

# AINP

## Alberta Provincial Nominee Program Updates

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# What will we discuss today?

- ✓ Introduction-Marty Baram
- ✓ Expired Streams
- ✓ Affects of Covid on AINP (how dare us not discuss Covid!!)
- ✓ AINP Streams
- ✓ AINP Streams-Updates
- ✓ Alberta Opportunity Stream (AOS)
- ✓ Alberta Express Entry Stream (AEES)
- ✓ International Graduate Entrepreneur Immigration Stream (IGEIS)
- ✓ Foreign Graduate Start-Up Visa Stream (FGSVS)
- ✓ Self Employed Farmer Stream (SEFS)



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# Expired AINP streams- Employer Driven and Strategic Recruitment Stream



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## Employer-Driven Stream:

### [Reference information for Skilled Worker Category](#)

- Applications for this category were accepted and postmarked on or before June 14, 2018

### [Reference information for International Graduate Category](#)

- Applications for this category were accepted and postmarked on or before June 14, 2018

### [Reference information for Semi-skilled Worker Category](#)

- Applications for this category were accepted and postmarked on or before June 14, 2018

How has  
Covid-19  
affected AINP  
processing?

- On November 1, 2020, the Government of Canada increased the number of occupations that are not eligible to apply for a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) in Alberta.
- This is also known as the 'refusal to process list'. All new and pending LMIA's for positions in Alberta must be on the list of exempt occupations to be eligible for processing.
- People whose occupations are not eligible for an LMIA can apply to immigration streams under the AINP. This change is retroactive to November 1, 2020.

Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) holders who mailed or submitted an application to the Alberta Opportunity Stream:

-Before November 1, 2020 are not eligible if their occupation was on the [‘refusal to process list’](#) (PDF, 99 KB) that was in place at the time they applied

-On or after November 1, 2020 are eligible to apply even if they are working in an occupation for which the Government of Canada refuses to process an LMIA



# Important AINP Notes:

- You must meet all eligibility criteria before you apply.
- Your application will be declined if you do not meet the criteria.
- The AINP is not obligated to assess/process any applications.
- Applications to the AINP are treated as an Expression of Interest (EOI), and as such, will be processed according to quality of the application (completeness, eligibility), labour market information, occupational supply and demand forecasting, AINP application volumes, and/or any other factors at the AINP's discretion.
- By submitting an application to the AINP you acknowledge and agree that your application may not be processed in the order received, or at all.
- Further, the decision to assess / process any particular application, and the outcome of any such assessment / processing, is at the AINP's sole discretion.

# Alberta Opportunity Stream (AOS)

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# Alberta Express Entry Stream (AEES)

# Foreign Graduate Start-Up Visa Stream (FGSVS)

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# Self-Employed Farmer Stream (SEFS)

The AINP has 2 streams for Temporary Foreign Workers who are living and working in Alberta, or plan to live and work here:

1. Alberta Opportunity Stream (AOS)
2. Alberta Express Entry Stream (AEES)

# AOS Residency, work permit requirements

At the time your application is submitted, and at the time the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program (AINP) assesses your application, you must have a valid temporary resident status in Canada that authorizes you to work in Canada, that is, a temporary foreign worker permit.



The following individuals cannot apply for or be nominated under the Alberta Opportunity Stream (AOS):

refugee claimants or individuals involved in a federal appeal or removal process – the AINP does not intervene in the federal refugee claim,  
appeal or removal process  
temporary residents living or working in a province or territory of Canada other than Alberta, or

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# AOS Occupation requirements

At the time your application is submitted, and at the time the AINP assesses your application, you must work in an eligible occupation in Alberta. Occupation requirements also apply to your work experience and job offer.

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Most occupations under National Occupational Classification (NOC) skill levels 0, A, B, C and D are eligible under the AINP.

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# AOS Language requirements

If your application is submitted on or after January 1, 2020, you must demonstrate you meet the following language test score in English or French at the time that you submit your application. You must meet the scores based on a single test result.

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# AOS Education requirements

All applicants except Post-Graduation Work Permit holders  
As of January 1, 2021, at the time your application is submitted, you must have completed a minimum of high school education equivalent to Alberta standards.



# ECA

You must provide a copy of an Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) issued by an [organization designated by IRCC](#) for your highest level of education.

You do not need to provide an ECA if:

- you have a Canadian degree, diploma or certificate from a recognized Canadian post-secondary, technical college or secondary institution, or
- you have a valid [Alberta Qualification Certificate or a trade certificate](#) recognized by Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT).

# AOS Work experience requirements

# AOS Eligible job offers

# AOS Changes?

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An application fee of \$500 applies to all online applications.

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# Alberta Express Entry Stream (AEES)

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# Do's and Don'ts

- Candidates cannot apply directly to the Alberta Express Entry Stream.
- You cannot use a nomination under a different AINP stream to apply under the Alberta Express Entry Stream or the federal Express Entry system.
- If the AINP discovers fraud or misrepresentation in an application, a candidate may be banned for up to 5 years from reapplying to the AINP.
- Alberta Express Entry Stream nominees cannot extend their nomination.

This stream has 2 steps:

1. Candidates with an [Express Entry](#) profile with the Government of Canada receive a Notification of Interest (NOI) letter from AINP in their Express Entry profile. Only candidates who receive an NOI letter may contact the AINP to advise they are interested in applying to this stream.

2. The AINP invites these candidates to apply. Candidates determine if they meet assessment criteria and submit an application. Complete applications go into a pool of eligible applications for consideration and processing.



# AEES Selection and notification process

# AEES Selection draws

# AEES Assessment criteria

# AEES Accuracy of information

An application fee of \$500 applies to all online applications.

The AINP has 3 streams for entrepreneurs who plan to live in Alberta and buy or start a business in the province:

[International Graduate Entrepreneur Immigration Stream](#)  
(IGEIS)-

[Self-Employed Farmer Stream-SEFS](#)

[Foreign Graduate Start-Up Visa Stream-FGSVS](#)

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# International Graduate Entrepreneur Immigration Stream (IGEIS)

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All requests for reconsideration are subject to a service fee of \$100.

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# Foreign Graduate Start-Up Visa Stream (FGSVS)

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# Self-Employed Farmer Stream (SEFS)

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# Processing Times and Limits

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# Nomination Certificate Limits

**The following numbers are accurate as of October 12, 2021.**

**Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) sets the limits for nominations the AINP can issue each year. IRCC provided 6,250 nomination certificates to Alberta for 2021.**

**4,686 nomination certificates have been issued so far in 2021.**

**There are approximately 600 Alberta Opportunity Stream applications and 600 expression of interest applications in the Alberta Express Entry pool.**

# Application Volumes and Processing

Approximate volumes and assessment dates for each AINP stream/category are provided below.

“Assessing” means an AINP officer has been assigned a file to make an assessment and decision on eligibility.

Applications received after the date stated below have not yet been assigned to an officer for assessment.

The most common factors considered in AINP application processing include:

- application quality (completeness, eligibility, outdated application information/documents)
- labour market information
- volume of applications received
- the date the application was received

# AINP Portal

**! Please note the portal is only available to the Candidate of the application.**

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<https://ainp.labour.alberta.ca/>

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# Contact AINP

If you have any questions about the collection of personal information, you may contact AINP Operations Manager at 780-638-2843, by email at [lbr.pnpoffice@gov.ab.ca](mailto:lbr.pnpoffice@gov.ab.ca) or mail to Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program, Suite 940, ATB Place North Tower, 10025 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T5J 1S6.

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