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Canada's Interim Pathway for Caregivers

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) announced the temporary pathway on February 23, 2019, along with the upcoming launch of two improved five-year pilot programs that will allow spouses and dependent children to join caregivers living and working in Canada and give them "a direct pathway" to permanent residence after two years.

As such, the public is hereby advised that foreign caregivers who arrived in Canada after November 30, 2014, and did not qualify for Canadian permanent residence may now have another opportunity to do so through a new interim pathway that comes into effect March 4, 2019, and will remain open until **June 4, 2019**.

The three-month Interim Pathway for Caregivers is for individuals who have acquired work experience in Canada since November 30, 2014, as a home childcare provider, home support worker or a combination of both through Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

Qualifications

Work experience of applicants for the pathway must match the initial description and list of main duties for Canada's National Occupational Classification (NOC) Group 4411 or 4412.

The Interim Pathway for Caregivers will be open to those who intend to reside outside of Quebec and who have:

- authorization to work in Canada on a work permit other than a Live-in Caregiver Program (LCP) work permit (at the time of applying); or
- applied for a renewal of a work permit other than a Live-in Caregiver Program work permit; or
- applied and is eligible for restoration of status, and held a work permit other than a Live-in Caregiver Program work permit as their most recent work permit; and
- language skills of at least a CLB/NCLC 5 in English or French; and
- 12 months of full-time work experience in Canada since November 30, 2014, in a relevant occupation; and
- a minimum of a Canadian high school diploma or non-Canadian educational diploma, certificate or credential that's equal to a Canadian high school diploma.

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- Foreign credentials will require an Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) – issued within five years before the date of application by an approved organization – that indicates that the foreign diploma, certificate or credential is equivalent to a completed Canadian secondary school diploma.

Candidates whose educational credential was obtained outside Canada and who cannot obtain an ECA before the Interim Pathway for Caregivers closes on June 4, 2019, are still eligible if they provide proof that they have applied to get an ECA. Proof includes written confirmation from agency that they have submitted a request for an ECA and/or receipt of payment.


Quota

There is no limit on the number of applications that IRCC will accept through the Interim Pathway for Caregivers.

Non-Eligibility

Caregivers whose current or most recent work permit is through the Live-in Caregiver Program will not be eligible for consideration through the interim pathway.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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