

# Immigrate to Quebec



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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!***

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## Why ABHINAV for Quebec Immigration Programs?

ABHINAV is one of the very few Immigration advisory companies in the world that has extensive experience in filing and processing client applications under the Quebec Skilled Worker program. A highly demanding program with differential qualifying criteria and a complex set of factors, this program requires understanding which comes only against experience in managing applications under the program.

We provide real value addition to each and every immigration application. We analyze and prepare applications as per individual needs. Our client's files are accompanied by cover petitions that identify laws and reasons why our clients should be granted the visa. Where opted, we provide approved authorized services to our clients.

Our offices are company operated and managed. Our professionals are experienced with cumulative experience of over 100 years in Immigration and Visa industry. We have an excellent and an experienced network of international associates and service providers. Such enduring relationships ensure that we are updated and well-informed on the latest happenings and changes.

Almost 90 percent of the new business comes from existing clients referrals which speak of the respect and reputation that our company enjoys. While very rarely our client's applications are refused after filing, our consulting fee refund terms are client friendly and range from 50 percent to 100 percent in most cases.

Filing an immigration application requires understanding of immigration laws, procedures and most importantly, their interpretation and implementation by officers and consulate staff. With experience and knowledge gained out of managing thousands of applications since 1994, ABHINAV is best suited to be the immigration and visa advisor for those seeking options for migration.

Our fee is reasonable and affordable. We have e-packages for servicing our clients located all across the world. In this age of Internet and e-commerce, we are able to service people irrespective of where they are based using well tried and trusted e-documents and forms, guidance and checklist procedures.

Using our well located regional network of offices in Delhi, Bangalore, Pune, Mumbai and Hyderabad and associate offices in various immigration destinations, we are ideally placed to service your immigration mandate.

Accessibility to its top management starting with Ajay Sharma - Founder, Principal Consultant and Managing Director is the USP of the company. An Economist by profession and an immigration industry veteran since 1994, he is among the most trusted and well respected immigration specialist in the world. He can always be reached at [ajay@abhinav.com](mailto:ajay@abhinav.com).

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## Quebec Province

From the plush malls to the serene countryside – Quebec has it all! Quebec is the largest Canadian province by size and the second largest in population. What lures people here is the quality of life offered along with the constant boom in its economy which caters to stable growth and development of the province. This province is a major contributor to the overall growth and development of the nation.

When it comes to immigration, Canada is one of the most sought after destinations in the world. Quebec being the largest province in Canada offers loads of opportunities for foreign migrants who wish to live and work in the province. For professionals, the **Quebec Skilled Worker program** and for investors, the **Quebec Immigrant Investor program**, offers the best options for intending migrants. At the same time, it caters to a cost of living which is affordable based on the income in the province. All the major aspects and services such as housing, health care, education, child-care services as well as taxes are aimed to be within an affordable level. Also, it is the only province in entire Canada which has a French speaking population.

## Montreal

Montreal is the largest city in Quebec and the second largest in Canada. Considered as one of the better cities in the world; it is the main hub for industry, commerce, finance, technology and other world affairs. It is host to some of the leading industries in the world offering employment to millions of people – both residents and immigrants

The city offers a society which is multicultural as well as cosmopolitan; thus making it easier for any foreigner to come and settle down in this city. From variety in cuisines to different cultures, nothing could be missed out here.

Above all, the province caters to a society which is open, democratic and secular in all aspects. As a prospective destination for immigration, it is definitely one of those places which have to be considered seriously before actually moving to the next prospective destination.

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## Employment Opportunities in Quebec

For any applicant, the first concern is always the financial security. This is especially true when a person decides to immigrate. Quebec is the largest province in Canada which is thriving with professional opportunities and has one of the lowest unemployment rates in Canada.

When it comes to the economy of Quebec, it is highly diversified catering to numerous opportunities for its immigrants and residents. Here is a list of some of the most productive industries in the province. These include the following:

- Aerospace Industry
- Information Technology
- Finance
- Health Industry
- Biotechnology
- Tourism
- Transportation
- Agriculture
- Optics and Photonics
- Hydroelectricity
- Mining

The list does not end here. When it comes to these industries in Quebec, they are one of the best in the world or leaders in Canada itself. These industries employ millions of people which include many immigrants.

In order to live and work in Quebec, a foreign migrant has to apply for immigration under the Quebec Skilled Worker program. It has to be remembered that this program is different from that of the Skilled Migrant program offered by Federal Canada.

Contact us to get information on employers as well as a list of industries and economy sectors functioning in Quebec.

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## Quebec Skilled Migrant Program – Eligibility Criteria

The qualifying criteria for Quebec Skilled Worker program are completely different from that of Federal Canada program for skilled professionals. The criteria have been devised by the provincial authorities of Quebec as per the immigration requirements of the province and under the Canada-Quebec Accord on Immigration. When it comes to selecting its set of prospective applicants, Quebec especially looks into the aspect of adaptability for its future migrants. Based on this aspect, the eligibility requirements have been brought about which have to be satisfied by each applicant applying for Quebec Selection Certificate under the Skilled Workers Program. The eligibility criteria include the following:

- **Intention to Live and Work in Quebec:** All applicants applying for this program must intend to live and work in Quebec. They should also be able to demonstrate that they have the skills and ability to contribute to the provincial economy. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom permits all permanent residents and citizens to live and work in any of the 10 provinces and 3 territories in Canada.
- **Educational Qualifications:** All applicants have to be academically qualified who could cater to the economy of Quebec. A minimum of a diploma has to be possessed by the prospective immigrant. This diploma should be equivalent to either a Secondary School Diploma or a Diploma in Vocational Studies or a degree under the Education System of Quebec.
- **Training Factor:** Applicants can earn points if their earned qualifications fall under the designated and applicable list of foreign earned qualifications. Where qualifications are unrelated, one can claim credit if such an unrelated qualification is earned in the five year period preceding the filing of the application. It has to be noted that one may still qualify under the program though he may not be gaining any training factor credit.
- **Professional Experience:** Applicants can claim points for maximum of four years of experience.
- **French Language Skills:** Quebec Skilled Migrant program is the only one its kind where credits are given for oral and understanding aspects of French and English language. Applicants at the initial stages of learning or even with low skill levels in French can also apply. In the interim and while waiting for interview to be scheduled, the applicant can improve on his French language skills by attending French language classes and on-line learning courses.
- **Financial Security:** The applicant must have sufficient funds to support self and dependents during the initial days of landing in Quebec. The funds requirements for Quebec skilled program are very low.

Other factors include age, a validated employment offer, number and age of dependent children, qualifications of the spouse and so on.

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## Quebec Skilled Migrant Program - Application Process

An applicant has to apply separately for immigration to Quebec. The procedure for Quebec is independent than that of Federal Canada. The following steps are involved in the application procedure:

- **Application Filing:** The first step in this process is the filling and filing of the visa application at the Quebec Immigration Visa Post. Take note that all the incomplete applications are rejected. Mandatory documents have to be provided with the application for it to be processed further. Based on the credentials and documents provided by the applicant, it would be decided by the visa officer, whether or not the candidate qualifies for the next stage.

- **Personal Interview\*:** This is an important part of the selection procedure. This interview is conducted to assess the applicant as a potential migrant. The Visa Officer evaluates the level of adaptability along with the necessary skills that could prove him to be a successful migrant in Quebec. The oral skills in French would also be evaluated completely.

- **Venue for the Interview:** This interview is conducted at the place where the application has been filed. The Government of Quebec may send their delegation of visa officers to specific nations for these interviews to be conducted. In case of applicants from Asia, Hong Kong is the designated visa post. So, if an Asian applicant qualifies for an interview, he would have to fly to Hong Kong at his own expense. However, if the interview is scheduled to take place in the nation where the applicant is residing, it would usually be conducted at the Canadian Consulate of that particular nation. In the recent past, interviews for Quebec Skilled Migrant program have been conducted at nearest Canadian High Commission rather than at Hong Kong.

- **Quebec Selection Certificate (CSQ):** All the successful applicants and their accompanying family members (post interview or those exempted) would be issued a Quebec Selection Certificate (CSQ) or the *Certificat du Sélection du Québec*. Here, one has to be aware that this certificate is not the Permanent Visa.

- **Medical & Security Clearances:** The application along with the CSQ has to be filed at the federal level for the medical and security checks to be conducted. Further instructions would be given as to how to go about the process. For security checks, the applicant has to present documents which prove his identity and civil status. A police clearance certificate should also be accompanied with these documents. In case of medical clearances, a medical examination by a physician is required. This physician should be approved by Citizen and Immigration Canada.

The Permanent Resident Visa would be issued after the above is approved by the federal authorities. The visa stamping on travel documents and on the landing papers would be done by the federal authorities.

\* Those proficient in French and qualify under other selecting factors might be exempted from this personal interview.

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## Application Processing Fee

For the visa application to be accepted by the High Commission, an application fee has to be paid. An application would not be processed further without the payment of the appropriate amount in Canadian dollars. The applicant has to first pay to the Government of Quebec and then to Federal Government.

### Quebec Skilled Workers / Professionals Processing Fees

The below mentioned fee has to be submitted at the relevant visa post. However, this fee is subject to change without any prior notice.

#### **NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE – QUEBEC APPLICATION:**

Principal Applicant	CAD 750 (1 CAD = INR 52 app)
Spouse	CAD 156
Each Child	CAD 156

#### **NON REFUNDABLE FEDERAL STAGE APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE IN RUPEES (Payable only after and subject to issuance of the Quebec Selection Certificate)**

Self	INR 26,950/-
Spouse and each dependent child above 22 years	INR 26,950/-
Each Child below 22 years	INR 7,350/-

#### **REFUNDABLE RIGHT OF LANDING FEE (IF APPLICATION IS REFUSED)**

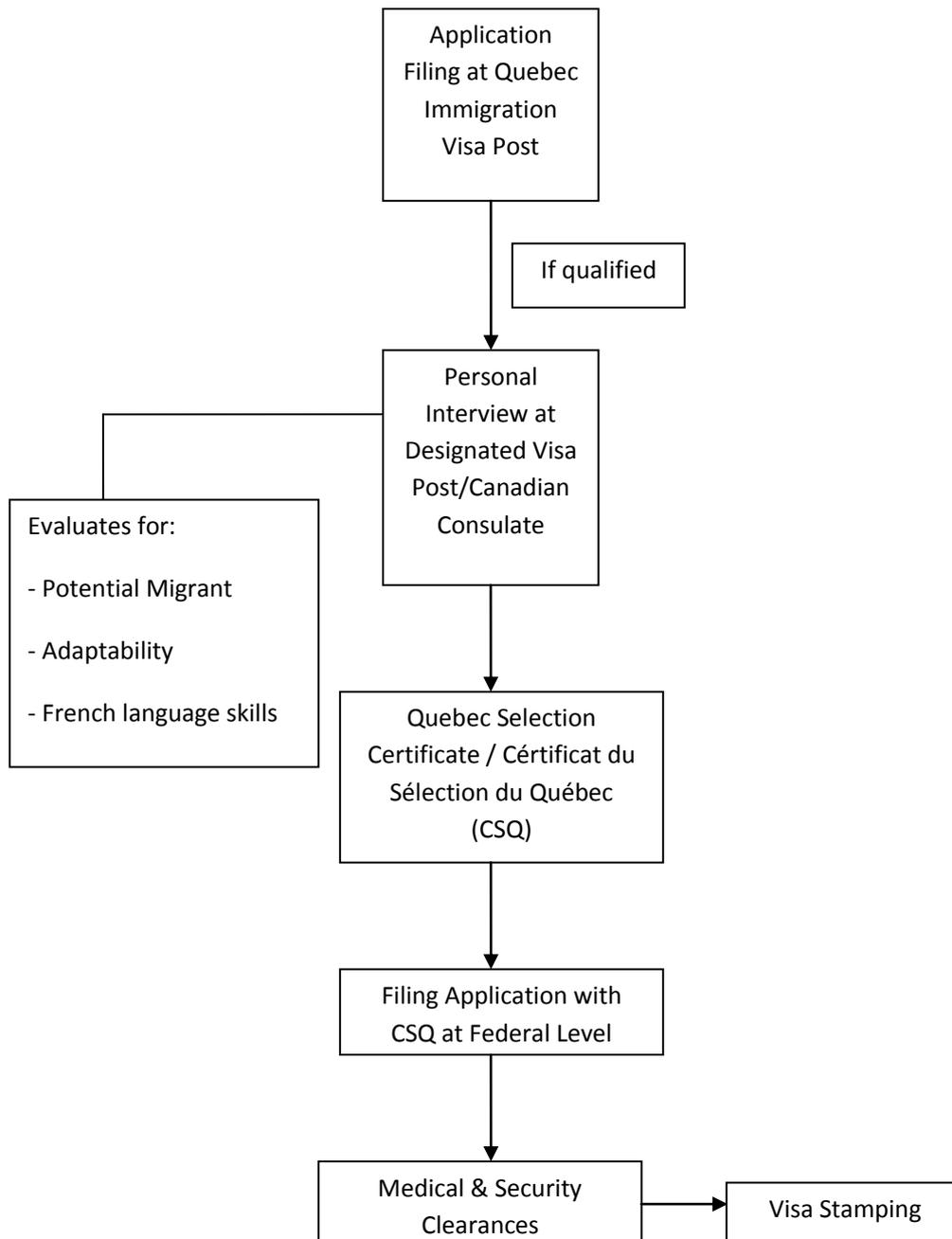
Self	INR 24,010/-
Spouse	INR 24,010/-

1. All fees are subject to change without notice due to frequent exchange rate change that keeps on changing and therefore please check the latest exchange rate while planning your budget.
2. ABHINAV consulting fee is valid for one week from the date of quotation.
3. With effect from Feb 2, 2011, a consultant must meet the definition of authorized representative as registered with Quebec provincial bodies. With effective date, ABHINAV fee includes services of an authorized representative Mr. Yvon Guérin for the client.

**Note:** 1 CAD = INR 52.00 approximately. The exchange rate is subject to change without prior notice.

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## QUEBEC SKILLED WORKER PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS



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## How Vital Proficiency in French Is For Quebec Immigration!

French is the most widely spoken language in the province of Quebec. Knowledge of French is critical when it comes to filing an application for immigration to Canada under Quebec Skilled Worker Program. This is altogether a different issue that myths and misconceptions surrounding this criterion exist in plenty, with the most common being the growing perception that those who do not know the French language are ineligible to apply. Of course, this is incorrect as knowledge of French language is just one of the many skills sought by the Quebec Immigration authorities.

Similar to application processes for other visa programs, application procedure for the Quebec Skilled Migrant Program also has a certain timeline to be completed. This specific time period is more than enough to learn French, and also get a certification in it. As French is one of the qualifying criteria, an applicant can rest assured that he would not only present a nice profile for self, but also easily prove that he is eligible under the said program.

Applicants can file application under the Quebec skilled worker program, and learn French language even while their applications are under process. They can support their applications with documentary evidence which would confirm that they are on their way to learn the language while waiting for next stage of the selection process, which is usually interview.

However, one should understand that he must learn French language and have basic to moderate French language proficiency by the time the selection interview gets scheduled. Those who are unwilling to learn the French language or those who lack the aptitude or the time to learn the same should not file an application under the Quebec Skilled Worker Program. As simple as that! No rocket science! Lack of knowledge of French language by the time interview is scheduled will mean clear refusal.

Also remember that French being the most widely spoken language in Quebec does not mean or imply that the local residents of Quebec do not speak English. The City of Montreal is just one of the many shining examples of the cosmopolitan cities in Quebec and Canada. The point based eligibility criteria is definitely an important part for an application to be processed further under the program, and it has a wide range of components.

This includes education; number of years of experience, occupation in which experience is earned, language factor, application spousal credentials, number of children, financial capability, visa officers' assessment on personal suitability, among many others.

Find more! Contact us! ABHINAV is your best guide for Quebec Skilled Worker Program. We are in this business since long!

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