



CANADA'S NEW FEDERAL SKILLED TRADES PROGRAM

The Philippine Embassy in Ottawa has reported that Canada's brand-new Federal Skilled Trades Programs (FSTP) has already started accepting applications, as announced on 02 January 2013 by the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism Jason Kenney. The FSTP is yet another tool of Canadian employers to find the workers they need to build Canada's future economy. Until the program's first year, the Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) will accept applications from up to 3,000 people in specific trades. The occupation list was designed to reflect current labour market needs and ensure the program delivers a diverse range of skilled trade people to fuel Canada's economy.

Within the 3,000, there will be no limit on 26 in-demand occupations while 17 occupations will be subject to sub-limits of 100 applicants each. In total there are 43 occupations eligible for the FSTP. Applications are expected to be processed within 12 months.

The following are the criteria to be qualified for an eligible occupation:

- FSTP applicants must demonstrate basic language proficiency in either English or French at the Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) level 5 for speaking and listening, and CLB 4 for reading and writing.

CLB 4 is considered basic proficiency while CLB 5 can be more effectively participate in and understand routine conversations. This is due to the overall importance of language as a determinant of immigrant success and general health and safety reasons.

- A valid offer of employment in Canada or a certificate of qualification from a province or territory in a qualifying skilled trade;
- At least two years of work experience in the occupation within the last five years; and
- Meeting the employment requirements set out in the National Occupational Classification System, with the exception of listening requirements, which are addressed separately.

Application forms for the Federal Skilled Trades Program can be downloaded from the CIC website (www.cic.gc.ca).

ANNEX A:

Group A- Jobs with sub-caps of 100 applications each (and their corresponding 2011 NOC code)

- 7202 Contractors and supervisors, electrical trades and telecommunications occupations
- 7204 Contractors and supervisors, carpentry trades
- 7205 Contractors and supervisors, other construction trades, installers, repairers and services
- 7271 Carpenters
- 7301 Contractors and supervisors, mechanic trades
- 7302 Contractors and supervisors, heavy equipment operator crews
- 8211 Supervisors, logging and forestry
- 8221 Supervisors, mining and quarrying
- 8222 Contractors and supervisors, oil and gas drilling services
- 8241 Logging machinery operators
- 8252 Agricultural service contractors, farm supervisors and specialized livestock workers
- 9211 Supervisors, mineral and metal processing
- 9212 Supervisors, petroleum, gas and chemical processing and utilities
- 9214 Supervisors, plastic and rubber products manufacturing
- 9231 Central control and process operators, mineral and metal processing
- 9241 Power engineers and power systems operators
- 9243 Water and waste treatment plant operators

Group B- no sub-caps (2011 NOC code)

- 7231 Machinists and machining and tooling inspectors
- 7233 Sheet metal works
- 7235 Structural metal and plate work fabricators and fitters
- 7236 Ironworks
- 7237 Welders and related machine operators
- 7241 Electricians (except industrial and power system)
- 7242 Industrial electricians
- 7243 Power system electricians
- 7244 Electrical power line and cable workers
- 7245 Telecommunications line and cable workers
- 7246 Telecommunications installation and repair works
- 7251 Plumbers
- 7252 Steamfitters, pipefitters and sprinkler system installers
- 7253 Gas fitters
- 7311 Construction millwrights and industrial mechanics
- 7312 Heavy-duty equipment mechanics
- 7313 Refrigeration and air conditioning mechanics
- 7314 Railway car men/women
- 7315 Aircraft mechanics and aircraft inspectors
- 7318 Elevator constructors and mechanics
- 7371 Crane operators
- 7372 Drillers and blasters-surface, mining, quarrying and construction
- 7373 Water well drillers
- 8231 Underground production and development miners
- 8232 Oil and gas well drillers, services, testers and related workers
- 9232 Petroleum, gas and chemical process operators