

# Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program

## Regional Immigration Pilot Program - Cornwall

The Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP) allows foreign workers, international students and others with the right skills, experience and education to apply for a nomination for permanent residence in Ontario.

The City of Cornwall is part of a two-year pilot project that is now open for intake (July 2020). If you qualify for any of the OINP Employer Job Offer streams and your full-time job offer is from an employer located within the eligible region for Cornwall, then you may qualify for the pilot.

The OINP recognizes and nominates people for permanent residence who have the skills and experience the Ontario economy needs, and the Government of Canada makes the final decision to approve applications for permanent residence.

### What you need to know

Although there are different opportunities to apply to OINP, the regional pilot has set aside nominations in the Employer Job Offer category, which has three streams:

- **Foreign Worker stream:** for workers in skilled positions
- **International Student stream:** for recent graduates in Ontario
- **In-Demand Skills stream:** for intermediate skilled workers in specific sectors, such as agriculture, construction, trucking and personal support workers

### Application process

There are three main steps to follow when applying for permanent residence through the Regional Immigration Pilot:

#### 1. Make sure you qualify

The pilot works within the existing Employer Job Offer streams of the OINP. There is not a separate set of criteria for the pilot. If you qualify for any of the OINP Employer Job Offer streams and your full-time job offer is from an employer located in the Cornwall community, then you and your employer may qualify for the pilot.

#### 2. How to participate

To apply for the pilot, applicants must register in the [OINP Expression of Interest system](#). When registering in the Expression of Interest system, applicants will be asked whether they intend to apply under the Regional Immigration Pilot. Applicants to the Regional Immigration Pilot must:

- have a full-time and permanent job offer from an employer located in one of the pilot communities
- meet the criteria for one of the streams under the OINP's Employer Job Offer category (criteria can be found on the OINP [webpage](#))

*If you are an employer, you can email [business.immigration@ontario.ca](mailto:business.immigration@ontario.ca) to find out more about the program.*

### More information

More information on OINP is available on the Ontario website:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-immigrant-nominee-program-oinp>

Employment opportunities in Cornwall can be found on [ChooseCornwall.ca](http://ChooseCornwall.ca)



## Register an expression of interest with OINP

The Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP) uses an expression of interest system to manage its applications.

**You can only apply to OINP if you are invited.** Registering an expression of interest is not the same as applying to the OINP or applying for permanent residency.

### How to register an expression of interest

1. create a profile in the [OINP e-Filing Portal](#)
2. read the applicant requirements for your stream and ensure that you are eligible
3. register an expression of interest for one or more streams

You can only register **one** expression of interest **per OINP stream** at any given time.

### Fees

There is no fee to register an expression of interest. If you are invited to apply to the program, you will be required to pay an application fee at that time. Application fees differ by stream.

### Updating your information

You can update your expression of interest in the OINP e-filing portal with new information at any time up until the time you receive an invitation to apply or your expression of interest is deleted.

### Validity period

Your expression of interest registration will remain valid for up to 12 months until you receive an invitation to apply or until you withdraw your registration. After 12 months, your expression of interest will automatically be deleted from the OINP system. If you are still interested in applying to the program, you must register a new expression of interest.

### After you register an expression of interest

Once you have registered an expression of interest, please do not contact the program.

If you are invited to apply, you will receive a notification in the [OINP e-Filing Portal](#). It is important to note that:

- a registration does not guarantee that you will be invited to apply to the OINP
- an invitation to apply does not guarantee you will receive a certificate of nomination

You must demonstrate that you meet all relevant OINP stream criteria at the time of your application, **including** that you had the qualifications that you claimed in your expression of interest registration.

If it is determined that any information provided in your expression of interest registration is not accurate, is incorrect, or misleading, your application may be denied.

Please consult the expression of interest system invitation to apply page for more information about expression of interest draw results.

## More Info

**Applicants** looking to ask a question or provide feedback on the regional immigration pilot:

- email the OINIP team any time at [ontarionominee@ontario.ca](mailto:ontarionominee@ontario.ca)
- Call 416-327-0374 Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Employers in** partnering communities can email [business.immigration@ontario.ca](mailto:business.immigration@ontario.ca) to find out more about the program.

## Local Immigration Support

The Newcomer Employment & Welcome Services (NEWS) agency provides services to help newcomers settle in Cornwall. They help create settlement plans to ensure successful integration into the community and Canada. Information is provided on various topics related to employment, immigration programs such as OINP, and living in Cornwall and Canada. Their team of settlement workers can identify immediate and essential needs and provide referrals to other agencies for assistance.

NEWS is located at 16 Second Street West and can be contacted by phone at (613) 935-5552 and online at <https://news-csna.ca>



## Jobs and More Info

Additional Information can be found on the following websites:



**Employment Opportunities** – The ChooseCornwall.ca job board provides links to available jobs in Cornwall along with business news and other resources.

<https://choosecornwall.ca/>



**Information for Newcomers** - The ImmigrationCornwall.ca website provides information to help newcomers get settled in the community.

<http://immigrationcornwall.ca/>