

# A Step-by-Step Guide to **Category-based Selection In Express Entry**

1. 

## **Show your interest**

Create an online Express Entry profile in your IRCC Secure Account.

2. 

## **We place you in the Express Entry pool**

If you're eligible for one of the programs under Express Entry — Federal Skilled Worker Class, Federal Skilled Trades Class, or Canadian Experience Class—we'll place you in the Express Entry pool.

3. 

## **Check your Comprehensive Ranking System score**

While your Express Entry profile is in the pool, we'll assign you a score based on your points in the Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS). You can view your score in your IRCC account.

4. 

## **We identify candidates eligible for a category**

We identify candidates in the pool, based on their profile, who are eligible for a specific category the Minister established.

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## **We rank your Express Entry profile**

We rank eligible candidates based on their CRS score.

6. 

## **We run a round of invitations**

In all round types, we invite eligible candidates with the highest CRS scores to apply to an economic immigration program. In category-based rounds, candidates must also be eligible for a given category to be invited.

7. 

## **Apply for permanent residence**

If you receive an invitation to apply, you have 60 days to submit an application for a specific program in Express Entry.

8. 

## **We make a decision on your application**

We make a decision based on program eligibility, the accuracy of the information in your profile, category eligibility and whether you're admissible to Canada.