

Investor Immigrants (Federal)

*“A successful case is the result of thorough preparation.
If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.”*

Business is conducted differently in each country. Often, what is “normal” in one country would be completely strange or even illegal in Canada!

We help business people prepare their cases so that a Visa Officer can clearly understand what your business is, how it has been successful, and why it qualifies for Investor Immigration. We never blindly submit the documents that Canada Immigration requests on their “checklist”, because that might not be applicable or relevant. Instead, we think through the process, analyze your documents, advise of any additional evidence we need. Only after we have done that preparation will we submit your case.

Canada allows successful business owners and managers to immigrate by investing \$400,000 CDN for 5 years, interest free, into a Government guaranteed Immigration Fund. Unlike the ***Entrepreneur*** program, Investors and their family members are given unconditional immigrant visas, and are free to live anywhere in Canada.

HOW TO QUALIFY

To qualify as an Investor, applicants destined for any province in Canada other than the Province of Quebec must meet 3 conditions:

1. They must have ***“Business Experience”***;
2. They must have a legally obtained net worth of \$800,000 CDN; and
3. They must invest \$400,000 without interest for 5 years into the Federal Immigrant Investor program. Many banks will lend you monies to invest in the fund, so that you just need a down payment of about \$130,000 CDN.

Investor Immigrants must also earn at least 35 points on the ***Investor/Entrepreneur Point Assessment Grid***. Investor Immigrants destined for Quebec must apply to immigrate under the ***Quebec Investor Immigrant Program***.

Business Experience

There are 2 ways that you can qualify for “Business Experience” as an Investors: as a Manager of a business, or as an Owner/Manager. The criteria are as follows:

- (i) **Business Manager:** You must show that you have managed at least 5 full-time employees per year for at least two years out of the past 5 years. This is a significant advantage over the Entrepreneur definition of Business Experience, and is a fairly easy criteria for most businessmen to meet.
- (ii) **Owner/Manager:** You can also prove Business Experience if you have managed a business and owned shares in that business in 2 of the last 5 years, that meets 2 of the following criteria (depending upon the percentage of the business owned):

Percentage owned	100%	50%	25%	10%
Annual Sales	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000
Net Profit	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$500,000
Net Assets	\$125,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	\$1,250,000
Full time Employees	2	4	8	20