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Immigration Law and International Recruitment

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VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

Matrixvisa Inc will again visit South Africa from 12 -23 Jan. Our schedule will be as follows

- Wed 12 January: Johannesburg
- Thursday 13- Friday 14 January: Witbank
- Saturday 15- Sunday 16 January: Secunda
- Monday night 17 January: Kathu/Kuruman
- Wed 19 January- Sunday 23 Jan Cape Town

Interviews need to be made in advance by contacting the Office Manager info@matrixvisa.com

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ECONOMIC NEWS

It seems as if the demand for workers in Canada is starting to grow again due to the increased demand for crude oil (Canada has the second largest oil reserves in the world) and energy.

One of the first questions that I am asked is, why does Canada need immigrants and why is there a formal immigration system of accepting 250 000 new immigrants per annum. My normal answer is that Canada is the second largest country in the world with only 30 million inhabitants. Canada also has an immense amount of natural resources: oil, potash, water, lumber etc. Here are just some of the projects in natural resources being planned and executed right now

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The projects that are underway include the following:

- Husky Energy with a \$ 2,5 billion project in Alberta
- Hangingstone Project of Athabasca Oil Sands in Alberta
- Expansion to the Horizon mine of CNRL in Alberta
- In British Columbia there are aluminum projects
- In Saskatchewan potash projects are being planned
- In Newfoundland and Labrador Vale-Inco is busy with the Long Harbour Nickel Processing plant and will need 1650 workers per year for the next 5 years
- In Newfoundland and Labrador the Hebron Oil platform is being started in 2012 and will need 3500 workers at it's peak
- The Churchill Falls Hydro dam will need 2700 workers

IMMIGRATION NEWS

Federal and Quebec Investor

The Federal Investor program has re-opened but the investment amount has now increased to CAD 800 000. After 5 years and 2 months the investment will be returned at no interest. According to indirect reports Citizenship and Immigration is aiming for these cases to be completed in 18 months. **However According to the president of National Bank of Canada their there are 26 000 investors in waiting to be processed.** Depending on the quota at a specific visa office it could take a decade before a file is finalized- the expectation is that the new investors (with CAD800 000 investment) might be fast tracked before the older investors (with CAD400 000 investment).

The Quebec investment program also requires a CAD800 000 investment, but the expected processing time is closer to a genuine 18 months. The Quebec Investor program is therefor more reliable.

These investments can also be financed by one of the approved financial intermediaries. The financing cost are between CAD180 00 and CAD240 000.

Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP)

The SINP has now added a new stream to their existing stream:

You may qualify to apply for permanent residence under the SINP Student Category: Post-Graduation Work Permit Stream if:

- You have graduated with a certificate, diploma or degree from a recognized post-secondary educational institution in Canada. The program must have been equivalent to **at least one academic year (eight months) of full-time study.**
- You have worked for at **least six months (with minimum 960 hours) of paid employment in Saskatchewan.** Eligible types of work experience in Saskatchewan include on-campus, off-campus, co-op terms, graduate fellowships that can be verified by your institution, and work experience gained on a post-graduate work permit.
- You have applied for and received a post-graduation work permit from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC).
- You have a current, permanent, full-time job offer from a Saskatchewan employer. The job offer does not have to relate to your studies.

Nova Scotia Provincial Nominee Class

Nova Scotia is hoping to attract immigrant farmers to rural parts of the province. Agriculture Minister John MacDonell indicated that \$260,000 will be set aside to help promote the plan. Nova Scotia wants experienced producers who are interested in immigrating and setting up sustainable farming operations. The project includes developing a website and a database of available farm land in Nova Scotia. It also involves hosting information sessions in targeted countries and preparing profiles of Nova Scotia and selected agricultural sectors.

The Agri-Food Sector stream is aimed at immigrants interested in agri-food primary production and/or value added production. The stream gives the opportunity to strengthen rural communities by creating jobs and growing the economy by bringing agricultural skills to Nova Scotia. The Agri-Food Sector pilot is a joint venture between the Office of Immigration and the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture.

To be eligible to apply under this stream, the applicant must:

- have legal status in the country of residence
- be between the ages of 21 and 55

- have completed the equivalent to a Canadian high school diploma with a minimum of 12 years of education and/or training from a recognized institution and/or authority
- provide proof of sufficient English or French language proficiency to be employable and functional in Nova Scotia upon arrival based on documentation of language proficiency
- have a minimum of 3 years experience in farm ownership, farm management OR practical farming experience with skills relevant to Nova Scotia farming conditions.
- have marketable skills to supplement farm income (or his/her spouse)
- demonstrate that you have sufficient settlement supports and financial resources, including transferable funds in your name, in order to pay your immigration costs and travel expenses (if applicable) and to successfully establish yourself and your family in the agri-food sector.
- have a minimum personal net worth of \$150,000 (after relocation to Nova Scotia - before the farm is purchased).
- make a minimum equity investment of \$100,000 in a new or existing farming operation in capital assets (land, machinery) or working capital.
- plan to establish a farm, purchase a farm or become a partner in an existing farm business. If you invest in an existing farm business, you must control at least 33.33% and take an active part in the operation of the business.

A qualifying farming business must demonstrate a minimum annual revenue of \$10,000 CAD. Hobby farms are not eligible.

Applicants will need to come for a minimum of one 5 working days exploratory visit for Nova Scotia to explore farming opportunities. During this visit, applicants will meet with representatives of the Department of Agriculture who will inform and guide the applicant in the Nova Scotia agri-food sector. Applicants will also have an interview with a nominee officer from the Office of Immigration.

Best Regards



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