



# Claresholm

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## Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot Program in Claresholm

### What Potential Employers Need to Know

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The Claresholm Economic Development Committee was successful in its application to the Rural & Northern Immigration Pilot program. The Western Canada RNIP is based on the successful Atlantic Immigration Pilot that has resulted in over 2,500 skilled laborers moving to Atlantic Canada since 2017.

The RNIP is an employer-driven program that facilitates the hiring of newcomers to Canada. All principal applicants arriving in Claresholm under the pilot program must have a job offer from a designated employer, an individualized settlement plan, and the endorsement of the local Economic Development Committee.

When a designated employer finds a candidate who meets their employment needs and the program criteria, that employer will need to first offer them a job. **Employers do not need to go through the process of obtaining a Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) under this program.**

Once the candidate has accepted the job, the employer will connect the candidate with a designated settlement service provider organization for a needs assessment and to develop a settlement plan. Employers will support the long-term integration of the new immigrant and his or her family so they can reach the goals of their settlement plan once they arrive in Canada.

Employers that need to fill a job vacancy quickly will have access to a temporary work permit, so that the candidate and his or her family can come to Canada as soon as possible. In order to obtain this work permit, candidates will need:

- A valid job offer;
- Endorsement from the Economic Development Committee, and
- Commitment to apply for permanent residence within a period of months.

The Claresholm Economic Development Office has received more than 200 requests from interested candidates, from more than 35 different countries. These applicants include teachers, healthcare workers, agricultural workers, chefs, technical-supervisors, doctors, veterinarians, legal professionals, college professors, and many others.

If you have been contacted by someone interested in coming to Claresholm you can respond by asking them to contact the Economic Development Office email at: [edo@claresholm.ca](mailto:edo@claresholm.ca)

If you are interested in participating in the program as a designated employer you can contact the Economic Development Officer at the Town Office of Claresholm.

Claresholm will be part of the second-phase launch of the program with criteria being determined in the fall 2019, and applications being accepted as early as January 2020.

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