

National Immigration Centre



Canada needs global talent now more than ever. Due to its rapidly aging population, low birth rate, and dynamic economy, Canada's 21st-century prosperity depends on effectively recruiting human, social, and financial capital to its shores.

The National Immigration Centre (NIC) is a collaborative research initiative. It brings together senior leaders from government, employers, the business community, lawyers and consultants, regulatory bodies, service provider organizations, researchers, and other stakeholders with an interest in global talent to work together to enhance Canada's immigration system.

The Conference Board of Canada launched the National Immigration Centre in 2018. It has since grown into a respected voice and trusted convener, providing a space for constructive dialogue on the issues confronting Canada’s immigration system.

National Immigration Centre members have a vested interest in building a prosperous, healthy future for our immigration system. Members and invited guests meet behind closed doors twice a year across Canada. At these meetings, they review project findings, plan future research, learn from experts, and network with peers.

Key objectives

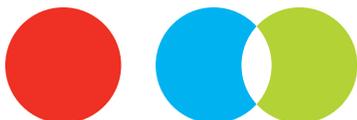
- produce evidence-based, independent, and non-partisan immigration research and analysis
- convene stakeholders to discuss immigration issues, challenges, opportunities, and solutions
- raise public awareness on the importance of immigration to Canada’s prosperity

Who should join the conversation?

The National Immigration Centre is a forum for governments, employers, the business community, lawyers and consultants, regulatory bodies, and other stakeholders. Members have an interest in global talent. They build trusted relationships. And through our applied research, they work together to make a prosperous and healthy future for Canada’s immigration system.

Exclusive benefits

- Be part of a research centre devoted to immigration—and keep your finger on the pulse of key developments and conversations.
- Pool your organization’s investment with the other members of the Centre to obtain a greater return.
- Direct a portion of your investment toward areas of NIC’s research that are priorities for you and your organization.
- Participate in two meetings a year and gain access to leading-edge information, as well as the knowledge, perspectives, and best practices of experts and your peers.
- Develop, guide, and review research by sitting on project advisory committees—and receive publications ahead of their official release.
- Stay engaged between meetings through webinars, bulletins, and social media.



Research highlights

The Conference Board of Canada has over 50 economists and researchers with a broad set of expertise and qualitative and quantitative research skills to tackle the demographic, economic, and labour-market dimensions of immigration. We do practical applied research – decision-makers rely on our ideas to make real improvements. Some of our most recent reports include:

Expanding Our Horizons: 2019 Post Immigration Summit Report

Immigration Beyond the GTA: Toward an Ontario Immigration Strategy

L'immigration au-delà de la région du Grand Toronto : Vers une stratégie ontarienne de l'immigration

Can't Go it Alone: Immigration Is Key to Canada's Growth Strategy

L'immigration est la clé de la stratégie de croissance du Canada: Seuls, nous n'y arriverons pas

Member organizations

Camosun International

Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants

The Canadian Bar Association Immigration Law Section

Canadian Society of Medical Laboratory Science

CARE Centre for Internationally Educated Nurses

Century Initiative

Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia

Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario

Council of Maritime Premiers

Ignite Fredericton

Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Newcomer Centre of Peel

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

Progress Career Planning Institute

Memorial University of Newfoundland

Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration

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