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Cc: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC)
Subject: FW: Clarification on Self-Employed Experience for [redacted] Express Entry - REP-A-2025-0690 - Due 11-Apr-25
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Good day,
[redacted] **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.
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An applicant may be eligible for a Category Based Selection – Trade occupations round with self-employed work experience, if they meet the minimum criteria for Express Entry, including being eligible for 1 of the 3 immigration programs it covers, and meet all of the requirements in the instructions for that round.

Please be advised that the assessment of an application is conducted on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the specific circumstances and the supporting documentation available to the officer. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate that they meet the requirements.
We trust that this information will be of assistance to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

From:
Sent: [redacted] 1, 2025 7:57 AM
To: Immigration Representatives / Représentants immigration (IRCC) <IRCC.ImmigrationRepresentatives-Representantsimmigration.IRCC[redacted]gc.ca>
Subject: Clarification on Self-Employed Experience for Category-Based Express Entry

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Hello Dear,

I hope you are doing well. I would like clarification on eligibility for category-based Express Entry draws.

If an individual qualifies under the **Canadian Experience Class (CEC)** with regular NOC experience (TEER 0, 1, 2, or 3) but also has 6 months full-time **self-employed experience within Canada** in a category-based trade occupation (e.g., painter - NOC 73112) in last 3 years, would they be considered under the **trades category-based draw**?

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I appreciate your guidance on this matter.

Best Regards,