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CANADA BUSINESS IMMIGRATION
C11 ENTREPRENEUR
WORK PERMIT

Your Gateway to Business Success in Canada

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Build, Buy or Expand a Business in Canada

A practical guide for business owners, investors, franchise buyers and self-employed entrepreneurs who want to actively operate a Canadian business and demonstrate significant benefit to Canada.

- **LMI-exempt route**
- **No fixed IELTS requirement**
- **No fixed minimum investment**
- **Family options may be available**
- **Business-first strategy**



ABOUT US

At Migrates.ca, we help ambitious entrepreneurs build wealth and secure their future through cash-flowing franchises and businesses. Whether you're looking to buy, sell, or invest, our team provides expert guidance in franchise & business brokerage, mergers & acquisitions (M&A), private equity, and business immigration.



Invest in Profitable Businesses



Get Trusted Brokerage Support



Simplify M&A & Private Equity Deals



Turn Opportunities into Successful Ventures

With Migrates.ca, your Canadian business journey becomes simple, transparent, and rewarding. Let us guide you every step of the way to grow your wealth and make Canada your business destination.



OUR EXPERTISE

Residency by Investment

The process of obtaining permanent residency status in a foreign country by investing there. Programs offering such benefits are widely available and come with numerous advantages over standard immigration processes. While applications for citizenship or long-term visas could take years, or sometimes even months or weeks for nationals from allied nations, this new process typically lasts about six months or less before the resident can secure full residency rights overseas and live full-time outside their native country.

Citizenship by Investment

The program offers families the option of acquiring a second citizenship, giving them the ability to freely travel and settle in other countries at an accelerated rate. Citizenship by investment program offers a legal route for individuals who want to obtain residency or nationality in other countries through investments.



OUR PERSONALISED SERVICES

- Eligibility evaluation Assistance on
- documentation including business plan and
- feasibility report Due diligence File preparation and submission to the concerned authority
- Counselling on the business environment in the country of immigration
- Assistance in setting up business.





It is one of the strong economies in the world with low taxes and low business costs. It is the safest country with a high standard of living and great infrastructure. Along with excellent public and private health care system, it also offers a comprehensive range of government programs to support business and technological development. It has close integration with US Economic markets and NAFTA.

WHY CANADA?

- G8 & NAFTA member
- Clean, protected environment
- Top healthcare & education
- Inclusive and safe society
- Government Constitutional Monarchy
- GDP - \$1.672 Trillion Currency
- Canadian Dollar (CAD)
- Exchange - 1 USD - 1.39 CAD
- Visa Free Travel - 158 Countries
- Passport Ranking - 4th in the world
- Total Population - 35.36 Million



A comprehensive evaluation and comparative analysis of the country and its investment programs.



SOCIAL ADVANTAGES

- Free education for children up to grade 12, University education is highly subsidized.
- Free medical for Families except for dental, physiotherapy, and Ophthalmology.

Benefits For All

**CHILD CARE ALLOWANCE.
UN-EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE.
OLD AGE PENSION.**





In addition:

- We will need to use a corporate structure as required by provincial regulations.
- The company would be required to provide a credible business plan.
- Your proposed business operations in Canada would need to be substantially capitalized to support the business plan.
- The amount to transfer to your company account in Canada will depend on the business model planned for your Canadian branch/Subsidiary.

Once you have completed all the required undertakings, we will prepare and apply for the temporary work permit and temporary residence visas for accompanying family members.

WHAT IS THE C11 ENTREPRENEUR WORK PERMIT?

C11 is an LMIA-exempt, employer-specific work permit category used by entrepreneurs and self-employed persons where the proposed work in Canada can create significant economic, social or cultural benefit.

Temporary work permit – not PR by itself

C11 allows the applicant to come to Canada to operate the proposed business. It can support a long-term immigration strategy, but approval does not automatically grant permanent residence.

For active business operators

This is not designed for passive investors. The applicant must show real ownership, control, management involvement and a credible plan to operate the business.

Built around benefit to Canada

The file must explain why the business matters: jobs, investment, innovation, exports, regional growth, specialized expertise, cultural value or community need.

Strong C11 applications are business-first. The work permit story must connect the applicant, the business model, the funds, the Canadian market, the timeline and the expected benefit to Canadians or permanent residents.





WHO IS C11 BEST SUITED FOR?

A strong candidate usually has credible business experience, available funds, a realistic Canadian business plan and a reason to personally manage the Canadian operation.

Foreign business owners

Owners expanding their existing company into Canada through a branch, subsidiary or new corporation.

Franchise buyers

Applicants purchasing and operating a franchise with a clear local market, staffing plan and financial projections.

Business acquisition clients

Entrepreneurs buying an existing Canadian business and keeping or growing employment.

Start-up founders

Founders launching an innovative or export-focused business with a practical execution plan.

Self-employed specialists

Professionals with unique expertise where their work can generate cultural, social or economic benefit.



HOW THE C11 PROCESS WORKS

The process is not just form-filling. The strategy, business evidence and significant-benefit argument must be built before submission.

1. Eligibility and business fit

Review business background, funds, proposed business, province, ownership structure and family goals.

2. Business model and Canadian structure

Confirm whether the plan is a start-up, franchise, acquisition, branch or subsidiary. Prepare incorporation/registration as needed

3. Business plan and projections

Create a detailed plan covering market, operations, staffing, capital, revenue assumptions and risk controls.

4. Significant-benefit package

Build evidence showing economic, social or cultural benefit: jobs, investment, exports, innovation, local need or community impact.

5. Employer Portal and work permit file

Prepare the offer/employer compliance steps when applicable, forms, supporting documents and submission package.

6. Decision and launch planning

Prepare for possible biometrics, medical, extra document requests, arrival planning and first 90-day business execution.





CORE ADVANTAGES TO HIGHLIGHT

No LMIA required

Filed under the International Mobility Program when the work is expected to support Canadian interests.

No fixed education rule

Education can support credibility, but there is no single mandatory education level for all C11 files.

No fixed IELTS requirement

Language test results are not usually the core C11 requirement, but English or French ability can strengthen business credibility.

Flexible investment level

There is no universal minimum investment. The funds must match the business model and be enough to execute the plan.

Family planning options

Spouse/partner and children may apply for appropriate temporary status if they meet current eligibility rules.

Business control

Applicant can directly manage the Canadian business instead of waiting for a traditional employer sponsorship model.



ELIGIBILITY AND BUSINESS STRENGTH CHECKLIST

The officer needs to see that the applicant, the company and the Canadian business plan are all credible and connected.

Applicant-side strength

- Proven ownership, senior management or self-employment history
- Clear role in Canada and active day-to-day management
- Ownership/control level strong enough to execute decisions
- Sufficient funds for business launch, operating costs and family support
- Clean and explainable source of funds
- Temporary intent and compliance history
- Business plan aligned with Canadian market realities

Business-side strength

- Business creates or preserves Canadian jobs
- Business fills a real local market need
- Business brings investment into Canada
- Business can generate exports or trade links
- Business introduces useful expertise, innovation or services
- Business has licensing, lease, suppliers or customer pipeline
- Financial projections are realistic and defensible



APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: _____ Email address: _____
 Security Number: _____
 Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No
 Have you ever been in a country other than your home country? Yes No
 Are you willing to submit to a pre-employment drug screening test? Yes No



WHAT COUNTS AS SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT?

The significant-benefit argument is the heart of the C11 file. It should be specific, documented and measurable.

Job creation

Number of expected Canadian/PR hires, roles, wage ranges and hiring timeline.

Economic activity

Capital injection, local spending, supplier contracts, tax contribution and revenue projections.

Regional benefit

Support for smaller communities, underserved markets or areas needing investment.

Innovation or expertise

New product, technology, process, specialized knowledge or industry connections.

Trade and exports

Canada-India or international trade links, imports/exports, new partnerships and market access.

Community or cultural value

Services, cultural programming, social benefit or solutions addressing a local need.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED – APPLICANT AND FAMILY

Exact documents vary by country, business model and family composition. The file should be complete, organized and consistent.

Identity and civil status

- Valid passport for applicant and family members
- Digital photo as per IRCC specifications
- Marriage certificate, birth certificates and name-change records if applicable
- Travel history and previous visa/refusal records

Background and qualifications

- Resume/CV with business history
- Education, professional licences and certifications if relevant
- Reference letters, business profiles and proof of management experience
- Police certificates and medical exam if required/requested

Financial capacity

- Personal bank statements and investment accounts
- Net worth summary and source-of-funds explanation
- Tax returns, property documents, business ownership records
- Evidence of funds available for Canada business and family settlement

Family status planning

- Spouse/partner documents
- Children documents and school planning if applicable
- Evidence of accommodation and settlement readiness
- Temporary resident documents for accompanying family members

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED – CANADIAN BUSINESS FILE

For C11, the business package must prove that the Canadian venture is real, viable and beneficial.

Business formation and ownership

- Canadian incorporation/registration records where applicable
- Shareholder agreement, ownership chart and control documents
- Franchise agreement, purchase agreement or LOI if buying a business
- Lease, location search, permits or licensing plan

Commercial evidence

- Supplier quotes, client interest, contracts or partnership letters
- Website, branding, product/service details and marketing plan
- Proof of investment made or funds ready to deploy
- Due diligence report for acquisition/franchise files

Business plan package

- Executive summary and market entry strategy
- Detailed business plan and operating roadmap
- Financial projections with assumptions
- Hiring plan and community/economic-benefit statement

Application evidence

- Employer Portal offer of employment number if required
- Compliance fee receipt if applicable
- Significant-benefit submission letter
- Organized index of all exhibits and supporting documents

PROCESSING TIME AND TIMELINE

Processing time depends on the country of application, file completeness, biometrics, medicals, background checks and officer review. IRCC processing times are updated frequently.

Phase 1

1-2 weeks

Eligibility
and
strategy

Phase 2

2-6 weeks

Business plan,
structure and
evidence

Phase 3

1-2 weeks

Application
package and
submission

Phase 4

Varies by country

IRCC
processing and
decision

Phase 5

First 90 days

Arrival and
business
launch

Practical guidance

- A realistic brochure can say “approximately 3-6+ months” only as a planning range, not a guarantee.
- Some files move faster when the business evidence is strong and complete.
- Delays often come from weak financial proof, unclear business control, missing documents or unclear significant benefit.



HOW MIGRATES.CA SUPPORTS THE C11 FILE

The attached brochure already highlights eligibility evaluation, business plan support, due diligence, file preparation, business environment counselling and business setup assistance. This C11 brochure separates those services into a clearer client journey.

Assessment

Candidate profile review, business feasibility, funds review and risk flags.

Strategy

Province/community fit, business model, investment structure and application roadmap.

Business plan

Market research, operations, staffing plan, financial projections and significant-benefit narrative.

Documentation

Applicant documents, business documents, LOI/support letters and application indexing.

Business setup

Incorporation guidance, business purchase/franchise coordination, banking/accounting referrals and launch planning.

Submission support

File review, application package preparation, response support for document requests and post-approval planning.

SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL FEE STRUCTURE

This mirrors the phased approach from the attached brochure while aligning each payment stage with clear work deliverables.

Phase 1 – CAD 10,000

At service commencement

Eligibility assessment, business feasibility, market entry strategy and file roadmap.

Phase 2 – CAD 10,000

Approx. 30 days

Detailed business report, financial projections, due diligence and Canadian business setup coordination.

Phase 3 – CAD 5,000

Approx. 120 days

End-to-end CII application support, business plan, LOI and complete documentation.

Phase 4 – CAD 5,000

Success- based

Payable only upon application approval, subject to service agreement terms.

**Total
professional
fees: CAD
30,000**

COMMON REFUSAL RISKS TO AVOID

A CII file should be realistic, evidence-driven and internally consistent. Weak files usually fail because the business benefit or the applicant's role is not clear enough.

- Business plan looks generic and not connected to the applicant's actual experience.
- Investment amount does not match the projected business operations.
- No proof of active management, ownership or decision-making control.
- Significant benefit is stated broadly but not proven with numbers or documents.
- Source of funds is unclear, inconsistent or unsupported.
- Applicant cannot explain why the business needs them in Canada now.
- Family settlement plan and temporary intent are not addressed properly.
- Franchise/acquisition due diligence is incomplete.



START WITH A BUSINESS-FIRST CII ASSESSMENT

The right CII strategy begins before the application. We first confirm the business model, capital requirement, significant benefit, family plan and documentation risks. Then we build the application around a credible Canadian business story.

What we need for the first review

- Applicant resume/CV
- Current business ownership or employment details
- Approximate available investment funds
- Preferred province/city in Canada
- Business idea, franchise option or acquisition target
- Family composition and intended timeline

Important: This brochure is general information, not legal advice. Eligibility, documents, family options and processing times should be reviewed under current IRCC rules before filing.





SOURCE NOTES AND COMPLIANCE DISCLAIMER

This brochure separates C11 from rural entrepreneur streams and avoids presenting C11 as guaranteed permanent residence.

Program basis

C11 is commonly used for entrepreneurs under Canada's International Mobility Program. IMP work permits can be LMIA-exempt when they support Canada's economic, social or cultural priorities.

Offer and employer compliance

For many LMIA-exempt employer-specific work permits, an offer of employment is submitted through the Employer Portal and generates an offer number for the work permit application.

Processing times

IRCC states that processing times vary by application type and are updated frequently. Brochure timelines should be treated as planning guidance, not guarantees.

Permanent residence

C11 is a temporary work permit. Permanent residence may be pursued later through eligible federal or provincial pathways, but no PR outcome is automatic.

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