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Good day,

[redacted] **Immigration Representatives Mailbox.**

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Please see our response to your question.

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Asylum claimants are not eligible for the Canadian Experience Class (CEC) and their work experience in Canada will count towards the Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) points because asylum claimants **do not have temporary resident status in Canada**. In order to gain Canadian work experience, the applicant must have had temporary resident status during the period of work [R87.1(3)(c)].

Additionally, asylum claimants in Canada will likely be inadmissible by virtue of the fact that they want to remain in Canada permanently, but do not have a permanent resident visa [A41(a) and A20(1)(a)] and are issued a removal order. Therefore, any permanent residence applications from asylum claimants will inevitably require an assessment of their current inadmissibility.

We trust that this information will assist you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From: [redacted]
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Good afternoon,

My name is [redacted], and I am a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC) with College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultant (CICC) ID

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I am writing to inquire about the eligibility of asylum claimants to apply for permanent residence through the Express Entry system, specifically under the Canadian Experience Class or Federal Skilled Worker Program stream.

Could you please confirm whether individuals who have submitted an asylum claim inside Canada and are awaiting a hearing at the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB) are eligible to apply for permanent residence through Express Entry?

Additionally, if they are eligible, does the work experience acquired as an asylum claimant with an asylum claimant open work permit count towards Canadian work experience for Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) points?

[redacted] and assistance in clarifying this matter.

Best regards,