



# Immigrate to Canada



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# About ABHINAV

***We are the change makers in people's lives where it matters the most. Bridging geographical barriers and connecting worlds is our motto. We believe in helping to live a quality life which you and your family truly deserve. So, as global immigration and visa specialists, we play an important role in helping people select their new settlement destination.***

Established in 1994, ABHINAV is world's leading Immigration and Visa Consultancy firm catering to every possible immigration needs of its clients. We have a network of offices in all the major cities in India with experienced staff and seasoned international associates including professionals, lawyers and authorized representatives in all the major countries. We are ideally positioned to assist our clients in choosing the right immigration destination and handholding them through the entire immigration process. Our understanding of concurrent immigration rules and procedures and learning through past precedents in managing various immigration and visa situations ensures proper presentation of application forms and the overall credentials of our clients.

ABHINAV caters to those seeking living and work options to all major countries such as Canada (Federal and Quebec), Australia, UK, Denmark, Singapore, New Zealand, Hong Kong and other popular destinations. Our USP is our transparency with clients at all stages of application process.

Our services include all forms of immigration and visa applications such as Permanent Resident and Skilled Migrant visas, Investor and Business immigration applications, Temporary Work Permits and so on. Filing pleas and appeals against rejected and refused applications is our forte.

Ajay Sharma is the Principal Immigration Consultant at ABHINAV. In his vast industry experience, he has worked with an array of clients from both India and abroad and continues to gain respect for his solution-oriented approach to complicated immigration and visa issues. His blog at [www.abhinav.com](http://www.abhinav.com) on immigration and visa matters is among the most read in the world.

With our solution – based approach, all we need is our clients to think beyond limits so that we can put our best foot forward. This provides us the challenge to perform better and exploit our expertise making each of our cases, a big success.

***So, let experience stand by your side in this life-changing decision called Immigration!***

# Canada

Canada is one of the richest and the largest countries in the world, offering state of the art facilities to all its residents and citizens. The country has always welcomed professionals and people of foreign origin with open arms. The Canadian government considers its immigrant population as an asset which has led to the development of its economy.

Many different migration options have been set by the country and the provinces for a prospective immigrant to decide. These programs are one of the oldest and most popular. Most of these visa options cater to Permanent Resident status for the immigrants from the first day of landing. The visa programs include the following:

- **Skilled Migrant Visas**

- The General Skilled Migrant Program
- Quebec Skilled Migrant program
- Canada Provincial Nominee Programs

- **Investor Programs**

- Canada Immigrant Investor Program
- Quebec Immigrant investor program
- Federal Entrepreneur Program
- Canada Provincial Nominee Programs for businessmen and investors
- Self – Employed Persons Program

# SKILLED MIGRANT VISAS

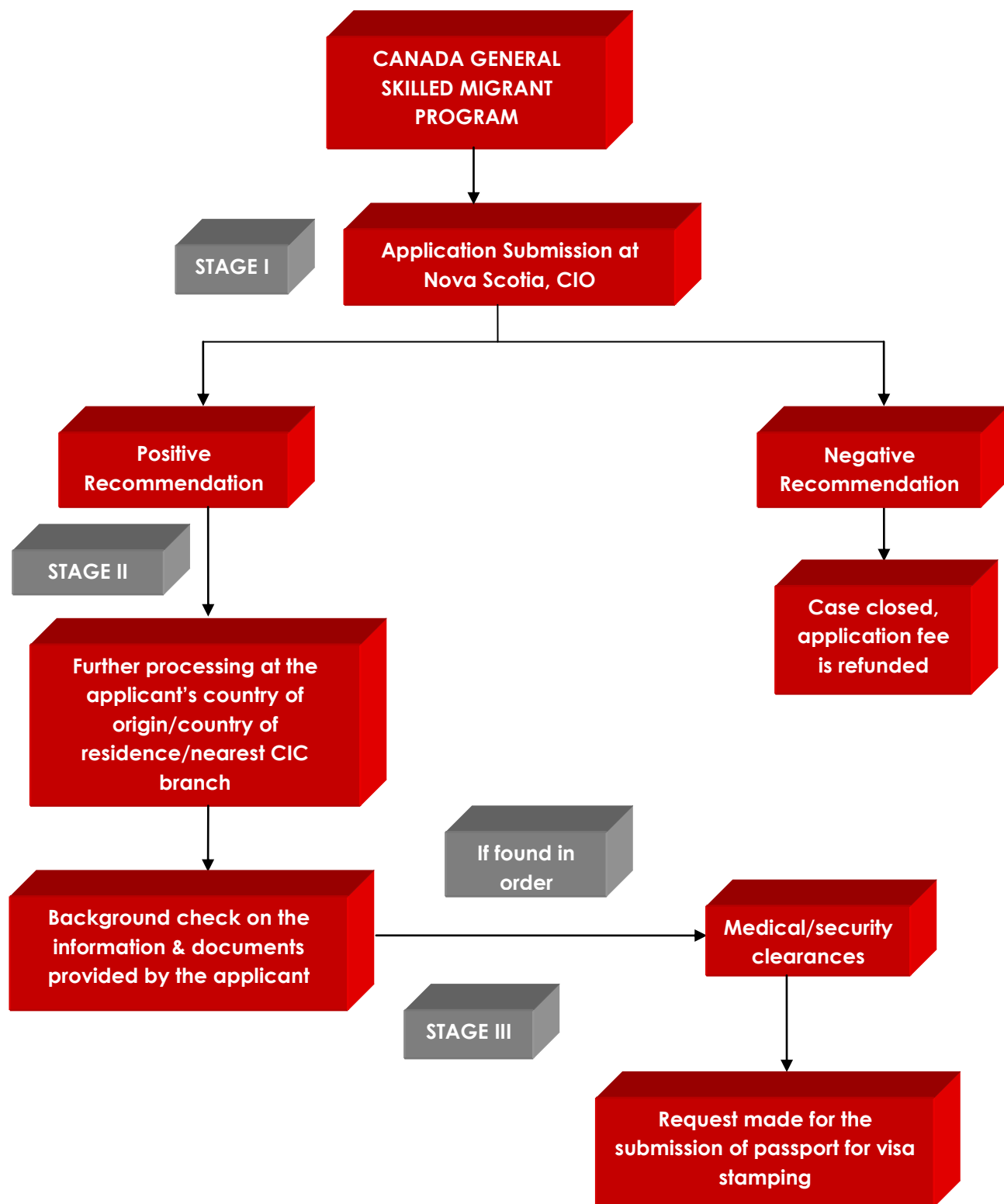
Highly skilled and well qualified professionals always find a niche for themselves in the Canadian job market. Many Canadian employers hire foreign nationals, especially in those professions and trade where there is a shortage of skills in the local labor market. There are two types of Skilled Migrant visas:

## General Skilled Migrant Program

The General Skilled Migrant program is for those individuals who wish to explore the employment opportunities to live and work in Canada. A prospective immigrant needs to prove his eligibility on the Points Based System. He must score points based on his age, academic qualifications and work experience, employment opportunities in Canada, English language skills and adaptability. Here, an applicant must earn the prescribed minimum pass mark under the Points Based System. With this, the work experience should match with the occupations mentioned in the list of occupations brought out by the Canadian government.

The candidates eligible under this program need not have a job offer in prior, neither a sponsorship from a blood relative and so on. Instead, they would be permitted to all the basic rights which include employment, education and medical benefits, social security benefits and much more.

The biggest perk is that an applicant can get to be the citizen of Canada at a later stage. More so, he becomes a full-fledged Permanent Resident in Canada from day one of landing and is entitled to all related benefits.

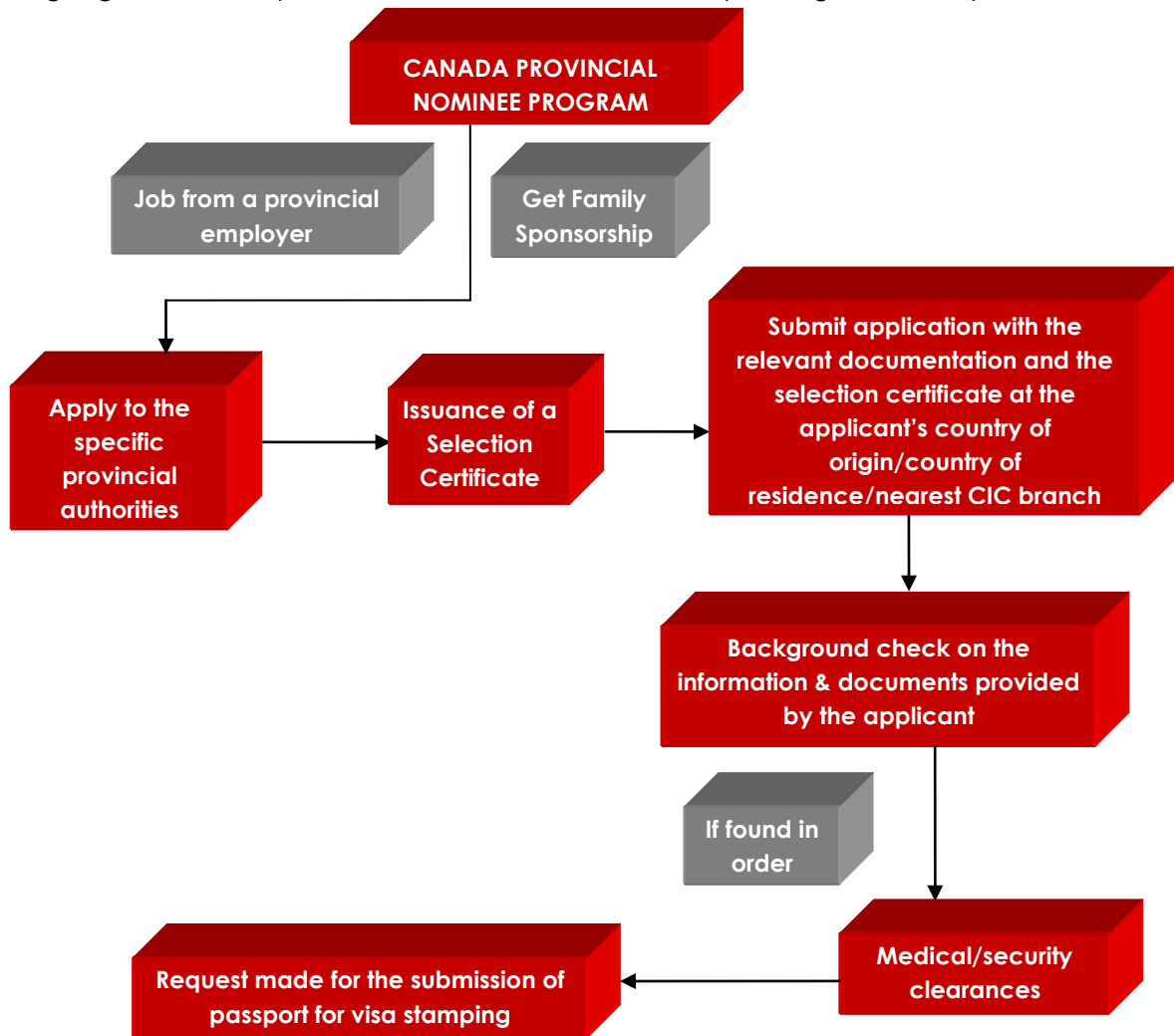


# Canada Provincial Nominee Program

The Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) is another option for Canadian migration. If an applicant has already decided where he would like to reside in Canada, he can apply under this program. The PNP is specific to each and every province in the country with the states having autonomy over its guidelines.

Under this program, immigrants with relevant work experience, skills and academic qualifications are nominated by the particular Provincial governments to contribute to its economy. These immigrants would be granted the status of Permanent Residents of that particular province. However, in majority of PNP's, the applicant may be required to have a job offer from a provincial employer to become eligible for nomination by the province.

**Note:** - The above programs do not cater to the province of Quebec as the selection criteria are totally different. For those intending to settle in the province of Quebec, a separate application has to be filed and a Quebec Selection Certificate has to be obtained from the Quebec government. Also, good French language skills are important since Quebec is a French speaking community.



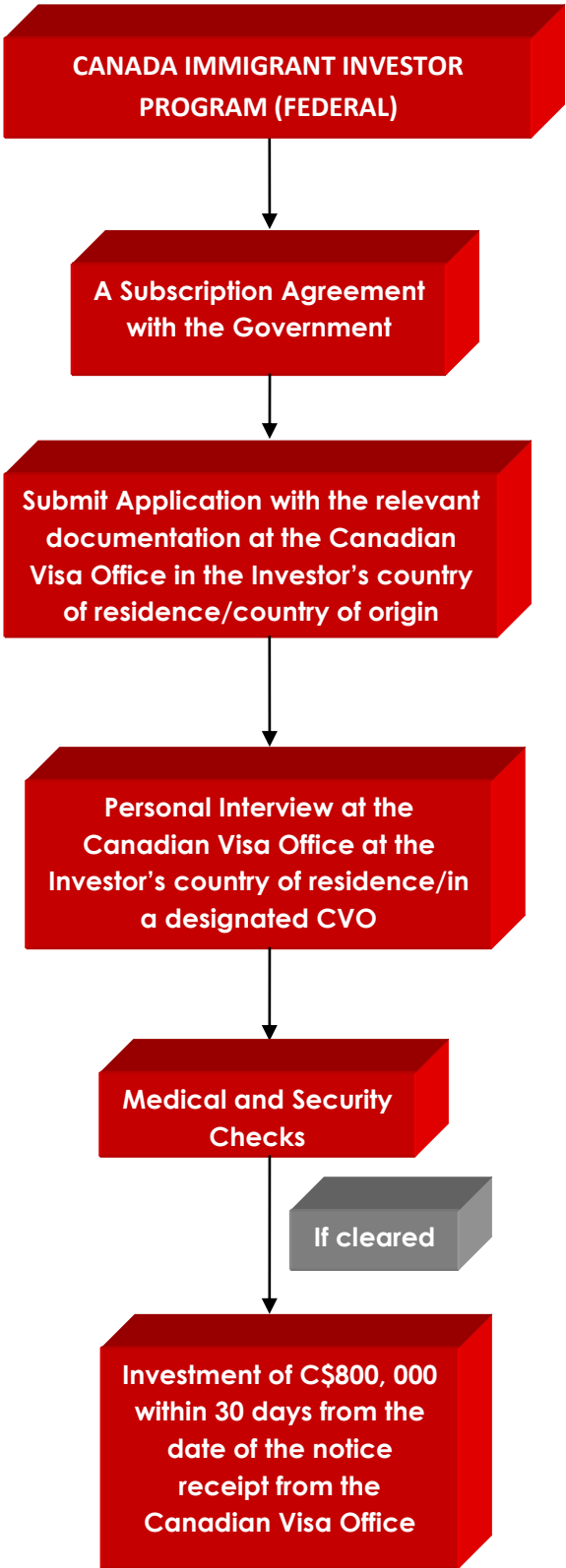
# BUSINESS MIGRATION PROGRAMS

Canada offers good immigration programs for entrepreneurs planning to invest and start a venture. In order to gain permit, the applicant must invest in the Canadian economy and comply with all the terms and conditions posed by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. There are four different programs under the Canadian investor category:

## Canada Immigrant Investor Program (Federal)

In order to apply, an applicant must have a proven entrepreneurial background for at least 2 out of the last 5 years. Additionally, the investor must have legally earned net assets worth of C\$1,600,000. With this, he is required to invest C\$800,000 for the program with the Canadian Government. The investment made would be returned to the investor by the Canadian government post five years of investment. Qualified applicants can opt to take a financing option and get a visa under the program against a onetime non – refundable investment of C\$200,000. Apart from the investment, there are no other formal requirements to qualify under this program. With this, the applicant is not obliged to participate in any form of active business or seek an employment. Thus, the immigrant has the advantage to even spend the rest of his life in retirement post immigration or live on passive investment.

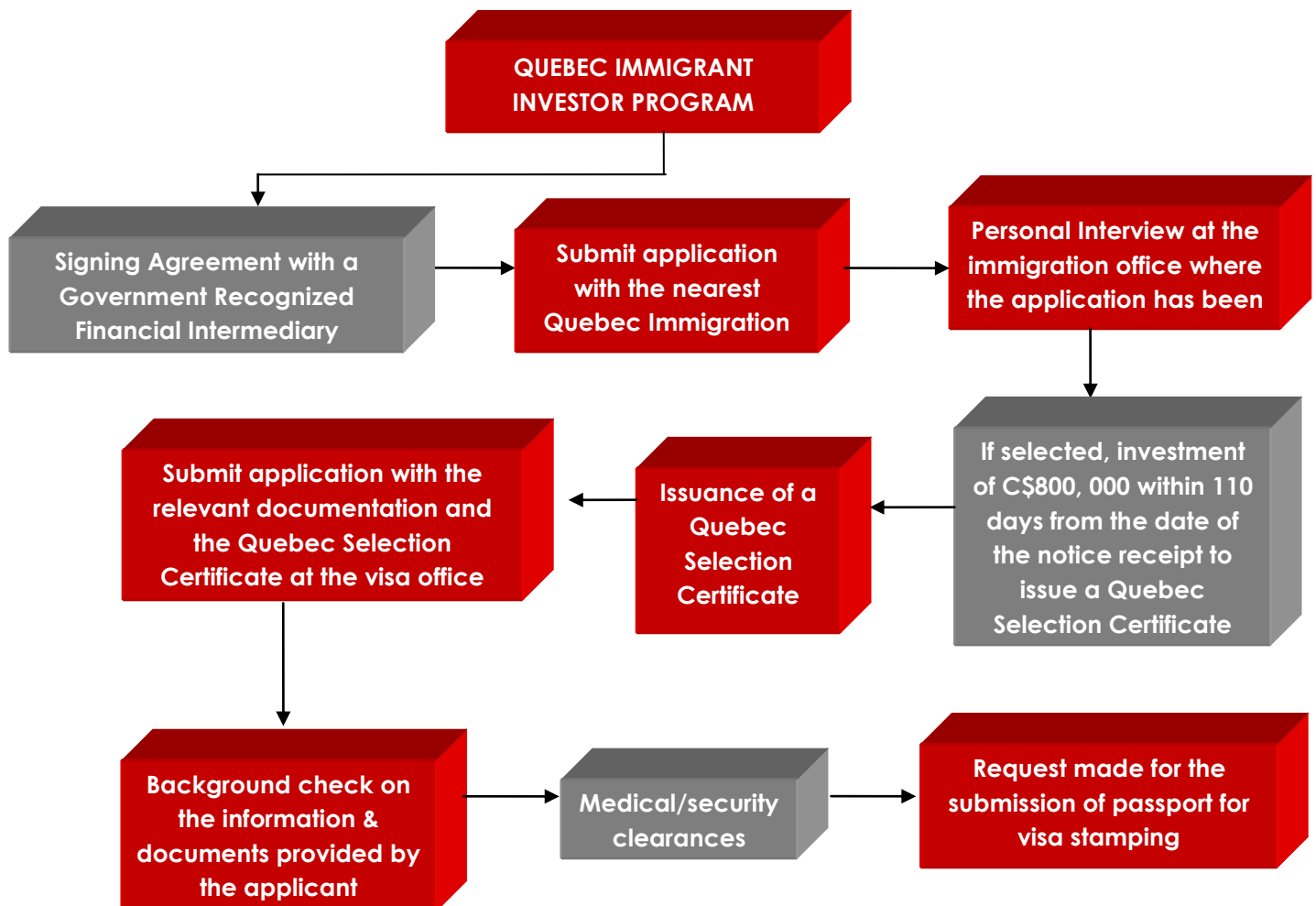
If the candidate qualifies, he would be granted an unconditional Permanent Residence. The key advantage of this program is that it has no age, education and language restriction. Post landing, this visa has no conditions attached for the principal applicant or his family.



# Quebec Immigrant Investor Program

The province of Quebec in Canada has its own set of policies as per the Canada – Quebec Accord. In order to apply, the applicant should have had at least 2 years of previous experience out of the last 5 years in managing in any form of business. The staff in his business should occupy at least 2 fulltime employment positions. The investor must have minimum net assets of C\$ 1600,000, acquired lawfully. He must invest an amount of C\$ 800,000 and sign an agreement with a financial intermediary which is government recognized. This investment is for the duration of 5 years. Post investment, the applicant must acquire a Quebec Selection Certificate without which his application would not be processed further.

The investor must have all the intentions of permanently settling down in Quebec. Although, French is widely spoken in Quebec, it is not mandatory for the applicant to have good French language skills. However, he must project his intentions to learn French. The other factors taken into consideration are the investor's age, academic qualifications and professional background and so on.



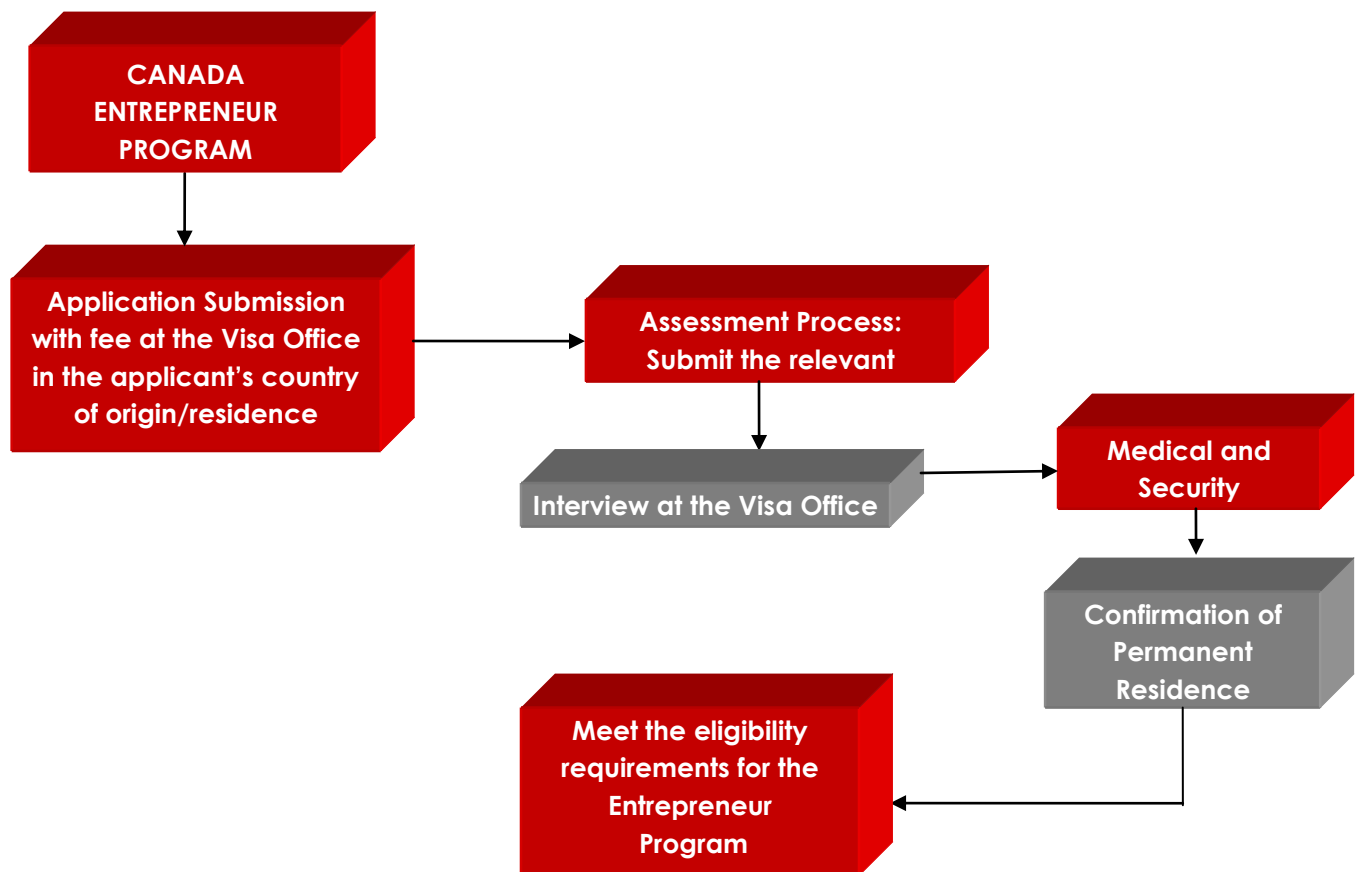
# The Entrepreneur Program

This program is meant for those entrepreneurs who intend to actively manage an enterprise, create jobs and contribute to the Canadian economy. In order to qualify for this program, an entrepreneur must have at least two years of the relevant business experience. He should have a personal net worth amount of C\$300,000 which has been obtained legally.

It is mandatory that the entrepreneur meets the specific requirements regarding the number of employees, net assets and profits, turnover and so on. These criteria make this visa program highly conditional. Also, post visa approval, the immigrant has to constantly meet the business qualifying requirements and he would be constantly inspected for the same.

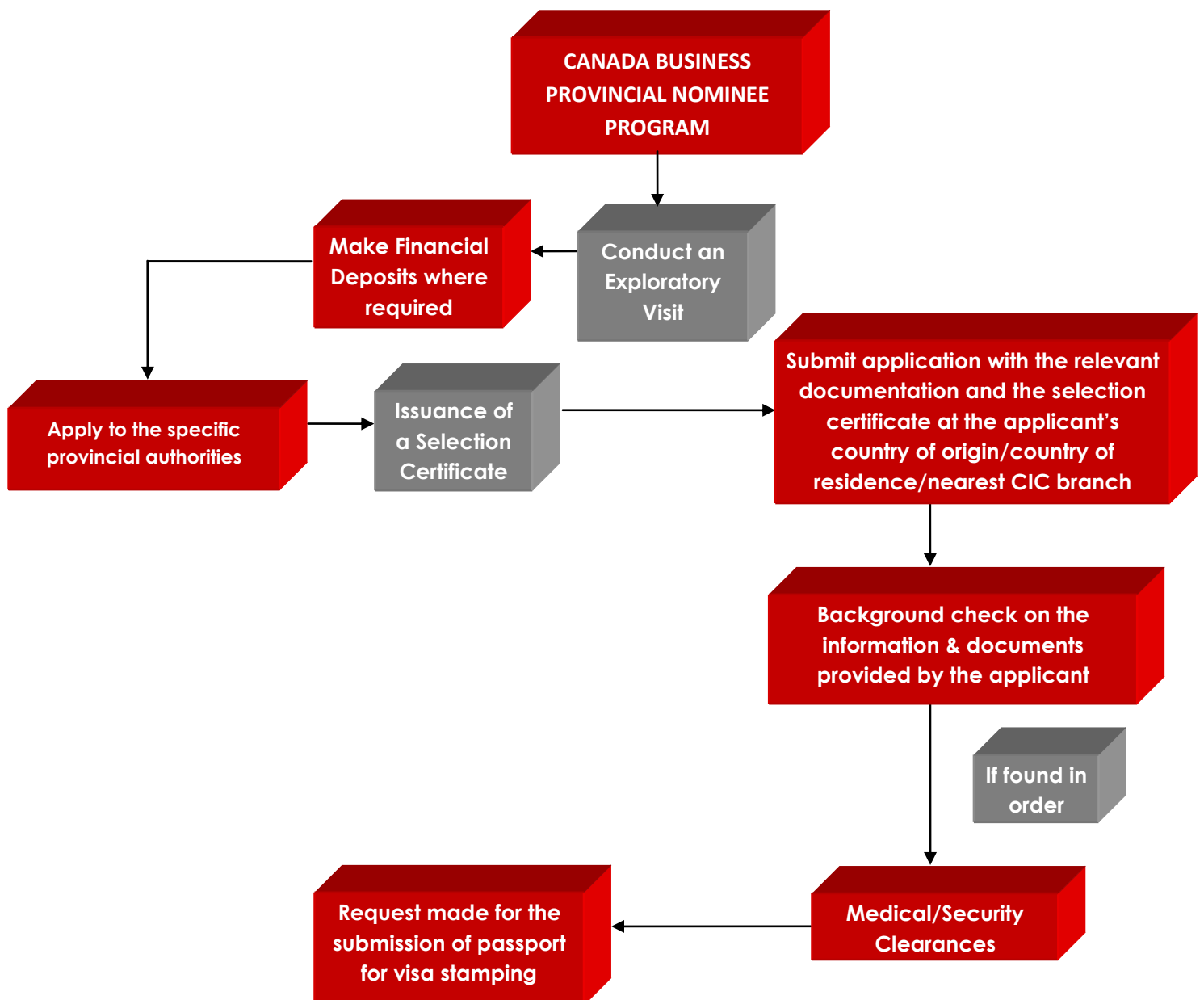
Basic English language skills are expected of the candidate for him to communicate with the local people. More importantly, the venture must meet the definition of the "Qualifying Business" as put forth by the Canadian government.

If the applicant is intending to invest in Quebec, knowing French language would be an added advantage.



# Canada Business Provincial Nominee Programs

The main purpose of this program is to ensure that there is a balanced growth and development in the Canadian economy. Based on the potential of the business, an applicant can select the appropriate province or territory to invest. Most of the Canadian provinces have their own Provincial Nominee programs including Manitoba, British Columbia, and Nova Scotia amongst others. The biggest advantage here is the priority in processing for the application sent under this program. This would ensure faster visa issuance than the usual processing time. However, major terms and conditions do apply for prospective and successful applicants under these programs.



# Self – Employed Persons Program

This category is for those who are not necessarily entrepreneurs in prior. Those capable individuals who have the skills and ability to be self – employed in Canada are considered for this visa. With this, the applicant needs to have the relevant experience that would contribute to the Canadian culture. Also, he should have the resources to purchase a business commodity or a farm in Canada. For this purpose, some sort of experience in farm management would be helpful.

Typical examples of the prospective applicants who may qualify are farmers, artists, athletes and many others.

If the applicant intends to apply for Quebec, he must be able to create his own job. He should have minimum net assets of C\$100,000 which have been legally earned. With this, the candidate should have had two years of experience being self – employed in the trade he wishes to pursue in Quebec.

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