

Skilled Worker Application Guide Changes

As of Dec. 4, 2017

- All references to the National Occupational Classification (NOC) are now to the 2016 version of the NOC (<http://noc.esdc.gc.ca/English/noc/welcome.aspx?ver=16>); not to the NOC 2011 version.

As of Oct. 24, 2017

- The age limit of a dependent child has increased from “under 19” to “under 22”. Those who are 22 years of age or older and who are unable to support themselves due to a physical or mental condition continue to be eligible as a dependent.

As of Aug. 18, 2017

- Editing changes for clarity and consistency.

As of May 11, 2017

- Work experience is defined as “12 months within the last 5 years (1,560 hours or more)”.
- Employers may pay wages within the provincial wage range.
- An employer’s business is no longer required to have the same management throughout the last two years of active operation.
- Evidence of recruitment by the employer is not required when an applicant has an open work permit or is currently working for the employer.
- Further editing changes for clarity and consistency.

As of Oct. 25, 2016

- The When Not to Apply section prohibits applications from individuals who have already received a nomination under the Nova Scotia Nominee Program dated within the last 12 months.

As of Aug. 30, 2016

- The When Not to Apply section has been updated and no longer excludes applicants who are:
 - a grandparent, parent, spouse or common-law partner of a Canadian citizen or permanent resident living in Canada
 - a helper and/or labourer in construction, agriculture or primary resources sectors.

As of June 22, 2016

- The guide has been updated with the Nova Scotia Office of Immigration’s new civic address:
1469 Brenton Street
3rd Floor
Halifax NS

As of Dec. 17, 2015

- The disclaimer has added sections on misrepresentation and withdrawal of applications.
- Changes made in When Not to Apply criteria.

As of Oct. 5, 2015

- The description of recruitment activities is now in the NSNP 200 Employer Form and has been expanded to explain the advertising criteria that applies if there is no current positive Labour Market Impact Assessment.

As of Sept. 9, 2015

- The education and training criteria have been revised to state: "You have completed a high-school diploma and have the appropriate training, skills, and/or accreditation required for the job."
- Further minor editing changes for clarity and consistency.

As of May 12, 2015

- Candidates are instructed to exclude real estate when listing liquid financial assets.
- When providing identity and civil status documents, candidates convicted of a criminal offence are no longer required to submit police certificates.
- Further minor editing changes for clarity and consistency.

As of Jan. 1, 2015

- The time limit for candidates to respond to a letter of intent to refuse their application has been changed from 14 calendar days to 10 business days.
- Candidates are no longer required to submit copies of Citizenship and Immigration Canada forms with their application, with two exceptions.
- Further minor editing changes for clarity and consistency.