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Good day,
[redacted] **Representatives Mailbox.**
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Please see our response to your question.
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The choice of primary occupation (NOC) in the Express Entry profile has no effect on eligibility for category-based selection draws. It is sufficient to declare eligible work experience under the work history in order to meet the requirements of a category, regardless of the primary NOC.
We trust that this information will be of assistance to you.

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The Immigration Representatives Mailbox

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I am reaching out to seek guidance regarding the category-based selection draws introduced for Express Entry candidates, particularly for FSW and CEC candidates in targeted categories such as healthcare, STEM, and trades.

Could you please confirm whether, for FSW and CEC candidates, their primary NOC in their Express Entry profile must be one of the targeted NOC codes to be eligible for category-based selection draws? Or is it sufficient for the candidate to have at least six months of continuous full-time work experience (or equivalent part-time experience) in an eligible NOC listed in the work history section of their express entry profile, even if their primary NOC is different?

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I appreciate your time and guidance on this matter and look forward to your response.

Best regards,

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