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Rural Community Immigration Pilot in Northeast BC – Peace Liard

A federal IRCC program led locally by Community Futures Peace Liard and Northern Lights College, with participation from local governments, chambers of commerce and immigrant-serving organizations. It helps established local employers keep workers they can't find locally.

278
designated employers

80
recommendations for 2025

85
recommendations for 2026

99%
of recommended candidates already living here

The facts

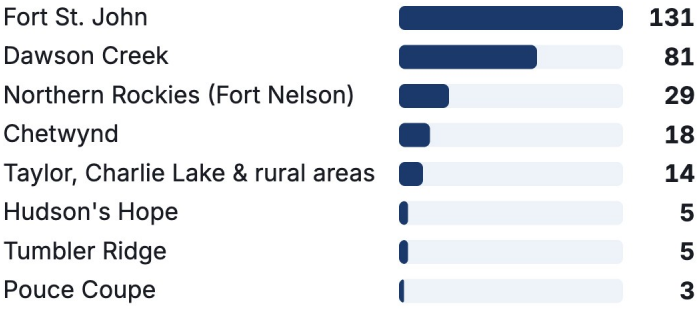
Locals come first. For new hires, employers must show they first tried to hire a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

No subsidies. Employers receive no wage subsidy or government funding through RCIP.

Paying for a job is illegal. No one may charge a candidate for a job offer or a recommendation. Reports are investigated.

Fair wages. Job offers must pay at least the Job Bank minimum for the occupation in this region.

Designated employers by community



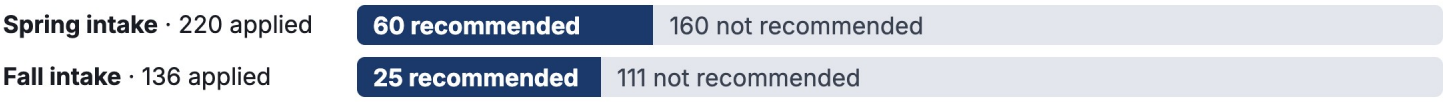
Employers with locations in several communities are counted in each. Northern Health is designated region-wide.

Recommended candidates by sector



Candidates recommended to date, by employer sector.

Only top-ranked candidates are recommended



Candidates are ranked on points.

Screening and decisions

- Employers must operate here 2+ years under the same management
- One application per employer per year
- Local Steering Committee sets priority sectors and jobs
- The community only recommends; IRCC makes every PR decision

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Sources: RCIP Peace Liard designated employer list and 2025 and 2026 intake records, November 2026.

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