

**Federal – Business Investment**

**Entrepreneur Start-up Visa Program:** Start-Up Visa Entrepreneurs must secure funding and support from a designated Canadian investment organization. To do so, they must have a plan for a unique business that will be created in Canada.

**Immigrant Investor Venture Capital Pilot Program:** To qualify, investors are required to have a net worth of \$10 million and make a non-guaranteed investment of \$2 million over 15 years, to be invested in innovative Canadian-based start-ups with high growth potential.

**Self-Employed Persons Program:** To qualify as a self-employed person, an individual must be willing and able to support him/herself and any dependents with self-employed income as a farmer, athlete, or artisan.

**Provincial Nominee Program – Business Investment**

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<b>Manitoba</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum personal net worth: \$350,000.</li> <li>• Minimum investment required: \$150,000 and ownership of at least 1/3 of an eligible business.</li> <li>• Previous business ownership or a minimum of 3 years of senior management experience.</li> <li>• Business plan required.</li> <li>• \$100,000 refundable government deposit required.</li> <li>• Participation in day-to-day management of business required.</li> <li>• Exploratory visit not required, but recommended.</li> <li>• Additional selection criteria.</li> </ul>

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<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum personal net worth: \$500,000.</li> <li>• Minimum investment required: \$300,000 in Saskatoon or Regina OR \$200,000 in any other community AND ownership of at least 1/3 of an eligible business</li> <li>• Minimum of three years of business management experience required.</li> <li>• Business plan required.</li> <li>• No government deposit required.</li> <li>• Performance agreement required: Participate in day-to-day management of business &amp; create new jobs for Canadians or permanent residents.</li> <li>• Exploratory visit required for purposes of purchasing or part-purchasing a business.</li> <li>• Additional selection criteria.</li> </ul>
<b>British Columbia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum personal net worth: \$600,000.</li> <li>• Minimum investment required: \$200,000</li> <li>• Business management experience required.</li> <li>• Business plan required.</li> <li>• No government deposit required</li> <li>• Performance agreement required in order to obtain a work permit: If the requirements are met within 20 months, the BC PNP will nominate the individual for permanent residence.</li> <li>• Exploratory visit not required, but strongly recommended.</li> <li>• Additional selection criteria.</li> </ul>
<b>New Brunswick</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum personal net worth: \$300,000.</li> <li>• Minimum investment required: \$125,000.</li> <li>• Previous business ownership or senior management experience required.</li> <li>• Business plan required.</li> <li>• \$75,000 refundable government deposit required.</li> <li>• Participation in day-to-day management of business required.</li> <li>• Exploratory visit required for a minimum of five days.</li> <li>• Basic proficiency in one of Canada's official languages required.</li> </ul>

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<b>Quebec</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum personal net worth: \$300,000.</li> <li>• Minimum investment required: \$100,000, representing at least 25% of capital equity.</li> <li>• Minimum of two years of business management experience in the last five years.</li> <li>• Business plan required.</li> <li>• No government deposit required.</li> <li>• Participation in day-to-day management of business required.</li> <li>• Exploratory visit not required, but strongly recommended.</li> <li>• Additional selection criteria.</li> </ul>
<b>Prince Edward Island – 100% Ownership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum personal net worth: \$600,000.</li> <li>• Minimum investment required: \$150,000.</li> <li>• Business management experience required.</li> <li>• Business plan required.</li> <li>• Government deposit of \$200,000 required.</li> <li>• Participation in day-to-day management of business required.</li> <li>• Exploratory visit required.</li> <li>• Additional selection criteria.</li> </ul>
<b>Prince Edward Island – Partial Ownership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum personal net worth: \$600,000.</li> <li>• Minimum investment required: \$150,000 and ownership of at least 1/3 of a business OR make an investment of \$1,000,000</li> <li>• Business management experience required.</li> <li>• Business plan required.</li> <li>• Government deposit of \$200,000 required.</li> <li>• Participation in day-to-day management of business required.</li> <li>• Exploratory visit required.</li> <li>• Additional selection criteria.</li> </ul>

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<b>Ontario</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum investment required: \$3,000,000 and ownership of at least 1/3 of a business OR make an investment of \$1,000,000</li> <li>• Previous business management experience required.</li> <li>• Business plan required.</li> <li>• No government deposit required.</li> <li>• Participation in day-to-day management of business required.</li> <li>• Create at least five new jobs for Canadians or permanent residents.</li> <li>• Exploratory visit not required.</li> <li>• Additional selection criteria.</li> </ul>
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum personal net worth: \$500,000 (if buying a business in the city of Yellowknife).</li> <li>• Minimum investment required: \$300,000 in a business in the city of Yellowknife.</li> <li>• Previous business management experience required.</li> <li>• Business plan required.</li> <li>• \$75,000 refundable government deposit required.</li> <li>• Performance agreement required in order to obtain a work permit.</li> <li>• Exploratory visit required.</li> <li>• Additional selection criteria.</li> </ul>
<b>Yukon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum personal net worth: \$250,000 (including \$150,000 in liquid assets).</li> <li>• Minimum investment required: \$150,000 and ownership of at least 1/3 of a business.</li> <li>• Minimum of five years of business management experience.</li> <li>• Business plan required.</li> <li>• \$75,000 refundable government deposit required.</li> <li>• Performance agreement required in order to obtain a work permit.</li> <li>• Exploratory visit required.</li> <li>• Basic proficiency in one of Canada's official languages required.</li> </ul>

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