Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada
Information disclosed under the Access to Information Act
L'information divulguée en vertu de la loi sur l'accès à l'information

Archived: June 3, 2025 10:29:12 AM
From: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Sent: Thu, 24 Apr 2025 14:03:29
To
Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: BOWP eligibility requirement clarification for non-EE PNP application - REP-A-2025-0752 - Due 18-Apr-25
Importance: Normal
Sensitivity: None

Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**

Please note that this mailbox is intended for general guidance and does not provide responses to case-specific inquiries but have provided the following information as guidance. If you have case specific questions about a file, you are encouraged to submit the IRCC Web form.

Please see our response to your question.

***

The client needs to submit "a copy of the acknowledgement of receipt letter they received when they submitted their Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) permanent residence application" while applying for their BOWP as proof that they have submitted an Application for Permanent Residents (APR).

However, according to the BOWP PDI (A75), there must have been a positive eligibility assessment on the APR, for the foreign national to be eligible for a BOWP. Only then, can the officer process the BOWP.

We hope this information proves helpful.

***

[redacted]

The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From
Sent: [redacted] 27, 2025 12:34 PM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-[redacted]
Subject: BOWP eligibility requirement clarification for non-EE PNP application

> **\intbl\cbpat6CAUTION:** This email originated from outside the Government of Canada. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.
> **ATTENTION:** Ce courriel provient de l'extérieur du gouvernement du Canada. Ne cliquez pas sur les liens et n'ouvrez pas les pièces jointes sauf si vous reconnaissez l'expéditeur et sachez que le contenu est sûr.

Hello,

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada | Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada
Information disclosed under the Access to Information Act
L'information divulguée en vertu de la loi sur l'accès à l'information

I have a question re. BOWP eligibility for a non-EE PR applicant. The IRCC websites have different requirements.

A75 requires the "receipt of a positive eligibility assessment on their non-Express Entry APR", while a different instruction only requires "a copy of the acknowledgement of receipt letter you received when you submitted your Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) permanent residence application." I understand that a positive eligibility assessment is not the same as receiving an acknowledgement letter. The former happens much later after R10 (the latter).

I really appreciate your clarification on this.

Here are the two links

1. Under the A75 Bridging open work permits for certain economic class permanent residence applicants [R205(a) - A75] – International Mobility Program - Canada.ca

General eligibility

To be eligible for a bridging open work permit (BOWP), foreign nationals must

……

have completed **one** of the following APR stages depending on their class:

· receipt of a positive eligibility assessment on their non-Express Entry APR submitted by mail or online under one of the following classes or pilots:

…..

· PNP (where the applicant does not qualify for Express Entry)

2. **Bridging open work permit for permanent residence applicants - Canada.ca**

Bridging open work permit for permanent residence applicants

If you applied for the Provincial Nominee Program (not through Express Entry)

Who can apply

To be eligible for a BOWP, you must

- live in Canada (and intend to live outside Quebec) at the time you apply for your BOWP
  - You can leave Canada while we process your application.
  - However, if you leave Canada after your work permit expires, you can't work until your new application is approved.
- either
  - have a valid work permit, **or**
  - have an expired work permit but maintained your status as a worker, **or**
  - be eligible to restore your status and get a work permit
- be the principal applicant on your permanent residence application
- have no employment restrictions as a condition of your nomination

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada / Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada
Information disclosed under the Access to Information Act
L'information divulguée en vertu de la loi sur l'accès à l'information

Supporting documents

When you submit your BOWP application, include

- the supporting documents listed in the document checklist
- a copy of your nomination letter
- a copy of the acknowledgement of receipt letter you received when you submitted your Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) permanent residence application

Warm Regards,