



# The Canadian Experience Class (CEC)

Your Roadmap to Permanent Residence

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Navigating the 2026 Landscape, New Eligibility Rules, and Strategic Optimization.



# At a Glance: The 2026 CEC Landscape



The Shift

## Major Policy Shift

Job Offer Points = 0

As of 2025, holding a valid job offer adds 0 CRS points directly to your score.

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The Advantage

## Key Benefits

\$0 Settlement Funds

No savings required for eligibility. Fast processing standard of 5-6 months.

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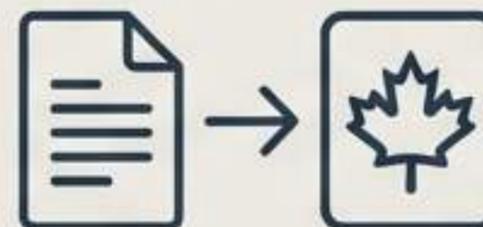
The Trap

## Critical Warning

Student Work Excluded

Work done on study permits (co-op/off-campus) does not count toward experience.

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The Goal

## The Objective

Temporary to Permanent

Converting Work Permit or PGWP status into Permanent Residence.

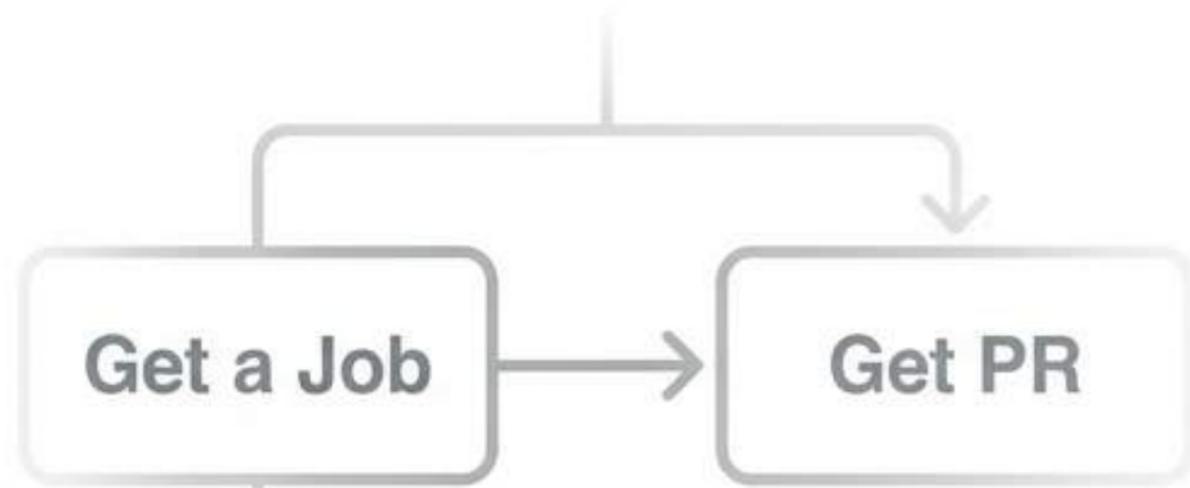
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# Why 'Just a Job' is No Longer Enough

## The March 2025 Policy Shift

### The Old Reality



Arranged Employment =  
Guaranteed Points.



### The New Reality (2026)



### Competition Based on Merit.

- Job offers award 0 CRS Points.
- Success is driven by English/French proficiency and skilled work history.
- Strategy is now more important than an offer letter.

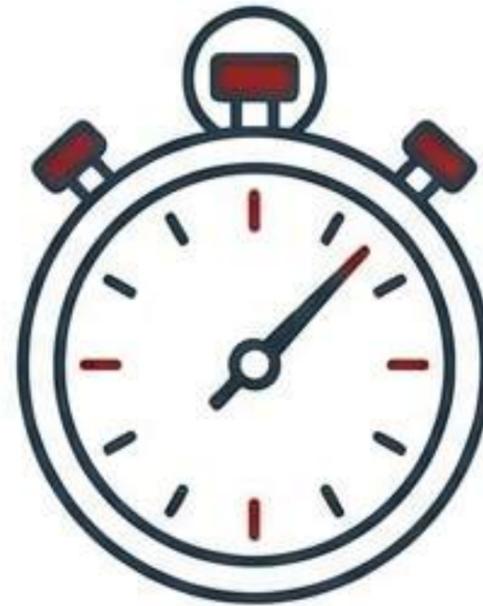
# The 'Gold Standard' for Temporary Residents

Target Audience: TFWs and International Graduates with Canadian roots.



## High Approval Rate

Candidates have already proven economic value to Canada. Refusal rates are historically lower than the Federal Skilled Worker program.



## Speed

One of the fastest pathways to PR. The standard processing time is currently 4 to 6 months for complete applications.



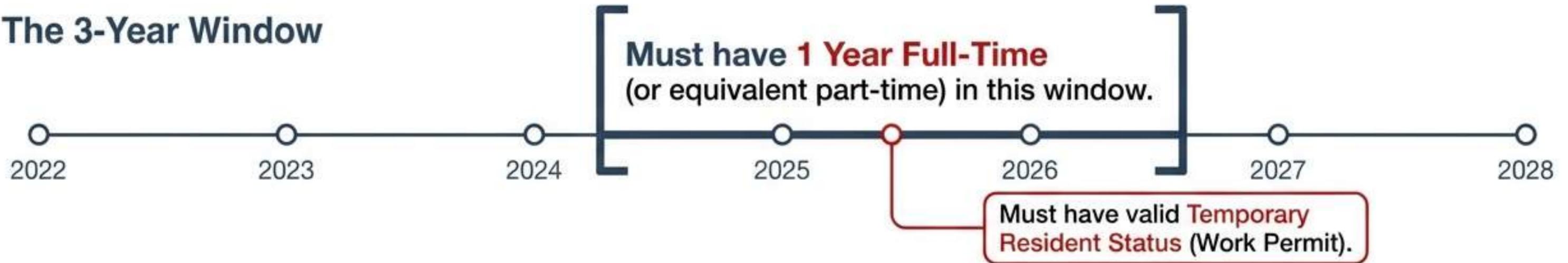
## Flexibility

Apply from inside Canada (while working) or outside (if you have returned home), provided experience was within within the last 3 years.

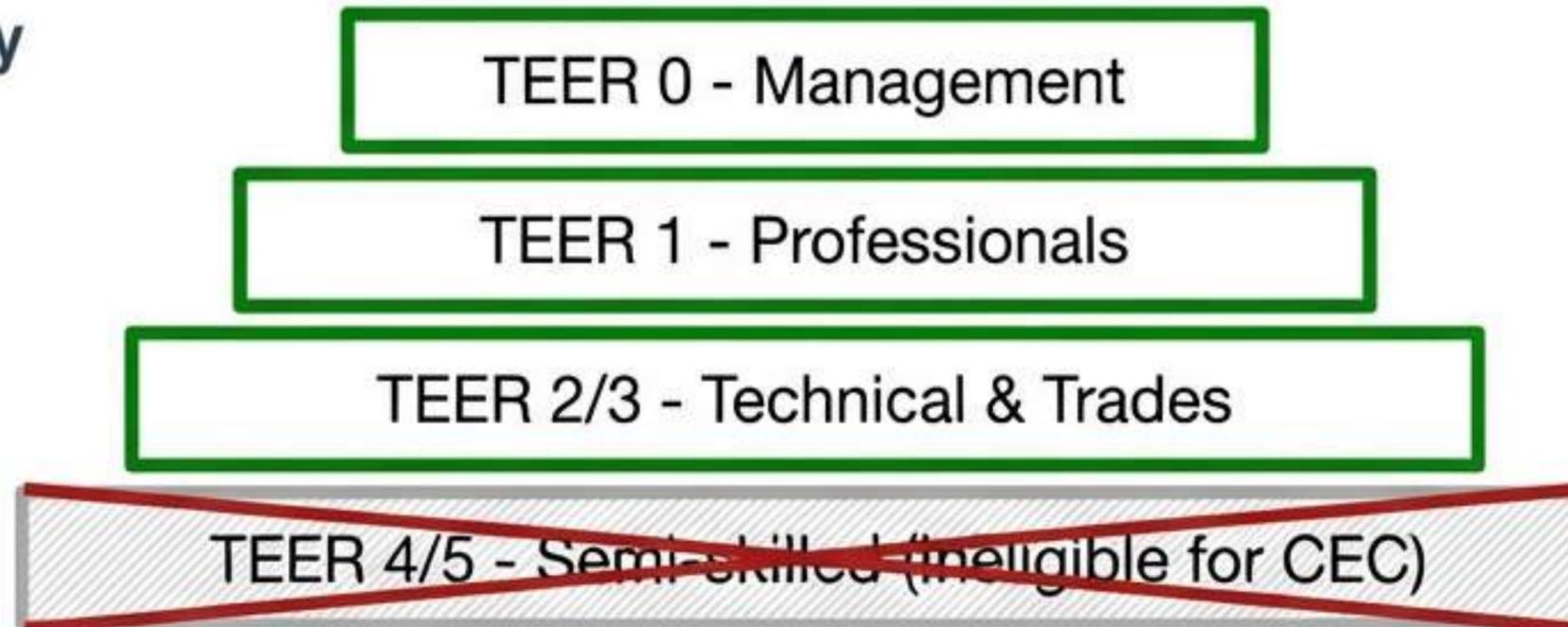
# Gate 1: Qualifying Work Experience

## Meeting the Canadian Experience Class Requirements

### The 3-Year Window



### NOC TEER Eligibility



# Gate 2: Language & Education Strategy

## Language Proficiency Requirements (CLB)

Job Level	Minimum Requirement	Notes
TEER 0 or 1	CLB 7	Required in all four abilities (Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking).
TEER 2 or 3	CLB 5	Required in all four abilities.

Accepted Tests: CELPIP, IELTS General, PTE Core, TEF/TCF.

## Education Nuance

Technically, there is no minimum education requirement for CEC.

### However...

To achieve a competitive CRS score, you almost certainly need an ECA Report for foreign degrees or proof of Canadian education.



# Investment & Timeline Breakdown

## Estimated Government Fees (CAD)

Processing Fee ..... \$950

Right of Permanent Residence Fee (RPRF) ..... \$575

Biometrics ..... \$85

**Total Estimate ..... ~\$1,525 CAD**

Settlement Funds Required: \$0 (Exempt)

## Time Horizon



From submission of complete application to decision.



# The Application Cycle: Preparation to Profile



## 01

### Validate NOC/TEER

Confirm your duties match TEER 0, 1, 2, or 3.

**⚠ Warning:** Do not rely on job title alone. Duties must match the NOC description.



## 02

### The Language Test

Take CELPIP, IELTS, PTE, or TEF.

**📌 Strategy Note:** Even fluent speakers must prepare. Maximize your score for CRS ranking.



## 03

### Profile Creation

Log into GCKey. Enter work history, education, and language results.

**✅ Outcome:** Receive CRS Score & Enter Pool.



# The Application Cycle: Selection to Submission

## 04

### The Draw (ITA)

Occurs roughly every two weeks.

#### Types of Draws

- General Draws (High Score)
- Category-Based Selection (French, Healthcare, STEM, Trades, Transport, Agriculture)



## 05

### The eAPR

Electronic Application for Permanent Residence.



**60 Days**

You have a strict 60-day deadline to upload medicals, police certificates, and employment letters.

# Critical Risk: The 'Student Work' Trap



## The Rule

Work experience gained while a full-time student does NOT count toward the 1-year CEC requirement.

- Co-op terms
- Off-campus work
- Summer break employment



## The Fix

The clock only starts AFTER graduation and AFTER applying for a PGWP.

*“ Don't let 11 months and 3 weeks count as a full year in your mind. ”*

# Eligibility Edge Cases & Pitfalls



## Self-Employment

Freelancing or contracting without T4 slips is generally ineligible inside Canada. You must prove an employer-employee relationship.



## Status Gaps

Work done while status is expired cannot be counted. However, work done on “Maintained Status” (implied status) IS valid.



## Refugee Claimants

Experience gained while waiting for a refugee decision does not count as valid temporary resident status.

# FAQ: Strategy & Calculation

**Can I combine jobs to meet the requirement?**

Yes. You can combine multiple part-time jobs (e.g., 15h + 15h) or back-to-back jobs.



**Does my LMIA help my score?**

It gives 0 CRS points directly as of 2025.  
However, it validates the job offer and may trigger +600 points via a Provincial Nominee Program (PNP).

**Goal:** 1,560 hours of skilled work within 52 weeks

# FAQ: Mobility & Job Security



## What if I lose my job after receiving an ITA?

Generally okay. CEC is based on PAST experience. Losing a job post-application usually doesn't affect eligibility if the 1-year minimum is already locked in.

## Can I move provinces?

Yes. Charter rights protect your mobility.

**⚠ Exception:** You cannot intend to reside in Quebec. They use a separate system (PEQ).



# The Dara Advantage: Beyond the Basics

## The 'Simple on Paper' Fallacy

With the removal of job offer points, there is no margin for error. Every other profile element—TEER, Language, Education—must be perfect.

## The Dara Solution

- ✓ Precise Hour Calculation (Avoiding the 'Student Work' trap)
- ✓ TEER Code Verification & Matching
- ✓ Profile Optimization for Specific Draws
- ✓ Strategic Narrative for Officers

**Maximize your profile for the next draw.**



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