

# Qualifications to Immigrate to Canada as a Self-Employed Person

Individuals who want to move to Canada under the Self-Employed Visa Program must have proven successful relevant work experience before moving to Canada and meet IRCC point-based qualifications.

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- Learn More: Self-Employed Person Visa Program <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/results-by-topic.asp?st=6.3>
- Qualify for either Cultural or Athletic self-employment
- 2+ years of relevant experience
- Demonstrate that you intend to become self-employed in Canada
- Score at least 35 points out of 100 on IRCC's point based application system
- Proficiency in English or French demonstrated in the IRCC language test
- Demonstrate the ability to adapt to life in Canada based on factors including family already living in Canada, completed schooling in Canada, previous work experience in Canada, and a spouse or partner with advanced training or education.
- Meet age requirements
- Prove to a visa officer that you have enough money to settle in Canada with your dependents and finance the work you applied for
- Complete your IRCC Self-Employed Visa application package and all supporting documentation requirements
- Pay all applications fees starting at \$1540 CA
- Submit you your fingerprints and photo and all biometrics fees
- Pay for and submit and required 3rd-party documentation such as medical exams or language tests

**Business immigrants applying for a Self-Employed Visa into Canada will benefit from discussing their application and qualifications with an immigration legal expert who can advise them on the latest IRCC requirements; and provide options and strategies to submit a successful immigration application.**