



**DESJARDINS**  
LAWYERS

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# **PROVINCIAL NOMINEE PROGRAM: NOVA SCOTIA TIMELINE**

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- STEP 1** SIGNATURE OF THE **LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT** WITH **DESJARDINS LAWYERS** **CAN\$10 000**
- OPENING OF YOUR FILE AND START OF THE PROCESS
- STEP 2** YOUR **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** IS READY TO BE FILED TO THE PROVINCE **CAN\$15 000**
- STEP 3** RECEPTION OF YOUR **INVITATION TO APPLY** **ii) CAN\$5 000 + ii) CAN\$7 500 payable to the third party verifier**
- STEP 4** ISSUANCE OF **THE LETTER OF SUPPORT** BY THE PROVINCE **CAN\$5 000**
- STEP 5** FILING OF YOUR **BUSINESS WORK PERMIT APPLICATION** TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (IRCC)
- STEP 6** ISSUANCE OF YOUR **BUSINESS WORK PERMIT ARRIVAL** IN CANADA TO START YOUR BUSINESS

**TIMELINE FOR STEP #1 TO STEP #6: 12 TO 15 MONTHS**

- STEP 7** AT LEAST **12 MONTHS OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS** WITH INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST CAN\$100 000\*

**\*For a new company, the required investment of \$100 000 in the business operation must be deployed within twelve (12) months after your arrival in Canada, which may be structured, for example, as approximately \$8,333 per month.**

**STEP 8** SUBMISSION OF YOUR REQUEST FOR **NOMINATION** TO THE PROVINCE **CAN\$10 000**

**STEP 9** FILING OF YOUR PERMANENT RESIDENCY (“PR”) VISA APPLICATION TO IRCC **CAN\$5 000**

**STEP 10** OBTAINING YOUR PR VISA

**TIMELINE FOR STEP #8 TO STEP #10: 12 TO 15 MONTHS**

**TOTAL COST: FROM CAN\$157 500**

*Government processing fees are excluded (approx. \$2000 per family, depending on the number of family members).*

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (SUMMARY)

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## **A. Profile:**

- i) Have a Net Worth of CAN\$400 000+ (US\$290 000);
- ii) Have 3 years+ of Experience as a business owner **or** 5 years+ of senior management experience within the past 10 years;
- iii) Proficiency in English equivalent to Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB) 5/10;
- iv) Have at least the equivalent of a Canadian High School diploma.

## **B. Business commitments:**

- i) Complete an Exploratory visit to the Province and attend an Interview in person or virtually with the Government;
- ii) Provide active and on-going management of the business for at least 12 months;
- iii) Make a minimum of investment of at least CAN\$100 000;
- iv) Create at least 1 new full-time job for a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident;
- v) Plan to live in the Province.