

Demo — Canadian Immigration Assistant

How NOVA-AI turns IRCC pages into a sourced Q&A assistant

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Data source

- **Source:** Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) — <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services.html>
- **Captured:** 2026-07-10 (public web pages, staying within the IRCC services section)
- **Coverage:** ~150 pages spanning study permits, work permits, Express Entry, permanent residence, citizenship, and application status — seeded with the content links from the immigration hub so the crawl reached the real service pages.
- **Hosting:** all processing and storage is local — nothing leaves the machine.

How the agent was created

1. **Capture** — the NOVA-AI crawler mirrored the IRCC section, saving each page.
2. **Extract** — the main content of each page was pulled out (navigation, headers, and footers removed).
3. **Split** — the text was broken into short, overlapping passages.
4. **Embed** — each passage was converted into a semantic vector using a local model (sentence-transformers, all-MiniLM-L6-v2), producing **1,472** passages.

5. **Index** — the vectors and passages were saved as the `immigration` agent.

Work process

1. You ask a question in plain English.
2. The agent finds the passages whose meaning is closest to your question (semantic search), plus their neighbouring passages on the same page.
3. Claude composes a clear answer **using only those passages** and cites the exact IRCC pages.
4. Each cited source links to the live `canada.ca` page, and the whole answer can be saved as a document (`.qmd` / `HTML` / `PDF`).

Answers are sourced information, **not** legal or immigration advice — always confirm against the current IRCC guidance.

Sample questions

1. How much proof of funds do I need for a study permit?

Answer (ask the agent, then paste the cited answer here):

Note

You must prove you have enough money — without working in Canada — to cover tuition fees, living expenses, and transportation to and from Canada for yourself and any accompanying family members [S1]. You must show you have enough for the **first year** of your studies; for programs longer than a year, you must also explain how you'll pay for the full duration [S1].

Living expenses required (excluding tuition and transportation), for all provinces/territories except Quebec:

If you apply on or after September 1, 2025 [S6]: - 1 person: \$22,895 - 2 people: \$28,502 - 3 people: \$35,040 - 4 people: \$42,543 - 5 people: \$48,252 - 6 people: \$54,420 - 7 people: \$60,589 - Each additional person: \$6,170

If you apply between January 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025 [S7]: - 1 person: \$20,635 - 2 people: \$25,690 - 3 people: \$31,583 - 4 people: \$38,346 - 5 people: \$43,492 - 6 people: \$49,051 - 7 people: \$54,611 - Each additional person: \$5,559

Note these amounts are per year and do **not** include tuition or transportation costs [S6]. For Quebec, you must show you can cover the costs outlined by the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration [S7].

Acceptable proof of funds includes bank statements for the past 4 months, a guaranteed investment certificate, proof of paid tuition/housing, a student loan, a bank draft, or a

letter from a person/institution funding you, among others [S2][S3].

Sources:

i Note

- [S1] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/get-documents/financial-support.html
- [S2] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/get-documents/financial-support.html
- [S3] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/get-documents/financial-support.html
- [S4] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/apply.html
- [S5] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/extend-study-permit/how-to-apply.html
- [S6] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/get-documents/financial-support.html
- [S7] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/get-documents/financial-support.html

2. What is the difference between Express Entry and a Provincial Nominee Program (PNP)?

Answer (ask the agent, then paste the cited answer here):

i Note

Based on the available documents, I don't have enough information to give a full definition of the difference between Express Entry and the Provincial Nominee Program (PNP). The sources describe how the two interact rather than defining each. From what's provided:

- **Express Entry** is a system where you create a profile and, if eligible for at least one of the 3 Express Entry programs, are placed into a pool of candidates from which you may be invited to apply for permanent residence [S1][S2].
- The **PNP** is a route where a province or territory nominates you; provinces and territories can search the Express Entry pool for candidates, or you can apply to them directly [S2][S4][S12].

The two connect through the Express Entry PNP process: if a province/territory nominates you and you accept the nomination, you receive 600 additional points that help

you get invited to apply for permanent residence [S5][S7]. You won't be eligible for the PNP unless a province or territory nominates you [S1][S11]. The documents don't provide a formal definition contrasting the two programs beyond this.

Sources:

i Note

- [S1] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/provincial-nominees/express-entry/get-confirm-nomination.html
- [S2] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/provincial-nominees/express-entry/get-confirm-nomination.html
- [S3] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/provincial-nominees/express-entry/get-confirm-nomination.html
- [S4] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/provincial-nominees/express-entry/get-confirm-nomination.html
- [S5] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/provincial-nominees/express-entry/get-confirm-nomination.html
- [S6] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/provincial-nominees/express-entry/get-confirm-nomination.html
- [S7] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/provincial-nominees/express-entry/get-confirm-nomination.html
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- [S13] en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/provincial-nominees/express-entry/get-confirm-nomination.html