

SINP Saskatchewan Graduate Temporary Measure

Overview

The SINP is implementing a new Temporary Measure for student applicants to the SINP whose employment or employment opportunities have been affected by COVID-19.

Please note that this interim measure will be in place until December 31, 2021 or until 1,000 applications have been accepted. The number of remaining applications that will be accepted will be communicated on the Student Category webpage.

Who Can Apply?

All those who want to apply under this temporary measure must meet the following requirements:

- Students living in Saskatchewan prior to September 1, 2020, that have graduated from a [designated learning institution](#) in Saskatchewan within the three years prior to application will be eligible; and,
- Applicants must have legally lived in Saskatchewan for at least 24-months. This residency requirement can be cumulative but must be met within the most recent three-years; and
- Applicants must meet minimum language requirements of Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) Level 7.

Additionally, applicants must have one of the following:

- An offer of employment from an approved Saskatchewan employer. This occupation must be in a NOC O, A, B or C occupation.

Or:

- For those without an offer of employment, students can apply as a human capital applicant if they have education for an occupation that is not on [Saskatchewan's occupation exclusion list](#) and settlement funds to support themselves economically as they search for a job. You must remain economically self-sufficient during the entire immigration process. ***Note:** you may be contacted by the SINP at any time prior to receiving permanent resident status to provide proof of economic self-sufficiency. If you are unable to prove economic self-sufficiency at that time, then your nomination may be revoked.

For detailed information about this interim measure (required documentation and criteria), please see the remainder of this document.

If you have any questions about the immigration options that may be available to you, please contact the SINP's customer service via email at: immigration@gov.sk.ca or by phone at: 1-833-613-0485.

Saskatchewan Graduate Temporary Measure Criteria and Requirements

General Guidelines

All documents must be easy-to-read copies of the original documents. If it is not in English or French, you must submit:

- A copy of the original document.
- A copy of the English or French translation of the document.
- A copy of an affidavit from the translator, describing their translation ability.

Translators must be:

- Certified by a regulatory body, as required by [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada \(IRCC\)](#).

Translators must not be:

- A family member.
- A spouse.
- Anyone who works for or is preparing your application.

Be sure translations meet all federal requirements when you are applying for permanent residency.

If your documents are not clear, missing, or not translated into English or French, your application will be closed. A closed application cannot be re-opened or considered for second review. You will have to start a new application if you choose to re-apply.

Required Forms

You must fill out and attach these forms to your application:

1. [Generic Application Form for Canada](#) (principal applicant only).
2. [Additional Family Information Form](#) (a form completed by both the principal applicant and the spouse).
3. [Schedule A - Background/Declaration](#) (a form is required for the principal applicant and spouse).

If you have more than five dependents or children, you must provide this form:

- [Additional Dependents/Declaration](#)

If you have a common-law spouse, you must provide this form:

- [Statutory Declaration of Common-Law Union](#)

If you are using an Immigration Representative, you must provide this form:

- [Use of a Representative](#)
- For more information, see [Instructions for Use of a Representative](#)

If your documents are not in English or French, you must provide translated documents with the original documents. Your translator must fill out this form to be attached to your application:

- [Translator Affidavit](#)

If you would like to designate an individual to contact the SINP on your behalf, you must provide this form:

- [Authority to Release Personal Information to a Designated Individual](#)

Required Documents for Saskatchewan Graduate Temporary Measure

1. Identity and Civil Status Documents

You need to provide the following to confirm your identity and civil status:

Birth Certificates that list both parents for:

- You (the principal applicant).
- Your spouse or common-law partner (if applicable).
- Each dependent child.

If you are married or widowed, you must include:

- A marriage certificate.
- A death certificate of your former spouse (if applicable).

If you are in a common-law relationship you must include:

- [IMM 5409 Declaration of Common-Law Union](#).
- Proof of at least one year of common-law relationship. Proof may include statements from a bank showing a joint account; a copy of your signed joint lease or mortgage; a copy of jointly-owned property, apart from your residence; a copy of bills made to both of you; or a copy of life insurance naming the other partner as the beneficiary.)

If you or your spouse is divorced, you must include:

- Final divorce documents for all divorces.
- Custody and child support documents (if applicable).
- Adoption papers for your dependent children who were adopted (if applicable).

If you have dependent children, you must include:

- A letter from the other parent stating that they are aware of your intention to immigrate to Canada (with or without the child/children) and that there are no custody or child support issues.
- Proof of custody for the child/children and proof that you have legal authority to remove the child/children from your home country (if applicable).

If you have dependent children that are not coming with you to Canada, you must include:

- Their name, age and contact information (mailing and email address, and phone number).
- The reason why each dependent is not coming, along with supporting documents.

2. Passports

Your passport must be valid from application through to permanent residency. You will need to include copies of pages in your passport that show the passport number, date of issue, expiry date, photo, name and place of birth for:

- You (the principal applicant).
- Your spouse or common-law partner (if applicable).
- All dependent children accompanying you to Canada (if applicable).

If you live in a country that is different from your nationality, please include a copy of your visa for the country.

3. Proof of Residency

You must provide proof that you have been living in Saskatchewan since September 1, 2020 and have lived in Saskatchewan for two years (24 months) out of the three years prior to your application date. Proof of residency in Saskatchewan for 24 months in total as demonstrated by:

- Proof of enrolment in a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution that specifies studies were taken from inside the province; and/or
- Employment in Saskatchewan (include copies of paystubs or a letter from your employer confirming employment on company letterhead); and/or
- Utility bills from either SaskPower or SaskEnergy or a city or town office with your name (we will not accept phone, cellular or cable bills).

Other documents that may be accepted if you do not have all of the above documents:

- A lease agreement(s) and rental receipts or proof of ownership for a Saskatchewan address and names of other occupants at this address plus your relationship to them over the 24-month period.
- A Saskatchewan driver's license or health card.
- Vehicle or home insurance policy.

The SINP may also ask for more information or documents if the documentation provided cannot be used to fully verify your residency.

4. Education Credentials

You must provide documents to verify your education from a Saskatchewan post-secondary institution, such as:

- Education/trade certificates.

- Degrees.
- Diplomas.

Include official transcripts showing school(s) attended and courses taken.

5. Language Credentials

- You must provide valid language test results from a designated testing agency.
- You must have English or French language ability of Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) of 7 or higher.
- Your test results cannot be more than two years old at the time of application.

- *Name of Test and Minimal Scores:*

The [International English Language Testing System \(IELTS\)](#) General Training

Listening – 6.0 Reading – 6.0

Writing – 6.0 Speaking – 6.0

The [Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program \(CELP-IP-General\)](#)

Listening – 7 Reading - 7

Writing – 7 Speaking - 7

The [Test d'évaluation de français](#) (for French language)

Listening – 249 Reading - 207

Writing – 310 Speaking – 310

The [Test de connaissance du français](#) pour le Canada (TCF Canada)

Listening – 458 Reading - 453

Writing – 10 Speaking - 10

6. Regulatory or Licensing Credential (if applicable)

If your education is related to a occupation that is regulated in Saskatchewan and requires certification in Saskatchewan, you must get proof of eligibility to be licensed to work in that profession. Send this proof with your SINP application if you have obtained this document. Please note that before you begin working in your intended occupation in Saskatchewan you should contact the appropriate professional organization to obtain a license to practice or a certificate of qualification.

To find more information on regulated occupations, see [Regulated Occupations and Licensing Requirements](#).

- If you are a **nurse**, the SINP will confirm with the appropriate licensing body that you have an unrestricted license to practice in Saskatchewan. The licensing body must be one of the following:
 - [Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan \(RPNAS\)](#)
 - [Saskatchewan Association of Licensed Practical Nurses \(SALPN\)](#)
 - [Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association \(SRNA\)](#)
- If you are a **physician**, the SINP will obtain a letter of support from the [College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan \(CoPSS\)](#). CoPSS must confirm your type of license, expiry date, and state their support for you to obtain permanent residence. If applicable, a letter from the Royal

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada indicating that you have licensing in a particular specialty.

- If you are working in **another health profession**, the SINP will confirm with the appropriate licensing body that you meet the criteria to practice in Saskatchewan and they support your application.

7. Employment or Settlement Fund Requirement

Employment

- A permanent, full-time job offer from an approved Saskatchewan employer in a [National Occupational Classification Matrix O, A or B occupation](#).
- A permanent, full-time job offer from an approved Saskatchewan employer in a [National Occupational Classification Matrix C occupation](#) in Hospitality, Health, or Agriculture.

The Letter of Offer must:

- Be addressed to the principal applicant.
- Say the job title, duties, wage, benefits, and company contact information.
- List the location of your job.
- Be issued on the company's letterhead.
- Be signed by the employer.

Your job offer must be approved by the SINP before you apply, or your application will be rejected.

- Your employer must [register online](#) to have the position assessed.
- Once the position is approved, your employer will get a Job Approval Letter that includes your position, name and NOC code.
- Send a copy of the SINP Job Approval Letter with your application.

If you do not have a permanent, full-time job offer from an approved Saskatchewan employer in a [National Occupational Classification Matrix O, A or B occupation](#) or in a [National Occupational Classification Matrix C](#) occupation in Hospitality, Health, or Agriculture, then you will be required to demonstrate:

Settlement Funds

You must submit proof that you have funds that will support you (and your spouse and dependents if applicable) during your employment search. The minimum amount required for your application is based on the size of your family. You must have the "[Minimum Funds Required](#)" for a minimum of three months before you submit your application. You must also meet the Minimum Funds Required when you apply for permanent residency after nomination by the SINP and throughout the permanent residency process.

Proof of funds must:

- be official letters, official statements, or certificates from one or more financial institutions.

- have been maintained at least 3 months prior to sending your application and maintained throughout the entire immigration process.
- be in the name of the principal applicant and/or spouse only.

Fund statements must show a detailed transaction history for at least three months before the date your SINP application is sent. It must include the type of currency, your name, contact information of the financial institution, account numbers, transactions and balances.

All documents not issued in English or French must be accompanied by a certified translation.

To find out if settlement funds are sufficient, the account must show that when the account was at its lowest amount, it met the settlement requirement for the size of the household.

The following funds will be accepted:

- Personal chequing or savings accounts.
- Bonds.
- Cash value life insurance.
- Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GICs) or Certificates of Deposit.
- Mutual Funds.
- Provident Funds (an official letter from the provident fund organization indicating the amount of funds that are accessible is required).
- Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs).
- Stocks.
- Tax Free Savings Accounts (TFSA).
- Term deposits and time deposits (must be valid at the time of application and remain valid throughout the entire application process).
- Treasury Bills.

Debentures, credit cards, lines of credit, gold, cash, property or businesses are not accepted as settlement funds.

8. Proof of Legal Status

You must submit a copy of your temporary status document issued by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). You may apply if you are in 'implied status' at the time of your SINP application submission. 'Implied status' means that you submitted an application to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to renew/extend your temporary status document (a visitor record, work permit, study permit) before its expiry date. You can remain in Canada and continue to work or study under the same conditions as your existing permit until a decision is made on your pending IRCC application.