



# Immigration Canada: The Points System

## DO THEY HAVE ENOUGH POINTS TO IMMIGRATE TO CANADA?

*NOTE: None of these applicants are refugees. If they were to claim refugee status, they would not use the points system.*

### ALEM

Alem lives in Addis Ababa the capital city of Ethiopia. He is 41 years old, is married, and has a family of three girls and two boys. He has completed 12 years of schooling, followed by three years studying to be an engineer at a university in Ethiopia (bachelor degree). For the last eight years he has worked as a civil engineer planning projects to bring water to rural villages in his country. His wife, Alia, also has a bachelor degree in engineering. Alem has basic skills in English, and he does not speak a word of French.

**ENOUGH POINTS?**

### TRICIA

Tricia lives in Wellington, New Zealand. She is 54 years old, and has not completed high school. English is her first language. She has worked as a clerk in a law office for 15 years, and has a certificate in business studies. She wants to move to Winnipeg to join her sister and family.

### ZEYNAB

Zeynab is 38 and lives in Jakarta, Indonesia. She has a Ph. D. in computer science (she finished 12 years of schooling, and 8 more years of university to get it). She has been working for the last ten years for an electronics company designing microchips. Although it is her second language, she speaks English like a native speaker. She is no longer married, but has two girls. She also has several cousins who live in Toronto.

### KRYSTYN

Krystyn is 19 years old, and lives in Bucharest, Romania. She has just finished high school, and took French and English classes throughout. She speaks English quite well, and speaks French very well (Romanian and French are much more similar than Romanian and English). She is not married, but has an aunt and uncle who live in Vancouver.

### LOUIS

Louis is 34 years old, and is a skilled radiological technician (he has worked in a hospital in Sao Paulo, Brazil for 3 years). He finished 12 years of school, and then earned a diploma in radiology requiring three years of study. He speaks Portuguese, his first language, and enough English to get by. He is not married, and has no children, but has already found a job in Edmonton that has been approved by HRDC Canada.

Person	Age	Education	Language	Experience	HRDC?	Adaptability	TOTAL PTS
ALEM							
TRICIA							
ZEYNAB							
KRYSTYN							
LOUIS							

# Requirements for Immigration to Canada

## You must have a minimum of 80 points to qualify for immigration to Canada

<b>Age</b>	<b>Maximum 10 points</b>
10 points if your age is between 21-44 years.	<b>10</b>
For every year over 44 and less than 21 deduct 2 points. So if you are 49 years old you scored 0 points.	

<b>Education</b>	<b>Maximum 25 points</b>
Doctorate & master's degrees and total of 17 years of full-time study	25
Bachelor's degree requiring 3 years full-time studies and total of 15 years of full-time study <i>OR</i> Diploma, trade certificate or apprenticeship requiring 3 years full-time studies and total of 15 years of full-time study/training	20
Diploma, trade certificate or apprenticeship requiring 2 years full-time studies and total of 14 years of full-time study/training	15
Diploma, trade certificate or apprenticeship requiring 1 year full-time studies and total of 13 years of study/training	10
High school and a total of 12 years of full-time study	5

<b>Language Ability (English &amp; French)</b>	<b>1st language</b>	<b>2nd language</b>
High proficiency	16	4
Moderate proficiency	8	0
Basic proficiency or no abilities	0	0

<b>Work Experience</b>	<b>Maximum 25 points</b>
One year of recent skilled work experience	10
Two years of recent skilled work experience	15
Three years of recent skilled work experience	20
Four years of recent skilled work experience	25

<b>Arranged Employment in Canada approved by HRDC</b>	<b>10 points</b>
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<b>Adaptability</b>	<b>Maximum 10 points</b>
Spouse's or common-law partner's education	
- Masters or Ph.D.	5
- Bachelor degree or three year diploma	4
- one or two year post-secondary education	3
Minimum one-year full-time authorized work in Canada*	5
Minimum two years full time post-secondary study in Canada*	5
Informal offer of employment in Canada in keeping with past experience or education	5
Family relationship in Canada. Brother, sister, mother, father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew who is a resident of Canada and is either a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident.	5