BC Provincial Nominee Program
BC PNP Tech Pilot: Supporting B.C.'s Technology Sector

The B.C. technology sector is a major driver of economic growth in the province, with tech employment at its highest level ever recorded. The demand for talent in B.C.'s tech sector is increasing faster than supply.

The priorities for the Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology include establishing B.C. as a preferred location for new and emerging technologies, increasing the growth of domestic B.C. tech companies, and removing barriers to attracting skilled workers.

In support of these ministry priorities, a pilot under the BC Provincial Nominee Program (BC PNP) works to ensure the technology sector can attract and retain the talent it needs to be sustained and to grow the sector further.
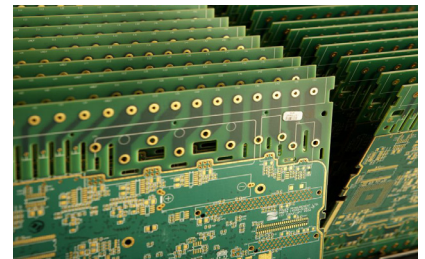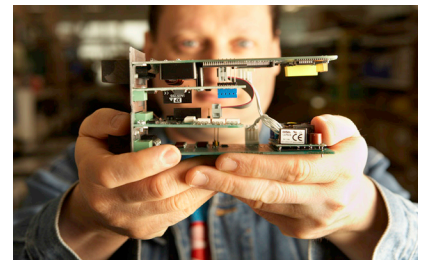
How does the BC PNP support employers?

The BC PNP supports employers to attract and retain needed talent by prioviding an expedited immigration pathway for:

Workers: Internationally trained workers who have the critical skills, experience and qualifications needed by B.C. employers

International students: International students who have completed their education in B.C. or Canada and have the critical skills required for B.C.'s technology sector

Applicants need a full-time, indeterminate (permanent, or with no set end date) job offer from an eligible B.C. employer.

The BC PNP offers different categories for individuals, depending on their job, work experience and education. For more information and to find the category that is the best fit, please visit our website.

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What does the BC PNP Tech Pilot look like?

BC PNP staff work with employers to address their talent needs by providing a fast-track, permanent immigration pathway for in-demand foreign workers and international students.

The BC PNP Tech Pilot features:

✓ **Dedicated concierge service:** Support for tech employers to understand the immigration process with timely and relevant information about the application process

✓ **Weekly invitations for tech registrants to apply:** Qualified individuals in the 32 key technology occupations are invited to apply on a weekly basis

✓ **Priority processing:** Dedicated tech processing team to meet the sector's fast-paced demands

✓ **Outreach and engagement:** Tailored presentations, networking opportunities, and one-on-one employer support

Additional benefits of the BC PNP:

Work permit support: The BC PNP can provide a support letter to nominees to facilitate an application for a work permit

LMIA not required: Applicants can apply without requiring a Labour Market Impact Assessment

BC PNP Tech Pilot Process

Registration → Weekly Invitations → Application → Priority Processing → IRCC Application → Permanent Residence

If you are an employer in B.C.'s technology sector and have more questions, please contact our BC PNP concierge: PNPTechEmployers@gov.bc.ca

Please note that staff cannot give immigration advice on individual applications.

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