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TR to PR Pathway 2026 Complete Application Checklist

33,000 Spots · 2026 – 2027 · First-Come, First-Served
Agriculture · Hospitality · Transport · Healthcare · Caring Professions

■ Official IRCC checklist pending April 2026 — Prepare NOW

Prepared: March 7, 2026 | Based on: 2021 TR to PR Guide 5069, IRCC 2026-2028 Levels Plan, immigration expert analysis

■ ACT NOW — THIS PATHWAY WILL FILL WITHIN HOURS OF OPENING

In 2021, the equivalent TR to PR pathway received 90,000 applications and filled on the SAME DAY it launched. The 2026 pathway has only 33,000 spots spread over two years — competition will be even fiercer. The ONLY way to secure your spot is to have EVERY document ready BEFORE the portal opens (expected April 2026). Do not wait for the official IRCC checklist — start gathering documents today.

■ ELIGIBILITY SNAPSHOT — Do You Qualify?

Requirement	Details	Your Status
Valid Status in Canada	Valid work permit (PGWP, LMIA, SOWP, closed WP) or eligible to restore. Must be physically present in Canada at time of application AND at final decision.	
Work Experience	Minimum 12 months full-time (1,560 hrs) in eligible sector in last 3 years. Must be employed in Canada at time of application. Self-employment generally NOT eligible (exception: medical doctors on fee-for-service basis).	
Eligible Sector / NOC	Agriculture, Hospitality, Transportation, Healthcare, Caring Professions. Must align with an eligible NOC code (see Surrey IC NOC Code Reference document). Expected TEER 0–4.	
Language Proficiency	Minimum CLB 4–5 (expected). To be competitive: aim for CLB 7+. Valid test results required (issued within 2 years of application date). Accepted: IELTS GT, CELPIP-General, PTE Core, TEF Canada, TCF Canada.	
Intended Province	Must intend to reside OUTSIDE Quebec (federal program). Quebec applicants must coordinate with CAQ / MIFI separately.	
Admissibility	Must pass medical, criminal, and security checks. No serious criminality or inadmissibility issues.	
Rural / Community Ties	2026 program places EXTRA weight on rural workers and those with strong community ties (taxes paid, stable employment, local integration). Rural applicants expected to receive priority.	

1 | IDENTITY & STATUS DOCUMENTS

<input type="checkbox"/> Valid Passport (All Applicants)	Current valid passport for you AND all accompanying family members. Must remain valid throughout processing (typically 12–18 months). Ensure it won't expire during this period. ■ URGENT: Renew NOW if expires within 18 months
<input type="checkbox"/> All Previous Passports	Copies of all previous passports or travel documents used in the last 10 years. Required to verify travel history and confirm continuous status.
<input type="checkbox"/> Current Work Permit / Study Permit / eTA	Most recent valid immigration document. Must show you are legally authorised to be in Canada at time of application. ■ URGENT: If expiring within 4 months — apply for extension immediately
<input type="checkbox"/> All Previous Canadian Immigration Documents	All previous work permits, study permits, visitor records, employer-specific WPs. Shows continuous authorised status — gaps can trigger refusal. ■ Gaps in status are a leading cause of refusal
<input type="checkbox"/> IRCC Maintained Status / Implied Status Letter (if applicable)	If your permit expired and you applied for renewal before expiry (maintained status), include proof of that application and IRCC acknowledgement.
<input type="checkbox"/> Birth Certificate	Original birth certificate for you and all family members included in the application. Get certified translation if not in English or French.
<input type="checkbox"/> National Identity Card (if applicable)	Copy of national ID card / Aadhar / NIC / NRIC where applicable. Helps verify identity consistency across documents.
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Recent Passport-Sized Photos	Per IRCC specifications: 50mm x 70mm, white background, taken within last 6 months, neutral expression, no glasses. See Appendix A of IRCC Guide 5069 for full specs.

2 | LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (MOST CRITICAL — BOOK IMMEDIATELY)

<input type="checkbox"/> Language Test — English OR French (Required)	Valid official language test result. Must be issued within 2 years of application date. Expired scores = AUTOMATIC REFUSAL. Expected minimum: CLB 4–5. To be competitive for limited spots: aim for CLB 7+. ■ BOOK TODAY — Test centres fill up when programs open. Allow 4–8 weeks for results.
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted English Tests	IELTS General Training (NOT Academic) — minimum Band 4.5+ per module for CLB 5. OR CELPIP-General — Level 5+. OR PTE Core (new, accepted from 2023). ■ IELTS General Training only — IELTS Academic scores NOT accepted
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted French Tests	TEF Canada or TCF Canada. French proficiency is a MAJOR ADVANTAGE — French-speaking applicants expected to have dedicated stream with no cap, similar to 2021. ■ French speakers: consider adding this test for additional pathway options
<input type="checkbox"/> CLB Score Reference Table	CLB 4 = IELTS GT 4.0 each. CLB 5 = IELTS GT 5.0L / 4.0R / 5.0W / 5.0S. CLB 7 = IELTS GT 6.0L / 6.0R / 5.5W / 6.0S. CLB 9 = IELTS GT 7.5L / 6.5R / 7.0W / 7.0S.
<input type="checkbox"/> Test Validity Check	Confirm your test was issued no more than 2 years before your anticipated application submission date. If it expires before April 2026 — retake immediately. ■ Do not wait — retest slots disappear when pathway opens

3 | WORK EXPERIENCE & EMPLOYMENT PROOF

<input type="checkbox"/> Employer Reference Letter — CURRENT Employer (Required)	<p>Formal letter on company letterhead. Must include: (1) Your job title and NOC code, (2) Main duties matching NOC description EXACTLY, (3) Start date and end date (or 'ongoing'), (4) Hours per week (must confirm full-time = 30+ hrs), (5) Annual salary and benefits, (6) Location of work, (7) Employer name, signature, title, full address, phone and email.</p> <p>■ CRITICAL: Duties must match your NOC — a mismatch is grounds for refusal</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Employer Reference Letters — PREVIOUS Employers (if applicable)	<p>Same format as above for any prior employers during the qualifying period (last 3 years). Required if combining experience from multiple jobs to reach the 12-month minimum.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> T4 Slips — Last 2 Tax Years	<p>T4 slips (Statement of Remuneration Paid) from CRA for the last 2 tax years (2023 and 2024 tax years). Confirms employment income and employer tax remittances.</p> <p>■ <i>Request from your employer or download via CRA My Account</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Assessment (NOA) — Last 2 Years	<p>CRA-issued NOA for your last 2 filed tax years. Confirms you filed Canadian taxes — a key 'strong roots' criterion for the 2026 pathway. Download at canada.ca/cra-myaccount.</p> <p>■ <i>Strong evidence of community and economic integration</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Last 3 Pay Stubs	<p>Most recent 3 consecutive pay stubs showing your name, employer, pay period, gross/net pay, hours worked, and YTD deductions.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Contracts / Offer Letters	<p>Original employment contract(s) showing job title, duties, hours, and salary. Especially important if reference letter is not available from past employers.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> ROE — Record of Employment (if applicable)	<p>If you left a previous job in Canada, include the Record of Employment (ROE) issued by the employer or Service Canada. Confirms dates and reason for leaving.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof You Are Currently Working in Canada	<p>You MUST be working in Canada at time of application. Include most recent pay stub dated within 30 days of application, along with current work permit authorising the employment.</p> <p>■ <i>Application submitted while not working may be refused</i></p>

4 | POLICE CERTIFICATES & CRIMINAL RECORDS (URGENT — ORDER NOW)

<input type="checkbox"/> Police Certificate — Every Foreign Country (Required)	Required for EVERY country (other than Canada) where you lived for 6 months or more since turning 18. This includes your home country, any transit countries, and any prior country of residence. ■ MOST URGENT: Some countries take 2–4 months — order immediately
<input type="checkbox"/> India: Police Clearance Certificate (PCC)	Apply via Passport Seva Kendra (PSK) at passportindia.gov.in , or via VFS Global. Processing: 3–8 weeks. Must include all addresses lived in India. Apostille may be required.
<input type="checkbox"/> UK Police Certificate (ACPO)	Apply via ACRO Criminal Records Office at acro.police.uk . Typically 10 business days. Covers all UK residency periods.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Countries — Instructions	Check IRCC's country-by-country guidance at canada.ca/police-certificates . Each country has specific issuance authority. Certificate must not be older than 6 months at time of application submission. ■ IMPORTANT: Some countries reissue frequently — check validity carefully
<input type="checkbox"/> Canada Police Certificate NOT Required	IRCC does NOT require a police certificate for time spent in Canada. IRCC conducts its own Canadian criminal records check internally.
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Translation of Police Certificate	If issued in a language other than English or French, must be translated by a certified translator. Translation must include: translator's full name, signature, contact info, and declaration of accuracy.

5 | MEDICAL EXAMINATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Immigration Medical Exam (IME) — All Principal Applicants	Must be conducted by an IRCC-designated Panel Physician (not your family doctor). Results are valid for 12 months. IRCC will instruct when to get the exam after submission — do NOT complete before receiving instruction, as timing matters. ■ Book with a Panel Physician: find at cic.gc.ca/panel-physicians
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Exam — All Accompanying Family Members	Every dependent included in the application must undergo the same IME, including children of all ages. Non-accompanying dependents do NOT need to complete the exam at application time.
<input type="checkbox"/> Upfront Medical (if choosing to submit early)	Some applicants opt to complete the medical exam upfront to speed processing. This is acceptable — exam results are sent directly to IRCC by the Panel Physician electronically.
<input type="checkbox"/> Disclosure of Past Medical Conditions	Disclose any past or present significant medical conditions. Failure to disclose may result in misrepresentation finding. Medical inadmissibility may apply in limited circumstances — consult RCIC if concerned.

6 | TRAVEL HISTORY

<input type="checkbox"/> Form IMM 5562 — Supplementary Information: Your Travels	Must account for ALL travel outside your country of nationality/last residence for the past 10 years, OR since age 18 (whichever is shorter). Include: destination, purpose, and approximate dates. ■ Incomplete travel history is a common cause of delays and RFI's
<input type="checkbox"/> Passport Evidence of Travel	Ensure all passport stamps, visas, and entry/exit records align with your declared travel history in IMM 5562. Discrepancies trigger IRCC requests for additional information.
<input type="checkbox"/> Prior Visa Refusals — All Countries	Must declare ALL prior visa or immigration refusals worldwide (not just Canada). Include country, date, and reason if known. Failure to disclose = misrepresentation. ■ This includes US, UK, Schengen, Australia, etc.

7 | IRCC APPLICATION FORMS (Based on 2021 TR to PR Guide 5069 — 2026 forms TBC)

<input type="checkbox"/> IMM 0008 — Generic Application Form for Canada	Main PR application form. Barcode form — must be validated and all pages submitted. Complete on computer (not by hand). Form must be reprinted and resubmitted if any information changes after validation. ■ <i>Re-validate if any data changes — even minor corrections</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> IMM 5669 — Schedule A: Background / Declaration	Background history including personal information, education, employment, addresses, family, and military service. Must cover last 10 years or since age 18.
<input type="checkbox"/> IMM 0130 — Schedule 3: TR to PR Pathway	Stream-specific schedule for Workers (Stream A & B) and International Graduates. Declares your qualifying work experience or education details. New 2026 equivalent form TBC. ■ <i>Watch IRCC portal for updated 2026 form number</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> IMM 5406 — Additional Family Information	Required for ALL applicants. Lists all family members worldwide, including those NOT included in the application. Includes immediate family and any children.
<input type="checkbox"/> IMM 5562 — Supplementary Information: Your Travels	See Section 6 above. Must be fully completed before submission.
<input type="checkbox"/> IMM 5409 — Statutory Declaration of Common-Law Union (if applicable)	Required if you are applying with a common-law partner and they are included in the application as a dependent.
<input type="checkbox"/> IMM 5604 — Non-Accompanying Parent/Guardian for Minors (if applicable)	Required if any dependent child is applying and one parent is NOT included in the application.
<input type="checkbox"/> IMM 0008 DEP — Additional Dependants (if applicable)	Required if you have more dependants than the main IMM 0008 form can accommodate.

8 | FAMILY MEMBERS & DEPENDANTS (If Including Spouse / Children)

<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Certificate / Civil Union Certificate	Original and certified copy. Must be officially issued by the relevant government authority. Certified translation required if not in English or French.
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse's Passport and Status Documents	Current valid passport for spouse. All Canadian immigration documents for spouse if they are in Canada. Birth certificate of spouse.
<input type="checkbox"/> Common-Law Relationship Proof (if applicable)	Evidence of 12+ continuous months cohabitation: joint lease/mortgage, joint bank account statements, joint bills (utilities, insurance), CRA notice of address, statutory declaration (IMM 5409). ■ <i>Must show 12 consecutive months of cohabitation</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Birth Certificates	Original birth certificate for each dependent child. Must name both parents. Certified translation if not in English or French.
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Passports	Current valid passport for each dependent child. Even very young children require their own passport.
<input type="checkbox"/> Custody Documents (if applicable)	If applicable — divorce decree, custody order, consent letters from non-applying parent for any child included in the application.
<input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Children's Photos	Same IRCC photo specifications as principal applicant. One photo per dependent.
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Relationship — Additional	Dated photos together, communication records, joint financial accounts. IRCC may request additional proof to verify genuine relationship.

9 | COMMUNITY TIES & STRONG ROOTS (NEW EMPHASIS FOR 2026)

<input type="checkbox"/> CRA Tax Filing — Last 2 Years (T1 General Returns)	Proof you have been filing Canadian taxes. Download T1 returns from CRA My Account. This is a KEY criterion for the 2026 'strong roots' focus — applicants who pay taxes are explicitly prioritised. ■ <i>CRITICAL for 2026: Tax compliance = strong roots = higher priority</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Canadian Address / Long-Term Residency	Lease agreements, mortgage statements, or utility bills showing consistent address in Canada. The longer and more stable, the better. ■ <i>Rural address outside Toronto/Vancouver may receive additional priority</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Bank Account Statements (Last 6 Months)	Shows financial integration in Canada. Monthly statements demonstrating regular income deposits, bill payments, and Canadian financial activity.
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Children in Canadian Schools (if applicable)	School enrolment letters or report cards for dependent children attending Canadian schools. Demonstrates family integration and roots.
<input type="checkbox"/> Community / Volunteer Involvement (if any)	Optional but strengthens application: letters from community organisations, places of worship, volunteer organisations. Demonstrates social integration.
<input type="checkbox"/> Province/Region of Settlement Confirmation	Brief letter or signed declaration confirming your intention to remain in your current province/territory (outside Quebec). Particularly important for rural applicants.

10 | EDUCATION & CREDENTIAL ASSESSMENT

<input type="checkbox"/> Educational Credentials (Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates)	Copies of all post-secondary degrees, diplomas, or certificates. Include transcript and official letter of graduation from each institution attended.
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<input type="checkbox"/> ECA — Educational Credential Assessment (Foreign Credentials)	Required for education completed OUTSIDE Canada. Valid for 5 years. Accepted organisations: WES, IQAS, ICES, CES, MCC (for medical), PEBC (for pharmacy). NOT required for Canadian-completed credentials. ■ <i>Allow 8–20 weeks for ECA processing — order immediately if needed</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Education — Transcripts & Proof of Graduation	If educated in Canada: Official final transcript AND letter from institution confirming: credential type, program length, completion date, institution name, and that you were authorised to study for the full duration. ■ <i>PGWP holders: include your PGWP as supporting evidence of Canadian completion</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Licences / Regulatory Body Registration	For regulated occupations (nurses, engineers, doctors, pharmacists, etc.): include licence/registration certificate from provincial regulatory body (e.g., CNO, CPSBC, APEG).

11 | APPLICATION FEES & BIOMETRICS

<input type="checkbox"/> PR Application Fee — Principal Applicant	Expected: CAD \$515 (based on 2021 rate — confirm on IRCC website at time of application). Pay via IRCC secure account at the time of application submission.
<input type="checkbox"/> PR Application Fee — Spouse/Partner	Expected: CAD \$515 per dependent adult.
<input type="checkbox"/> Right of Permanent Residence Fee (RPRF)	CAD \$515 per adult (principal applicant + spouse). Can be paid upfront or deferred until after approval-in-principle. Paying upfront speeds final processing.
<input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Child Fee	CAD \$150 per dependent child (under 22 and unmarried, or full-time student).
<input type="checkbox"/> Biometrics Fee	CAD \$85 per person (or \$170 per family — up to max). Required unless you gave biometrics within the last 10 years to IRCC. Check IRCC biometrics tool to confirm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Budget Summary (Estimated)	Single applicant: ~\$600. Couple: ~\$1,200. Family of 4: ~\$1,650–\$2,000. Add: language test ~\$300, ECA ~\$250–\$350, medical ~\$300–\$450/person, document translations as needed. ■ <i>Total estimated budget per family: CAD \$2,000–\$3,500</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Biometric Instruction Letter (BIL) — Post Submission	After submitting your application and paying fees, IRCC issues a BIL instructing you where to give fingerprints and photo. Book appointment at Service Canada (designated biometrics site). Attend promptly — IRCC begins processing only after biometrics are received.

12 | TRANSLATIONS, TECHNICAL & SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Translations — All Non-English/French Documents	Every document not in English or French MUST have a certified translation attached. Translation must include: translator's full name, address, phone, certification that they are proficient in both languages, and signature/date. ■ <i>No machine translation (Google Translate) — must be human certified</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> File Format for Online Upload	IRCC online portal accepts: PDF (preferred), JPEG/JPG, PNG. Maximum file size per document: 4MB. Combine multi-page documents into a single PDF. Use clear, legible scans (300 DPI minimum).
<input type="checkbox"/> File Naming Convention	Label each uploaded file clearly: e.g., 'Passport_MainApplicant', 'WorkPermit_Current', 'EmployerLetter_ABCFarms_2024'. Organised files speed officer review.
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Work Permit (OWP) — Bridge While Waiting	If your work permit expires within 4 months of application submission, you can apply for a TR to PR Pathway Bridge OWP to continue working while awaiting a decision. Requires proof of PR submission. Available until December 31, 2026.

Application Completeness Check

Incomplete applications are refused with NO REFUND of fees. Double-check every item in this checklist is present before submitting. Have a second person (or RCIC) review the package.
■ IRCC will NOT notify you of missing documents before refusing

Retain Copies of Everything Submitted

Keep a complete copy of your entire application package — including every uploaded document, the confirmation receipt, and the UCI/application number assigned.

■ RECOMMENDED ACTION TIMELINE

When	Action
NOW — Immediately	Book language test (IELTS/CELP/TEF). Order police certificates for all foreign countries. Begin collecting T4s, NOAs, pay stubs, and employer reference letters. Ensure work permit validity and apply for extension if expiring within 4 months.
March 2026	Complete and validate IMM 0008 and all IRCC forms (use 2021 versions as template — update when 2026 versions released). Get ECA if required (allow 8–20 weeks). Compile full document package. Organise a dedicated digital folder labelled 'TR to PR Upload' with all files named and scanned.
April 2026 (Expected)	IRCC expected to release official checklist and open application portal. Cross-reference official checklist against this document. Add/update any new requirements. Have RCIC review your package. Be ready to submit within 24 hours of portal opening.
Day of Opening	Submit application immediately when portal opens. Confirm receipt and save your UCI/application number. Apply for Bridge OWP if work permit expiring within 4 months. Monitor IRCC application status via Client Application Status tool.
Post-Submission	Maintain valid status throughout processing (12–18 months expected). Respond to any IRCC Request for Information (RFI) within 30 days. Attend any biometrics or interview appointments promptly. Update IRCC of any address or employment changes.

■ **DISCLAIMER — PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE ONLY:** This checklist was prepared on March 7, 2026, based on the official 2021 IRCC TR to PR Pathway Guide 5069, the 2026–2028 Immigration Levels Plan, and analysis by immigration experts. IRCC has NOT yet published the official 2026 TR to PR checklist or application guide. Official details are expected in April 2026. Requirements may differ from those listed here. This document is provided for preparation purposes only and does NOT constitute legal or immigration advice. Always verify all requirements with the official IRCC website at canada.ca before submitting your application. Consult a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC) or immigration lawyer for advice specific to your situation.

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