

NOTICE
Novel Coronavirus COVID-19
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For updates regarding immigration and COVID-19, please monitor the [IRCC website](#) and the [special measures](#) that have been implemented.

COVID-19 continues to impact New Brunswick's economy in an unprecedented way. Businesses have reduced services, laid off staff, and in some cases have closed. Some sectors have been affected more significantly than others. Certain occupations in these sectors have been particularly vulnerable to changes in employment status.

The Province is slowly starting to emerge from the shut-down. It has adjusted the focus of its provincial immigration programs in response to the evolving economic situation. Please note that COVID-19 measures will not impact client eligibility (reduced hours, temporary break in employment or use of COVID 19 benefits) for applicants living and working in New Brunswick.

International Student Graduates and Temporary Foreign Workers currently living in New Brunswick

New Brunswick will continue to process applications under all immigration streams within the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) and Atlantic Immigration Pilot (AIP) program for international student graduates and temporary workers currently living and working in New Brunswick.

Occupations in Healthcare

New Brunswick will continue to accept and process applications under all immigration streams within the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) and Atlantic Immigration Pilot (AIP) program. The programs are open to applicants in New Brunswick, in Canada, or outside Canada.

Occupations in Transportation: Transport Truck Drivers (NOC 7511)

New Brunswick is currently only considering Atlantic Immigration Pilot (AIP) program endorsement applications for Transport Truck Drivers from designated employers that have participated in a recruitment mission led by the Province, in the past 18 months. No other endorsements applications will be accepted under the AIPP.

All other applications will be redirected to the PNP Skilled Worker stream. The program is open to applicants in New Brunswick, in Canada, or outside Canada.

**Employers should contact their provincial Immigration Program Officer if they have any questions or to discuss options regarding the hiring of foreign nationals currently residing outside Canada.*

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Occupations in Manufacturing

New Brunswick is currently only considering Atlantic Immigration Pilot (AIP) program endorsement applications occupations in manufacturing from designated employers that have participated in a recruitment mission led by the Province, in the past 18 months. No other endorsements applications will be accepted under the AIPP.

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Occupations in Information Technology (IT)

New Brunswick will continue to accept and process applications under all immigration streams within the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) and Atlantic Immigration Pilot (AIP) program. The programs are open to applicants in New Brunswick, in Canada, or outside Canada.

Occupations Currently Excluded (Applicants Outside of NB)

In consideration of the current economic situation, New Brunswick has excluded the following sectors/occupations for applicants who are not currently living and working in New Brunswick, until further notice (note: other sectors may be added based on evolving economic conditions):

- Leisure and hospitality;
- Travel and tourism;
- Food and accommodation;
- Retail trade;
- Business Service Centres (Contact Centre Industry) ;
- Wholesale trade;
- Finance and insurance;
- Real estate, rental and leasing;
- Administrative occupations;
- Beauty industry (including salons and spas); and
- Arts, entertainment and recreation.

Employers

Employers that have participated in an international recruitment mission with the Province and have questions about filling current labour needs should contact their assigned Immigration Program Officer to discuss options.



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Employers are encouraged to contact their local WorkingNB office for help accessing local talent.

The Province continues to monitor this situation and will adjust these priorities as required.