of photos specified in this guide.

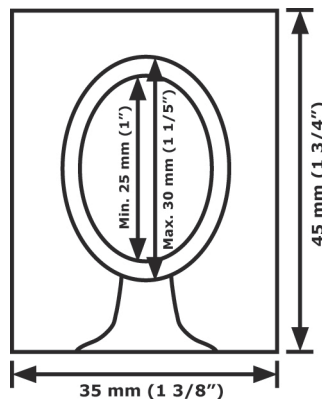
### Notes to the photographer

#### The photos must:

- show a full front view of the person's head and shoulders showing full face centered in the middle of the photograph;
- have a **plain white background**;
- be identical (black and white or colour) produced from the same untouched negative, or exposed simultaneously by a split-image or multi-lens camera.

#### The photos must:

- measure between 25 mm and 30 mm (1" and 1 1/5") from chin to crown;
- have a 35 mm x 45 mm (1 3/8" x 1 3/4") finished size.





# Appendix C

## Medical Instructions

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Everyone included in your application, whether accompanying you to Canada or not, must undergo a medical examination. If you are a divorced or separated parent, a minor child of whom you have joint or sole custody is considered your dependent child, even if he or she usually lives with the other parent and is not accompanying you to Canada.

**Instructions for the medical examination will be provided after your application has been assessed by a Canadian visa officer.**

After you receive the necessary medical forms, you must make an appointment with one of the doctors on the list of panel doctors. You **must** use one of the physicians on this list. All costs related to the medical examinations are your responsibility.

When you go for your medical examination, take the following:

- The *Medical Report Form*
- Identification such as a passport, birth certificate, driver's licence (at least one item must show your photograph and signature).
- Eye glasses, if worn.
- Any relevant medical reports, additional tests or previous X-rays that you may have as a result of particular medical conditions or previous treatments. This will save processing time.

Tell the physician about all past and present illnesses, operations and treatments. Failure to do so will delay the medical assessment and processing of your application.

Once you have undergone the necessary examinations, tests and chest X-rays, the designated doctor is responsible for collecting all necessary medical reports and forwarding them to us.