

Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program

Entrepreneur Pathway Interim Process Map

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Business Investor Stream Interim Process

The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP) will open its online Expression of Interest system for all streams to the public once the technical changes are complete in the fall 2018.

The MPNP is launching an interim process to allow earlier applications to the Business Investor Stream (BIS). BIS has two pathways: the Entrepreneur Pathway and the Farm Investor Pathway. The following steps are for applying through the Business Entrepreneur Pathway. The Farm Investor Pathway is outlined separately.

Process Overview



Step 1 – Self-assessment

- Determine that you meet the minimum criteria of the Entrepreneur Pathway: business experience, official language proficiency, education, age, and net worth. The minimum criteria is available at www.immigratemanitoba.com/immigrate-to-manitoba/mpnp-for-business/
- You must meet minimum criteria of the MPNP to continue to the next step.
- If you do not meet the minimum criteria of the MPNP at this time, please try again later.
- Conduct an objective self-assessment exercise based on the Self-Assessment Form available at www.immigratemanitoba.com/immigrate-to-manitoba/mpnp-for-business/enp/.

Step 2 – Explore and Research your Business Concept

- The exploratory and research step of the process can start immediately.
- While internet-based research may be a useful way to start, an in-person exploratory visit is essential for you to do sufficient business research to support your plan and application.
- You are also encouraged to participate in business seminars offered by the Immigration Programs Branch of the Immigration and Economic Opportunities Division, located at 700-213 Notre Dame Avenue. Seminar times and dates are posted at www.immigratemanitoba.com/immigrate-to-manitoba/mpnp-for-business/research/.
- Based on your research and the outcome of your self-assessment, you may consider submitting a Business Concept to the MPNP.

NOTE: The BCU cannot endorse or reject your Business Concept, but can provide you with objective, critical and relevant information to help you develop your Business Concept.

Step 3 – Submit your Expression of Interest

- Once you have completed your research of the Manitoba market, you can submit the following:
 - Your Business Concept Form,
 - Your Self-Assessment Form, and
 - Code of Conduct for Immigration Representatives, if applicable.
- If you do not meet the minimum stream criteria requirements, the MPNP will inform you that your business concept will not be reviewed. Please note that the business concept is NOT an application to the MPNP.
- The MPNP will screen your Business Concept and determine if you can continue to the next step:
 - If YES, the MPNP will issue a Business Concept Code (BCC) with further instructions to continue to the next step.
 - If NO, the MPNP will inform you of the reason(s) why you will not advance to the next step. If you do not move on to the next step, please give yourself an opportunity to conduct more research and either refine your Business Concept further, or consider a different one. You must wait a minimum of two months from the date on the feedback email before you can submit a new Business Concept to the MPNP.

Step 4 – Submit your Full Application

- If you are selected to continue to the next step, the MPNP will send you an official Letter of Advice to Apply (LAA).
- The first part of completing your MPNP application requires you to choose one of two designated Third Party service providers (listed on the Immigrate Manitoba website), and submit to one of those agencies the financial documents specified by the MPNP in order to have your net worth and source of funds documentation verified.
- You have 120 days from the time you receive a LAA from the MPNP to submit a complete application package to the MPNP, including a non-refundable application processing fee of \$2,500 CAD (please check the Instructions and Document Checklist for payment options).
- Please make sure that you are submitting a complete application as described by the MPNP Document Checklist, including a copy of your Third Party verification report and your fully developed Business Plan. If the MPNP returns the incomplete application to you, you will have to start the process from Step 1.

Step 5 – Application Assessment

- The MPNP will conduct a thorough assessment of your complete application.
- The MPNP will invite you to an interview to discuss your Business Plan and other aspects of your application, as required.
- If the assessment identifies concerns with your application, the MPNP will send you a Procedural Fairness Letter (PFL), which you are required to respond to by the specified deadline. If your response does not resolve all the concerns indicated in the PFL your application will be refused by the MPNP.
- If your application meets all of the requirements of the MPNP, you will receive a notice with an approval in principal.
- As part of the approval process, you must sign a Business Performance Agreement (BPA), which will serve as a contractual agreement between you and the MPNP.
- After you sign the BPA, the MPNP will provide you with a Letter of Support to be included in your application for a Temporary Work Permit to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).
- You are required to report to the MPNP Office at 700-213 Notre Dame Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba within 30 days of your arrival in Canada with a Temporary Work Permit or the MPNP reserves the right to cancel your BPA.

Step 6 – Operate your Business and Meet your BPA Conditions

- After you have reported to the MPNP as required, MPNP immigration officers are available to answer any questions that you may have about your BPA and the MPNP nomination requirements.
- As specified within your BPA, you are required to provide regular progress reports to the MPNP.
- In addition, MPNP immigration officers may monitor your business establishment activities at any time to verify that the terms and conditions of the BPA, including specific timelines and reporting conditions, are being met.

Post-approval Business Establishment Support

- At any time after your arrival in Manitoba, you may schedule appointments with the Business Consulting Unit (BCU) of the Immigration and Economic Opportunities Division.
- Business Consulting Officers of the BCU:
 - Can assist you with information, feedback and guidance to help you establish your business successfully in Manitoba.
 - Can refer you to a range of other business and settlement supports depending on your specific needs.
 - Cannot assist you with the assessment or approval processes associated with the MPNP or your BPA.

Step 7 – Receive your Nomination by the MPNP

- When the MPNP has verified that you have successfully completed the terms and conditions of the BPA, the MPNP will issue you a Certificate of Nomination, which will also be shared with IRCC.
- The MPNP will also provide you with instructions to submit an application for a Permanent Resident Visa to IRCC.

Cancellation of the BPA and Refusal by the MPNP

- If any terms and conditions of the BPA are not fulfilled within the contracted timelines, the MPNP will cancel your BPA and refuse your application for nomination.