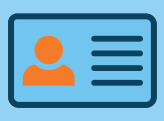
A Step-by-Step Guide to **Category-based Selection In Express Entry**

1. 

Show your interest

Create an online Express Entry profile in your IRCC Secure Account.

2.

We place you in the Express Entry pool

If you're eligible for one of the programs under Express Entry — Federal Skilled Worker Class, Federal Skilled Trades Class, or Canadian Experience Class—we'll place you in the Express Entry pool.

3.

Check your Comprehensive Ranking System score

While your Express Entry profile is in the pool, we'll assign you a score based on your points in the Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS). You can view your score in your IRCC account.

4.

We identify candidates eligible for a category

We identify candidates in the pool, based on their profile, who are eligible for a specific category the Minister established.

5.

We rank your Express Entry profile

We rank eligible candidates based on their CRS score.

6.

We run a round of invitations

In all round types, we invite eligible candidates with the highest CRS scores to apply to an economic immigration program. In category-based rounds, candidates must also be eligible for a given category to be invited.

7.

Apply for permanent residence

If you receive an invitation to apply, you have 60 days to submit an application for a specific program in Express Entry.

8.

We make a decision on your application

We make a decision based on program eligibility, the accuracy of the information in your profile, category eligibility and whether you're admissible to Canada.