



Work Permit Options for Business Owners

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Business Work Permits

**CUSMA Investor:
USA, Mexico**

**CETA Investor: EU
Countries**

**CUKTCA Investor:
UK Post Brexit**

**CPTPP Investor:
Australia, Japan,
Singapore,
Vietnam**

**Other FTA
Investors: Korea,
Colombia, Chile,
Peru**

**Intra Company
Transferees:
Existing, Purchase
or Startup**

**Significant Benefit
C10 & C11**

Assessing the Business Immigrant

- Nationality
- Net Worth
- Business or Management Experience
- Amount willing to invest
- Where do they want to live
- Express Entry factors
 - English or French
 - Age
 - Education
 - Experience (Foreign and Canadian)
- Spousal factors
- Dependent Children and Ages



Reality Check:

Less than 6%
of successful
Express Entry
Candidates
were over 40

	2017	2018	2019	2020	Jan-Aug 2021
0 to 18 years old	0	0	--	0	0
19 to 29 years old	35,375	36,060	38,210	50,515	52,435
30 to 39 years old	29,425	32,730	30,380	26,830	21,335
40 to 64 years old	2,930	2,935	3,010	3,790	4,770
65 years old or more	20	10	10	15	15
Total - All Ages	67,750	71,740	71,615	81,145	78,555
40 or Older:	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%

Source: IRCC - Express Entry Candidates by
Province/Territory of Intended Destination, Invitation
Category and Age Group, 2015 - August 2021

Owning and Managing a business in Canada may increase your Express Entry CRS Points

(Subject to conditions)

FEDERAL SKILLED WORKER POINTS

Arranged Employment Points:

*15 Points on the Federal Skilled Worker Chart

EXPRESS ENTRY CRS POINTS

Canadian Experience:

* 35 to 80 points (if not Self Employed)

Arranged Employment

*50 or 200 points

Skills Transferability

*25 or 50 points

The Canadian Business Experience Strategy



Invest

- Purchase a controlling interest in a Canadian Business
- OR**
- Establish a new Business
- Apply for a Business Work Permit



Operate

- Operate the Business
- Spousal or Common law partner Open Work Permit
- Student status for minor children



Express Entry

- Arranged Employment Points after 1 year
- 50 or 200 Points

Canada USA
Mexico FTA
“CUSMA”

Investor Work
Permits

- US or Mexican Citizenship
- Canadian Enterprise has US or Mexican Nationality
- May be able to obtain Work Permits for Key Employee
- No Minimum Investment
- Can purchase existing business or startup new one
- “Proportionality” provision
- Must generate economic benefit

Comprehensive
Economic and Trade
Agreement (CETA)
Investor Work
Permits

Canada UK Trade
Continuity
Agreement (CUKTCA)
Investor Work
Permits

- European Union citizens and UK citizens
- Canadian Enterprise controlled by the EU citizens or UK Citizens
- CUKTCA is the Post Brexit Trade Continuation Agreement
- No minimum investment
- Must generate economic benefit
- Use CUSMA guidelines

Comprehensive
and Progressive
Agreement for
Trans Pacific
Partnership
(CPTPP)
Investor Work
Permits

- 10 Member countries plus Canada
- Only 4 have Investor Work Permit provisions
- Australia, Japan, Vietnam and Mexico citizens
- Permanent Residents of Australia can qualify
- Must generate economic benefit
- Use CUSMA Guidelines

Other FTA Work Permits: Korea, Latin America

- Korea, Chile, Colombia, Panama, Peru,
- No minimum investment
- Must generate economic benefit
- Use CUSMA Guidelines

Business Immigration takes a Team

Find a Business

- Research available business
- Assess the Business

Negotiate the Purchase

- Price , Terms, Security
- Conditional Offer to Purchase

The Business Plan

- Where is the Business now?
- Where will the Business go?

Corporate Legal work

- Incorporation
- Purchase Agreement
- Closing the deal

Immigration Legal work

- Work Permits
- Spousal and Children's permits
- Permanent Residence

Other Work Permit Options for Business Owners

SIGNIFICANT
BENEFIT TO CANADA
[R205(a) – C10]

ENTREPRENEURS/
SELF EMPLOYED
APPLICANTS
[R205(a) – C11]

INTRA-COMPANY
TRANSFEREES
[R205(a) –
exemption code C12]

Find out how
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