

Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program

International Student Entrepreneur Pilot Process Map (Interim)

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The International Student Entrepreneur Pilot Interim Process

The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP) will open its online Expression of Interest system for all streams to the public once the technical changes are complete.

The MPNP is launching an interim process to allow applications to the International Education Stream: International Student Entrepreneur Pilot (ISEP). The following steps are for applying to the ISEP.

Process Overview



Step 1 – Self-assessment

- ❑ Conduct an objective self-assessment exercise based on the Interest Guideline Form available at www.immigratemanitoba.com/immigrate-to-manitoba/isep/.
- ❑ Determine whether you will meet the minimum criteria of the ISEP (Age, Education, Official Languages Proficiency and net worth) by the time you receive a notice with an approval-in-principle (Step 5) by the MPNP.

NOTE: You may submit a Business Concept and Interest Guideline form before graduating from a Manitoba post-secondary institution as long as you have completed at least one year of a two-year program. You will not be issued a notice with an approval in principle until you have met the minimum education criterion, meaning you have graduated from a designated MB post-secondary institution two-year program.

Step 2 – Explore and Research

- ❑ The exploratory and research step of the process to undertake sufficient business research to support your plan and application can start immediately.
- ❑ Attending an ISEP information session is mandatory. To register for an information session, please send an email to MPNP-BusinessStream@gov.mb.ca.
- ❑ Based on your research and the outcome of your self-assessment, you may consider submitting a Business Concept under ISEP to the MPNP.

NOTE: The MPNP cannot endorse your Business Concept, but can provide you with objective, critical and relevant information to help you develop your Business Concept.

Step 3 – Submit your Expression of Interest

- Once you have completed your research of the Manitoba market, you can submit the following:
 - Your Business Concept Form,
 - Your Interest Guideline Form, and
 - Code of Conduct for Immigration Representatives, if applicable.
- If you do not meet all of the minimum stream criteria requirements (except education), the MPNP will inform you that your business concept will not be reviewed. Please note that the business concept is NOT an application to the MPNP.
- The MPNP will screen your Business Concept and determine if you can continue to the next step:
 - If YES, the MPNP will conduct mandatory in- person interview. If the in-person interview is successful, the MPNP will issue a Letter of Advice to Apply (LAA) and a Business Concept Code (BCC) with further instructions to continue to the next step.
 - If NO, the MPNP will inform you of the reason(s) why you will not advance to the next step. If you do not move on to the next step, please give yourself an opportunity to conduct more research and either refine your Business Concept further, or consider a different one. You must wait a minimum of two months from the date on the feedback email before you can submit a new Business Concept to the MPNP.

Step 4 - Full Application Submission

- If you receive an official Letter of Advice to Apply (LAA) to the ISEP, you must submit your completed application package within 120 days from the LAA issuance date. Your completed application package must include copies of all required documents along with a non-refundable CAD \$2,500 Application Fee (Please check the document checklist for payment options).
- Please note that the MPNP reserves the right to request verification of your net worth and financial information by a Manitoba-designated third-party service provider. You will be notified in the LAA if the MPNP requires you to submit your net worth and financial information to a third party for net worth verification.
- Please ensure that you are submitting a complete application as described by the MPNP Document Checklist. If the MPNP returns the incomplete application to you, you will have to start the process from Step 1.

Step 5 – Application Assessment

- The MPNP will conduct a thorough assessment of your complete application.
- If the assessment identifies concerns with your application, the MPNP will send you a Procedural Fairness Letter (PFL), which you are required to respond to by a specified deadline.

If you do not respond to the PFL by the prescribed deadline, or if your response does not resolve all the concerns indicated in the PFL, your application may be refused by the MPNP.

- If your application meets all of the requirements of the MPNP, you will receive a notice with an approval in principle
- As part of the approval process, you must sign an ISEP Business Performance Agreement (ISEP-BPA), which will serve as a contractual agreement between you and the MPNP.

Step 6 - Meet Business Performance Agreement Conditions

- Before and/or after you have signed an ISEP-BPA, MPNP immigration officers are available to answer any questions that you may have about your ISEP-BPA and the MPNP nomination requirements.
- As specified within your ISEP-BPA, you are required to provide regular progress reports to the MPNP.
- In addition, MPNP immigration officers may monitor your business establishment activities at any time during your business operation to verify that the terms and conditions of the ISEP-BPA, including specific timelines and reporting conditions, are being met.

Business Establishment Support

- At any time during your business operation, MPNP officers can:
 - Assist you with information and feedback to help you establish your business successfully in Manitoba.
 - Refer you to a range of other business and settlement supports depending on your specific needs.
 - Assist you with the assessment or approval processes associated with the MPNP or your ISEP-BPA.

Step 7 - Nomination by the MPNP

- When the MPNP has verified that you have successfully completed the terms and conditions of the ISEP-BPA, the MPNP will issue you a Certificate of Nomination, which will also be shared with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).
- The MPNP will also provide you with instructions about how to submit an application for a Permanent Resident Visa to IRCC.

Cancellation of the ISEP-BPA and Refusal by the MPNP

- If any terms and conditions of the ISEP-BPA are not fulfilled within the contracted timelines, the MPNP will cancel your ISEP-BPA and refuse your application for nomination.