



LIVING IN QUÉBEC AFTER YOUR STUDIES

PROGRAMME DE L'EXPÉRIENCE QUÉBÉCOISE



You had an opportunity during your studies to discover the many attractions of life in Québec. You now know that to live in Québec is to participate fully in the development of a society that blends North American modernism and European influences. To choose Québec is also to enjoy a quality of life combining the advantages of a stimulating work environment with an enriching personal life.

YOUR TALENTS HAVE A PLACE IN QUÉBEC!

The *Programme de l'expérience québécoise* (PEQ – Québec experience program): a simplified process leading to permanent immigration

Are you a foreign student who graduated in Québec and wishes to settle permanently in Québec? The **Programme de l'expérience québécoise** (PEQ – Québec experience program) simplifies and accelerates the process for obtaining your **Certificat de sélection du Québec** (CSQ – Québec selection certificate). Under the PEQ, your application for a CSQ is processed on the basis of the elements contained in your file and a reduced number of assessment criteria.

Am I eligible?

You can apply for a CSQ under the PEQ if you meet the following conditions:

- 1) You are studying in Québec and are on your way to obtaining one of the following diplomas or you studied in Québec and have obtained one of the following diplomas:
 - A **Diplôme d'études professionnelles** (DEP – Diploma of Vocational Studies) involving 1,800 hours of study;
 - A DEP and an **Attestation de spécialisation professionnelle** (AVS – Attestation of Vocational Specialization) totaling 1,800 hours;
 - A **Diplôme d'études collégiales, formation technique** (DEC – Diploma of College Studies, technical training);
 - a Bachelor's degree;
 - a Master's degree;
 - a Doctorate.



The diploma or degree must be granted by a university or by a public or private educational institution located in Québec and recognized by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport.

2) You have an intermediate knowledge of oral French.

To prove this, you must show that:

- you completed studies in Québec in French; or
- you studied, in French and on a full time basis, for at least two years in a secondary or post-secondary educational institution; or
- you successfully completed an intermediate-level French course given in Québec by an educational institution recognized by the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport or given by a Québec university; or
- you passed a standardized test recognized by the Ministère de l'Immigration et des Communautés culturelles that shows that you have an intermediate-level knowledge of oral French; or
- you satisfied the language requirements of a professional order in Québec.

Students holding a bursary that contains a clause stipulating return to their country of origin are not eligible under the PEQ.

“Job prospects are excellent here. Two weeks after obtaining my diploma, I had the choice of working in several Québec hospitals. I was really offered very attractive conditions.”

Guillaume, college diploma in nursing

“Although it is never easy to make one’s place in a different environment than the one we knew, it is nevertheless very enriching.”

Benjamin, civil engineering graduate

When can I submit my application?

You can submit your application in Québec six months before completing your program of study. If you are eligible under the PEQ, a **Certificat de sélection du Québec** will be issued to you upon confirmation of the successful completion of your program of study. After obtaining your diploma, you can also submit your application from outside Canada.

How do I submit my application?

For information on how to apply for a **Certificat de sélection du Québec** under the PEQ, visit the website of the Ministère de l’Immigration et des Communautés culturelles at www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/peq-students.

“What I like most about Québec are the working conditions that differ from those in my home country and the administrative simplicity. It is possible to reconcile work and family and take training that complements one’s work.”

Luz, business administration graduate

For more information

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