

## AGE OF DEPENDENT

Ottawa has announced that the age of dependents will be changing back to under 22 years old.

This will be effective for applications starting October 24, 2017.

See below for more details

## EXPRESS ENTRY UPDATE

The latest draw of a total of about 2,800 people saw the number of points being the lowest score at 438, up from 433 points at the latest draw only 14 days ago with 2,871 candidates invited to apply.

Compared to last year at this time, the invitations were in the 1,800s. We can obviously see that there has been an acceleration that will be surely welcomed by all applicants.

There has been changes to the system of points this past June. 15 points if you have a sibling in Canada (from same father or mother) and you can get 15-30 points for French as a second language.



CRS Points	Dates	ITAs issued
438	October 04, 2017	2,801
433	September 20, 2017	2,871
435	September 6, 2017	2,772
434	August 23, 2017	3,035
433	August 9, 2017	2,991
441	August 2, 2017	3,264
440	July 12, 2017	3,202
449	June 28, 2017	3,409
413	May 31, 2017	3,877
199 (*Federal Skilled Trades candidates only)	May 26, 2017	400
775 (*Provincial nominee programs only)	May 26, 2017	143
415	May 17, 2017	3,687
423	May 4, 2017	3,796
415	April 19, 2017	3,665

## Changes to the Citizenship rules

Effective October 11, 2017 the following changes will be in effect:

In order to be eligible for Canadian citizenship, the following requirements must be met:

- You must be physically in Canada for 3 years out of 5 years, then you are eligible to apply for citizenship;
- You do not need to be physically present for any number of days (it used to be that you needed to be physically present 183 days in 4 out of 6 years)
- Days as a temporary resident (student, worker or visitor) will count towards your minimum requirement at 50% of its value. Therefore, you can gain up to a maximum of 1 year credit in the calculation if you were here 2 years temporarily. As an example, someone here as a worker for 2 years and then in Canada for another 2 years as a permanent resident, can apply for citizenship.
- Applicants must submit a formal application to IRCC and pay a government processing fee and a right of citizenship fee (\$630).

Eligible candidates can apply for Canadian citizenship. Once approved, they will be required to take a citizenship test (for applicants between 18 to 54 of age). Successful applicants must then attend a citizenship ceremony where they receive a certificate of Canadian citizenship and officially become new Canadian citizens.

## Age of dependents eligibility about to change

Effective October 24, 2017, the age of dependents will go back to under 22. It is currently under 19. This used to be the situation prior to the changes the Conservative party implemented while in power.

All applications from October 24, 2017 will be eligible to the new dependent age rule.

## The Technical side of immigration

A person here on a study permit expiring January 2018 is also common-law (1 year or more of cohabitation) An application for an in-Canada spousal sponsorship will be filed prior to her study permit expiration. The principal applicant (PA) will also send an Open Work Permit (OWP) application. Will the applicant become out of status if the OWP is not issued prior to the expiry of her study permit?

No, under the Pilot Program for in-Canada spousal applications, even if the PA does not receive the OWP, she will have implied status because she applied for the OWP while she had valid temporary resident status (as visitor, worker or student) at the time of the application.

The Pilot Program was initiated on December 22, 2014 to facilitate PAs to work while waiting for the outcome of their in-Canada spousal sponsorship applications. It has been extended since then a couple time. The current pilot however expires December 21, 2017. It is expected that the current government will extend it again.



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*There are only two ways to live your life.  
One is as though nothing is a miracle. The  
other is as though everything is a miracle.”  
Albert Einstein*

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