

Self-Employed Person Program

Requirements:

- Have relevant experience in cultural activities or athletics;
- Been a self-employed person in cultural activities or athletics for at least two years of experience;
- Meet the criteria below and reach 35 points; and
 - experience
 - education
 - age
 - language abilities
 - adaptability
- Be willing and able to make a significant contribution to the cultural or athletic life of Canada

Service

- Assessment and legal consultation
- Draft of Business Plan provided by the Canadian business-plan writing company, including unlimited times of revision, 25+ pages, SWOT analyses, competitors analyses, 5-year forecast financial plan, etc.; also provide essential data of expense to operate a new company in Canada
- Checklist, in addition to the one from the IRCC website
- Filling up all necessary forms
- Resume revision/Statement of self-Introduction
- Arrangement of business visit. It may be processed through the internet. Services include:
 - interview with professional, regulated or licensed expert in the cultural or athletic area;
 - Accounting and taxation consultation with the bookkeeper and the accountant;
 - consultation with the business lawyer regarding running a company in Canada, if applicable;
 - online research with the real estate agent
 - a summary report of the interview and consultation
- Portfolio;
- Submission Letter;
- Documents arrangement;
- Application submission and trace;
- Liaison with the IRCC;

- List of interview questions from the previous cases
- Mock interview with the IRCC visa officer
- Notice the IRCC update to the client regularly

Service Fee: CAD15,000, and CAD500/family member; 13% HST may be applied.

The service fee does NOT include any fees charged by the third party and the government fee, like notarial fees, express delivery fees, medical exam fees, the international bank transaction fee(CAD17), the IRCC fee(CAD150), biometric collection(CAD85), ATIP (CAD5) , any expense during the business visit, etc.

Remarks:

Due to vague requirements in immigration laws and regulations (IRPA & IRPR), people interpret the law differently, and the documents they submit are also different. However, after being run for over 20 years, the approval standard and specific documentation requirements are more precise, based on the precedent cases. Here are some interesting points we may consider before applying.

Although the program does not have a mandatory language requirement, the applicant must convince the visa officer that the applicant can operate a company without the official language. Therefore, it is recommended to have a valid language score within two years.

In addition, the business plan may be reviewable if it could not provide the factor of multicultural contribution to Canada's life.

Furthermore, it'd be better to submit a business plan when submitting the documents for the first time, not when the visa officer asks for it. Though the visa officer' Operational Instructions and Guidelines stated a formal business plan that would entail unnecessary expense and administrative burden is discouraged. However, the judge from the precedent case also confirmed that there was no obligation for the officer to notify the applicant of concerns arising from the legislative requirements or to provide an opportunity for the applicant to respond to a deficient application. Therefore, they should provide relevant evidence to demonstrate that the applicants have enough knowledge and understanding of the Canadian market. A business plan may be a good choice.

The tax would be another issue if the applicants did not claim the income tax or could not provide the evidence to demonstrate they comply with the tax regulation in their country. An applicant was asked in the interview why he did not pay income tax and could not answer correctly, resulting in the refusal of a visa. The refusal ground was that the visa office said the applicant would probably not pay the tax if immigrating to Canada.

The applicants can apply for this program without international/national awards, but they should demonstrate their talents. People who have trained the candidates to participate in international or national competitions, even those employed, can apply for this program.

Finally, getting 35 points is the program's threshold, which does not mean guaranteed approval of PR status. However, less than 35 points could not be eligible for this program.