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## Canada's Express Entry System: Top 5 Tips

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### 1) **Eligible? Apply Now.**

In order to submit your name into the pool, you need to meet basic qualification criteria. The first step is to determine whether your language skills, education, and work experience are sufficient to allow you to apply under one of the economic immigrant categories listed above. It is advisable to create your profile as soon as you are eligible.

### 2) **'Job Offer' All the Way**

A job offer in Canada is a significant positive factor. Some Canadian job offers are made following a positive Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA), while others are not. If you can secure a valid job offer in Canada (offer of arranged employment), your chances of selection from the pool go up significantly. If this is a potential option in your case, it is very likely worth exploring. There are bonus points for this.

### 3) **Ensure You Have the Right Documents**

Anything you state on your Express Entry profile will eventually need to be backed up with documentation once you are invited to apply. It is essential to have the correct documentation in place before submitting your profile. If you state something that turns out to be false, you risk being found inadmissible for misrepresentation—an offence with very serious consequences. Exercise caution in completing the profile.

### 4) **Update Your Profile**

Once your profile is built, you will know your points total. Since the government publishes the lowest points scores accepted on each draw, you will have a sense of how you measure up, and your likelihood of selection. If your points total is in the low range, there may be steps you can take to increase the total, such as re-taking a language test, or obtaining a valid job offer. Your profile can always be updated, so these steps may be worth pursuing.



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#### 5) **Work with an Experienced Immigration Lawyer**

Canadian immigration law professionals have been following the Express Entry developments closely. We can help ensure that your profile is as strong as possible and can recommend ways to make it stronger. The assistance of a skilled representative can help avoid processing delays, avoid other pitfalls, and increase your prospects for successful immigration to Canada. We would be happy to speak to you about economic immigration to Canada. Please contact us to set up a consultation appointment.

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