



Introduction

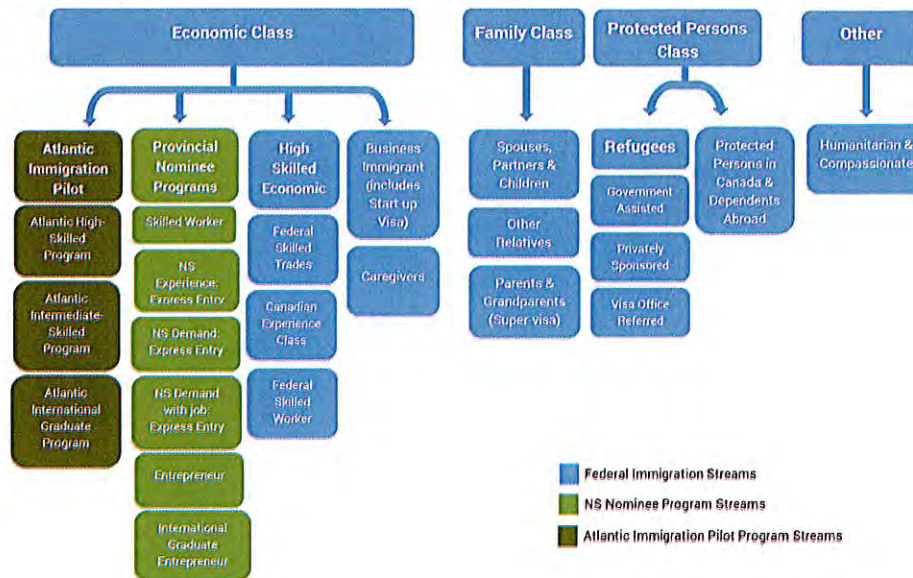
The Nova Scotia Regional Enterprise Network model leads regional economic development in the province.

The RENs are business-led and business-facing organizations focused on:

- Leadership
Regional Strategies
- Information / Knowledge
Business Climate
- Relationships
Business Community
- Partnerships
Municipal Collaboration

Western Regional Enterprise Network

Pathways to Immigration



Atlantic Immigration Pilot (AIP)



- AIP is designed to address the unique labour market challenges in Atlantic Canada
- Developed by the Federal Government in collaboration with Provincial Governments
- **Doubles** the current annual number of provincial nominees allocated for Atlantic Canada
- **Golden Opportunity** to demonstrate the need to increase the allocations of immigrations to Nova Scotia going forward

Western Nova Scotia Population

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| Total Population | 49146 | |
| Under 20 | 9090 | 18.49% |
| 20-44 | 11945 | 24.31% |
| 45-64 | 16215 | 32.99% |
| 65+ | 11845 | 24.10% |



Eligible Candidates

- Atlantic Intermediate Skilled Program (AISP)
- Atlantic High Skilled Program (AHSP)
- Atlantic International Graduate Program (AIGP)



Key Benefits



1. Faster processing, interim work permit
2. Skip Labour Market Impact Assessment
3. International graduates can be hired right out of school
4. Permanent labour force solution



What's new for business?



- AIP applies to a broader range of jobs.
- Language requirements for applicants is only Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) 4 or higher.



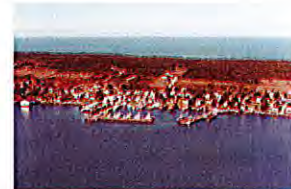
How to start?

1. Apply to become **designated** by the Province.
2. Connect to a Settlement Services Organization
3. Apply to have a full time job offer **endorsed**



Success to February 8th

- 421 Employers have applied for Designations
- 312 Employers have been designated by the province
- 388 Endorsement applications
- 274 Endorsement Applications Approved by the Province



A big opportunity for our region

Our Ask of you!

- Tell employers about our opportunity
- Tell your centers of influences and connections
- Tell your friends
- Tell our elected leaders
- Repeat, Repeat and Repeat



Questions?

