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PR options for Farmers

How the SINP Farm Owner/Operator Category Works

Step 1:

- The Applicant makes an exploratory visit to Saskatchewan.
- The visit must be no less than five business days.
- During the visit, the Applicant must meet with a SINP representative.

Step 2:

An application that includes all documents outlined in the updated SINP document checklist is sent to the SINP office for processing.

- The application is received by the SINP office and is issued an SINP file number.
- Once the applicant has received a file number, the applicant then sends all forms and documents outlined in the updated Third Party Document Checklist that support the claimed net worth and accumulation of funds recorded on SINP form EF-002 and CIC form IMM008 Schedule 4A to a third party identified the SINP.
- If required, the third party will request additional documentation and/or an interview to verify information within the application.
- The third party assesses this information against the net worth and accumulation of funds criteria (listed below).
- The third party returns the documents to the Applicant and issues the Applicant a *Third Party Verification Report*.

- Once the applicant has received a *Third Party Verification Report* this report is sent to the SINP office processing, along with any updated documents previously submitted to the SINP.
- If the application includes all required documents (including the *Third Party Verification Report*), the Applicant is asked to pay a \$2,500 Canadian Dollars (CAD) non-refundable fee.
- If the fee is paid prior to the deadline stipulated within the fee request letter, the application will be accepted for processing and the SINP will assess the application against the remaining two criteria (listed below).
- If required, the SINP may request additional documentation and/or an interview to verify information within the application³.
- An assessment of the application will be completed and a decision will be made either to approve the application for nomination or deem the application ineligible or refused based on the applicant's ability to meet program criteria. .

Step 3:

- If approved, the SINP immigration branch will invite the Applicant to sign and date a *Business Performance Agreement* specific to the Applicant's circumstances and make a \$75,000 CAD Good Faith Deposit.
- If the *Business Performance Agreement* and *Good Faith Deposit* have been received prior to the deadline stipulated within the request letter, the SINP will nominate the Applicant and:
 - Send the Applicant's nomination to CIC;
 - Send a nomination letter to the Applicant explaining how to forward his or her application to the appropriate CIC visa office; and
 - If requested, the SINP may issue a Temporary Work Permit support letter provided that the applicant is able to demonstrate that they are business ready and will make a significant positive impact on Saskatchewan's economy.

Step 4:

- After being notified of his or her nomination, the Applicant applies to CIC as a provincial nominee.
- CIC considers the application with the nomination information provided by the SINP.
- If the Applicant meets the criteria for CIC's health, security and criminal reviews, CIC will issue Permanent Resident Visas to the Applicant and his or her family members.



II. Eligibility Requirements

Farm Owner/Operator Category

Applicants are required to meet SINP Farm Owner/Operator (Farm hereafter) category's four criteria to be considered for nomination, including:

1. A minimum net worth of \$500,000 CAD verified by a Ministry approved professional third party prior to SINP application;
2. Accumulation of claimed net worth through legal means, verified by a Ministry approved professional third party prior to SINP application;
3. Relevant Farm operation knowledge and experience; and
4. A viable, considered proposal for a commercial Saskatchewan farming opportunity.

Young Farmer Stream

Applicants under 40 years of age are eligible to meet the SINP Farm category's amended criteria to be considered for nomination under the Young Farmer Stream, including:

1. A minimum net worth of \$300,000 CAD verified by a Ministry approved professional third party prior to SINP application;
2. Accumulation of claimed net worth through legal means, verified by a Ministry approved professional third party prior to SINP application;
3. Relevant Farm operation knowledge and experience; and
4. A viable, considered proposal for a commercial Saskatchewan farming opportunity;
5. The applicant or the applicant's accompanying spouse / common law partner must have marketable employment skills, based on education and experience, which will enable the applicant to supplement his or her farming income.

III. Application Process

Before formally applying to the SINP, the Applicant should thoroughly review this *Application Guide* to ensure that he or she:

- Meets the eligibility criteria;
- Is able to access and prepare the required forms and documents for the application; and;
- Is prepared to comply with the requirements and steps involved in the application process, including the \$2,500 CAD processing fee, the \$75,000 CAD deposit, and fulfilling the requirements of the program.



Relevant Farm Operation Knowledge and Experience

Crops

Cereals

- Wheat
- Barley
- Oats
- Rye
- Triticale

Oilseeds

- Canola
- Flax
- Mustard
- Sunflower
- Camelina

Pulse Crops

- Lentil
- Pea
- Chickpea
- Bean
- Faba Bean

Specialty Crops

- Herbs/Spices
- Apiculture
- Canaryseed
- Wild Rice
- Hemp & Other Crops

Forage

- Annual
- Native
- Perennial

Horticulture

- Fruit
- Greenhouses
- Vegetables
- Potatoes

Livestock

Cattle

Cow/Calf

- Backgrounding
- Finishing
- Dairy

Monogastric

- Pork

Other Livestock

- Bison
- Sheep/Goats
- Elk/Deer
- Poultry Forage
- Pastures/Grazing
- Hay/Silage

Farm Establishment Plan

The FEP must include all of the following information:

- Proposed industry/sector (NAICS Code);
- Proposed investment amount;
- Number of jobs to be created for Saskatchewan Residents;

- Management contribution the nominee will make with respect to the proposed business (e.g., sales, distribution, production, research and development, etc.);
- Forecasted start up funds and expenses;
- Business ownership information – partnership, proprietorship, corporation, franchise, acquisition;
- Proposed location for the business (i.e., city/town);

- Preparation and training for farm operation in Saskatchewan (including course titles and institution names, if applicable);
- A list of planned past and/or future visits to Saskatchewan, if applicable (please provide: Dates, purposes, agendas, inviting organizations, etc.);
- Plans for establishing residence in Saskatchewan; and

- The name, organizations, mailing addresses, phone numbers, and emails of contracted professional business service providers whom the Applicant has contacted and/or the Applicant has established an active working relationship or paid contractual agreement with.