INTERESTED IN CANADIAN INVESTOR IMMIGRATION?

The Canada Business Immigration Program enables business owners and qualified managers to immigrate to Canada with their families through the Immigrant Investor Program.

Eligibility is based on an assessment of your net worth and your business or management background. The threshold amount for net worth is currently just over £500,000. Business owners are required to show an ownership interest and management role in a qualifying business while business managers must have 2 years experience at the required level. Finally, there is a qualifying points test.

HOW IS MY NET WORTH DETERMINED?

In determining your net worth we will prepare Accounts showing the value of all of the assets of you and your spouse as well as all of the liabilities of you and your spouse. The figures used must be fair market value and evidence of this is required in the application. The value of your combined assets must exceed your combined liabilities by at least CAS$800,000.

All of your assets must have been obtained legally and, in some instances, evidence of source of income is required.

HOW CAN I DEMONSTRATE MY ELIGIBILITY?

If your application relies on business ownership then you will need to demonstrate that you part-owned and managed a qualifying business for at least 2 out of the past 5 years. Alternatively, should your application rely on business management experience as opposed to business ownership, then you will need to demonstrate that you managed the equivalent of at least 5 full-time employees per year in a business for at least 2 out of the past 5 years.

HOW LONG DOES THE APPLICATION PROCESS TAKE?

As your application will be dealt with entirely in the UK the process will be considerably faster than other centres.

Applications dealt with at the High Commission in London are dealt with in around 12 months at the present time.

WHAT HAPPENS ONCE MY APPLICATION IS APPROVED?

Once your application is approved you are required to make an investment of CAS$400,000 with the Canadian or Quebec government for a period of 5 years. In practice, this investment is almost always financed which significantly reduced the outlay and overall cost to you. Our banking relationships in Canada and the UK mean that we have access to the most competitive financing options available.

WHAT RIGHTS WILL I HAVE UPON EMIGRATING?

Once your visa is approved you are free to settle in Canada with your family. There are no restrictions on you once you do settle in Canada.

You and your spouse are free to work, set up business and purchase property. You will have access to state education, health care and other benefits enjoyed by Canadian citizens. After 3 years you will be eligible for Canadian citizenship.
The flowchart below gives you a basic overview of the Canadian investor visa application process.

- **Initial consultation with a Visa Bureau migration consultant.**
  This involves verification of your eligibility under the Immigrant Investor Program by a migration consultant, who will also check your understanding of the current legislation.

- **Full eligibility verification with CSIC-registered migration agent.**
  Particular attention will be paid to your business history, financial status and family make-up as your individual circumstances are thoroughly cross-checked against current legislation.

- **Banking relationship established and asset analysis performed.**
  We will establish a banking relationship between you and a Canadian Financial Institution, as well as arrange for advice on relevant financial instruments. Additionally, a full asset and liability analysis will be performed, including valuations being arranged, a balance sheet of assets and liabilities compiled and a financial pack with all supporting documents prepared.

- **Business or management history statement prepared.**
  Using supporting documentation and submissions, we will prepare your business or management history statement with you.

- **Residency application prepared for main applicant and family.**
  All forms, schedules and bio-data documentation relevant to your permanent residence will be compiled, ready for application.

- **Application reviewed by Canadian Financial Institution and lodged.**
  Your CSIC-registered agent will lodge your application upon it being reviewed and approved by a Canadian Financial Institution.

- **Investment made, application approved and visas issued.**
  Your finance fee or full investment amount will then need to be transferred, upon which time visas will be issued to you and any family members and taxation / migration advice will be provided.

**CONTACT A MIGRATION CONSULTANT TODAY TO BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION**

To begin your application for a Canadian investor visa, please call the Canadian Visa Bureau on: 0207 731 9004

Alternatively, to email a migration consultant directly, send an email to: info-ca@visabureau.com

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