

Canadian Permanent Residence Report

Part 2

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## **The Pass Mark**

Welcome back to Part 2 of this three part report on immigrating to Canada. In the last section, we discussed why this is such an excellent time to make the decision and to start the process. In this section, we're going to talk about the Pass-Mark system and how it works.

### **The Pass-Mark System Overview**

As you may already know, life in Canada provides many advantages, including universal health care and reduced safety concerns. For this reason, Canada had to implement a program that would prevent the country from being overwhelmed by immigrants. Having an influx of too many new people would simply be too great a strain on the current system and could cause it to collapse.

Canada does want immigrants to come to their country. Otherwise, they wouldn't have lowered the required Pass-Mark score from 75 to 67. However, they do want to ensure that all new immigrants will be able to fit into their culture, will be able to support themselves and their families, and will make a positive contribution to the community into which they move.

The Pass-Mark system is a method of evaluating individuals who apply to become permanent Canadian residents based on those standards.

### **Elements of the Pass-Mark System**

The Pass-Mark System evaluates applicants in six areas:

- Education
- Language ability
- Work experience
- Age

- Arranged employment in Canada
- Adaptability

Each of these areas can earn you a specific number of points based on your responses.

The maximum number of points available for each area is listed below:

Education – 25 points

Language – 24 points

Work experience – 21 points

Age – 10 points

Arranged employment in Canada – 10 points

Adaptability – 10 points

We'll talk a little about what each of the focus of each of these different areas.

### Education

One of the goals of the Canadian immigration system is to attract skilled workers to their country. Skilled workers usually have more than a high school diploma, so the Pass-Mark system rewards higher point totals for advanced studies.

However, you don't need a master's degree or above to get a high score in this area. In fact, you'll also get points if you've earned a bachelor's degree, completed an apprenticeship, or attended a trade/vocational school.

### Language

Canada, unlike the United States, has an official language. In fact, it has two: English and French. For this reason, the country looks for immigrants who know at least one of those languages. Additionally, a permanent resident who can easily communicate has a better chance of being successful than one who does not.

Language ability is measured according to your proficiency in four separate areas: reading, listening, writing, and speaking. Your abilities in each of those four are ranked as high proficiency, moderate proficiency, basic proficiency, or no proficiency. You'll also receive additional points if you know BOTH English and French to some degree.

### **Work Experience**

Again, Canada wants people who are ready to enter the Canadian job market and who have skills that will be useful to employers. This requires experience. Points are awarded based on how much experience you have in your specific field. To receive the maximum number of points, you need more than four years of experience.

### **Age/Arranged Employment/Adaptability**

These three areas don't provide many additional points, but they can be important if you are lacking in one area. All three are used to determine how likely you are to fit in once you move to Canada.

Age is a factor because individuals who are younger than 17 or older than 53 may have trouble finding employment and fitting into Canadian life. Individuals who are between the ages of 21 and 49 generally receive the highest number of points available.

Although you do receive extra points if you already have a job lined up in Canada when you apply, it is not a necessity. As long as you have the education, language ability, and work experience, you shouldn't worry about finding a job in advance.

Finally, adaptability covers several issues, including the education of your spouse or partner who will be moving to Canada with you and the family connections you already have in the country. These extra points can make a big difference if your score is hovering just under 67.

In the next section of the report, we'll look at the documents you need in support of these

six areas and why it is so important to prepare them correctly when you are applying. However, if you want to learn more details about the Pass-Mark system (to know if you would be eligible) and the application process, you may want to read my book, **Step by Step Immigration to Canada**. You can download a copy by [clicking here](#).

This report is based on the guide:

*Step by Step Immigration to Canada*

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