

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in immigrating to the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada. We are pleased that you are considering the Atlantic region as a new home and a place to practice in the dietetics profession.

If you are just exploring the possibility of immigrating to Canada or you have already been accepted, this letter will give you information and key links. We encourage you to get started today!

INFORMATION ABOUT IMMIGRATING

Find out about immigrating through the Nova Scotia Nominee Program (NSNP) by reviewing this website:

www.novascotiaimmigration.ca

Read about Federal immigration programs, find out whether you are eligible and download application forms at:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/index.asp>

Some internationally educated individuals enter Canada as Temporary Foreign Workers. This program is designed to meet the needs of Canadian employers but it can also be a first step towards immigration. Here's a link to more information about that program.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/publications/employers/temp-foreign-worker-program.asp>

BECOMING QUALIFIED IN YOUR PROFESSION

Dietetics is a regulated occupation in Canada which means you must be registered to work as a Dietitian.

To apply to be a Registered Dietitian you must apply to the Dietetics Association of Nova Scotia. **You can apply before you are approved to immigrate.**

<https://www.nsdassoc.ca/>

Check out the resources and information at Dietitians of Canada: <https://www.dietitians.ca/> and the Dietitians Network of Nova Scotia: <http://www.dietitiansns.com>

If you are a permanent resident of Canada, you may be able to get a loan to help you with the costs of the qualification process. Please see the following websites for more information:
<http://www.isans.ca/employment/for-immigrants/career-pathway-loan-project/Micro-Loan-Program-by-Province>

LANGUAGE

To work as a dietitian in Canada, you need a high level of English language. You will need to take a language assessment. Consult <https://www.nsdassoc.ca/applicants/international-applications> for information on language proficiency. You may want to take an assessment and take steps to improve your English before coming to Canada.

To apply for immigration to Canada, you will also need to demonstrate language proficiency.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/skilled/language-testing.asp>

Start as soon as possible! Participate in English language classes in your home country. Try the “self-directed study online” language courses offered by ISANS. These are open to you even if you do not have immigration status.

<http://www.isans.ca/english/english-for-work/>

INFORMATION ABOUT THE LABOUR MARKET

To explore the demand for dietitians & related careers visit these two websites:

www.careers.novascotia.ca/searchjobprofiles
<https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/explorecareers.do>

To prepare a resume that meets Canadian standards, look at the following resource. It is important to include details about your education & work experience, but do not include personal information about your age, marital status, family, religion etc. Canadian resumes also do not include photos.

<http://careers.novascotia.ca/resumes>

FINDING EMPLOYMENT

To immigrate to Canada as a Skilled Worker or to enter as a Temporary Foreign Worker, you may need to have an “arranged job offer”. This is a challenge. These links may help you find potential employers.

<http://www.jobbank.gc.ca/home-eng.do?lang=eng>
<https://www.careerbeacon.com/>
www.careers.novascotia.ca/searchjobs
<https://www.workopolis.com/jobsearch/jobs-in-nova-scotia-canada>
<https://www.monster.ca/jobs/l-nova-scotia.aspx>
<https://ca.indeed.com/jobs?q=dietitian&l=Halifax%2C+NS>
<http://www.jobjunction.ca/job-listings/>

The job market for dietitians is not strong at this time so you may want to explore a related career. Please see the following link if you are interested in this idea: [Dietician Alternative Careers](https://www.nutritionjobs.com/blog/resources/alternative-jobs-for-the-registered-dietitian/)
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GETTING SETTLED IN NOVA SCOTIA

Once you are approved to immigrate, Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS) can provide additional programs and services to help with employment, language learning and general settlement in the province of Nova Scotia. You can start these programs before you arrive.

- Pre-arrival? Register online at: <http://www.novascotiastart.ca>
- Already in Nova Scotia? Register at: www.isans.ca

For more information or advice on immigration, please email nsnp@gov.ns.ca and an officer of the Nova Scotia Office of Immigration will respond to you.