

# Immigration Services

McInnes Cooper's immigration team works closely with employers in Atlantic Canada and beyond to help diversify and fill important skill gaps. Our team understands the importance of immigration to the economic growth of Atlantic Canada. Whether in the technology, health care, energy, education, or corporate sectors, immigration plays an important part in how we diversify and fill important skill shortages.



We commonly address the following types of immigration issues:

## **Movement under International Treaties**

CUSMA (NAFTA), CETA, GATS and others allow for the mobility of certain professions between Canada and specified countries without the need for a labour market impact assessment. Contact us to find out if you qualify and what the requirements are.

## **Procurement of Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) from Service Canada**

In light of recent and continuing changes to the Temporary Foreign worker program employers are finding it more and more difficult to navigate the complex process of obtaining a LMIA. Our experienced professionals here at McInnes Cooper can help guide you through this process. We can also help with compliance inspections/audits under the new Temporary Foreign Worker Program's compliance regime.

## **Study Permits and Post Graduate Work Permits**

Canada has some of the most reputable schools in the world. If you wish to come to Canada to pursue a higher level of education McInnes cooper can help you reach this goal. We can also help you obtain a post graduate work permit once you've finished your studies if you wish to pursue a career in your field of study but wish to remain in Canada.

## **Issuance and Renewal of Temporary Work Permits**

Given the different criteria for visa-exempt and visa-requiring individuals and IRCC's new biometrics regime, the process of applying for and obtaining a work permit can be complex and frustrating. We can shed light on process, processing times and requirements to make your transition to Canada as seamless as possible.

## **Applications for Permanent Residency**

Whether you wish to apply for PR via Express Entry (which includes the Canadian Experience Class, Federal Skilled Worker and Federal Skilled Trades), one the Provincial Nominee Programs (including Entrepreneurs), Start-up Visa, Family Sponsorship or Refugee, the McInnes Cooper team can help you determine which route is best for you.

## **Applications for Canadian Citizenship**

We here at McInnes Cooper can help you understand the requirements in place to obtain citizenship and can help guide you through the process.

## **Applications for Temporary Resident Visas and Business Visas**

Whether you wish for a friend to come visit for a vacation or you wish to come for a business visit, McInnes Cooper can advise you on the requirements.

## **Criminal Inadmissibility**

Whether you wish to apply for rehabilitation or you wish to obtain a short term Temporary Resident Permit, McInnes Cooper can guide you through the process and the requirements.

The McInnes Cooper team can also help anticipate problems and avoid potential violations of IRPA (The Immigration and Refugee Protection Act).

Whether you have a business that needs personnel to enter Canada, you want to immigrate to Canada yourself, or you're looking to help family members settle here, McInnes Cooper can assist you. We provide the full spectrum of legal services in Citizenship and Immigration matters.