

Alberta Advantage Immigration Program – National Occupational Classification (NOC) 2016 criteria for Alberta Opportunity Stream applications submitted on or before November 15, 2022

On November 16, 2022, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and the Alberta Advantage Immigration Program (AAIP) adopted the 2021 version of the National Occupational Classification (NOC).

Alberta Opportunity Stream applications submitted on or before November 15, 2022 will be assessed against the selection criteria posted on the AAIP website as of November 15, 2022. The NOC 2016 version of the ineligible occupation list, language requirements, and job offer wage requirements for religious workers is provided below. All other Alberta Opportunity Stream requirements did not change with the move to NOC 2021 and are set out on the [Alberta Opportunity Stream Eligibility page](#).

Occupation requirements

Eligible occupations

At the time your application is submitted, and at the time the AAIP assesses your application, you must work in an eligible occupation in Alberta. Occupation requirements also apply to your work experience and job offer.

You must review the work experience criteria and eligible job offer criteria sections below for details.

The occupation you are working in at the time your application is submitted is your 'current occupation'.

Most occupations under National Occupational Classification (NOC) skill levels 0, A, B, C and D are eligible under the AAIP.

Ineligible occupations

Individuals working in the following occupations at the time of submission and assessment are not eligible to apply for or be nominated under the Alberta Opportunity Stream.

Table 1. List of ineligible occupations

NOC Code (2016)	NOC Skill Level	Occupation
0011	0	Legislators
0422	0	School principals and administrators of elementary and secondary education
0423	0	Managers in social, community and correctional services
0432	0	Fire chiefs and senior firefighting officers
0651*	0	Escort agency managers, massage parlour managers

NOC Code (2016)	NOC Skill Level	Occupation
4031	A	Secondary school teachers
4032	A	Elementary school and kindergarten teachers
5121	A	Authors and writers
5133	A	Musicians and singers
5135	A	Actors and comedians
5136	A	Painters, sculptors and other visual artists
1227	B	Court officers and justices of the peace
3223*	B	Dental laboratory assistants/bench workers
4214*	B	Early childhood educators who do not have certification through Alberta Children's Services – Child Care Staff Certification Office or who have been certified as Level 1 Early Childhood Educator (formerly Child Development Assistant)
4216	B	Other instructors
5232	B	Other performers, not elsewhere classified
5244	B	Artisans and craftspersons
5251	B	Athletes
6232	B	Real estate agents and salespersons
4411	C	Home child care providers
4412	C	Home support workers, housekeepers and related occupations
4413	C	Elementary and secondary school teacher assistants
6533	C	Casino occupations
6564	C	Other personal service occupations

NOC Code (2016)	NOC Skill Level	Occupation
7513	C	Taxi and limousine drivers and chauffeurs
8442	C	Trappers and hunters
6623	D	Other sales related occupations
6722	D	Operators and attendants in amusement, recreation and sport
6742	D	Other service support occupations, not elsewhere classified
8611	D	Harvesting labourers
8612	D	Landscaping and grounds maintenance labourers
8613	D	Aquaculture and marine harvest labourers
8614	D	Mine labourers

*This National Occupation Classification (NOC) code consists of both eligible occupations and ineligible occupations. The 'Occupation' column specifies which occupations are ineligible for each NOC Code listed.

Language requirements

You must demonstrate you meet the following language test score in English or French at the time that you submit your application. You must meet the scores based on a single test result.

Table 2. Language requirements

National Occupational Classification (NOC) Skill Level	Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) test score required	Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC) test score required
If you are working in a NOC 0, A or B occupation	Minimum of 5 for each English language skill	Minimum of 5 for each French language skill
If you are working in a NOC D or D occupation	Minimum of 4 for each English language skill	Minimum of 4 for each French language skill

If you apply to the AAIP under NOC code 3413 (nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates), the AAIP requires a minimum language test score of CLB of 7 for each English language skill, or NCLC of 7 for each French language skill.

You must provide your official test results with your AAIP application for one of the following language tests:

- [Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program \(CELPIP\) General Test](#)
- [International English Language Testing System \(IELTS\) General Training Test](#)
- [Test d'évaluation de français Canada \(TEF Canada\)](#)
- [Test de connaissance du français Canada \(TCF Canada\)](#)

Official test results must be less than 2 years old at the time your application was submitted. The date used to determine the age of your tests results is the date you took the test, not the date your test results were released. The AAIP will not accept confirmation of registration to take a language test in place of a test result.

Check the [federal guideline on CLB/NCLC equivalency](#) for each of the tests.

Job offer requirements – religious worker wage requirements only

- exceptions for NOC 4154 – Professional occupations in religion and NOC 4217 – Other religious occupations:
 - If your job offer is LMIA exempt, your wages and benefits must meet or exceed minimum wage.
 - Meal and lodging deductions that meet Employment Standards are permitted. Proof of employee authorization of deductions is required.