

Québec Experience Program (PEQ) & other regulatory changes

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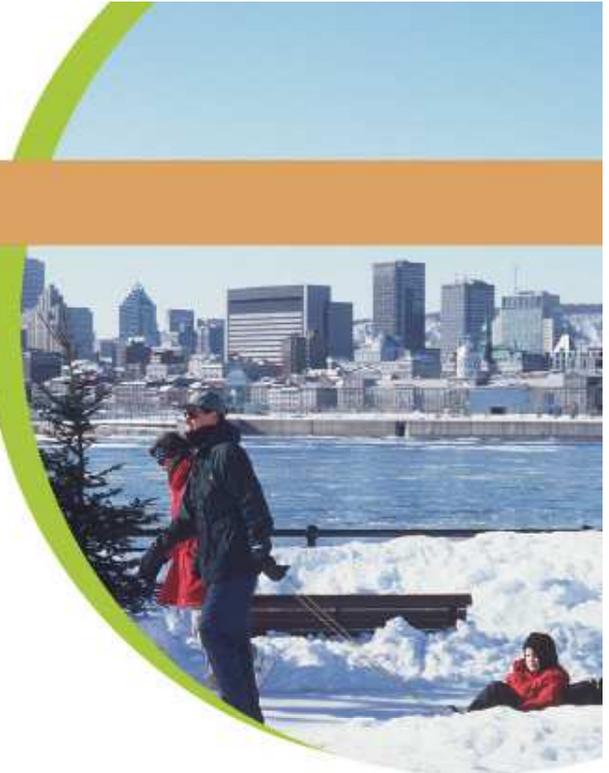
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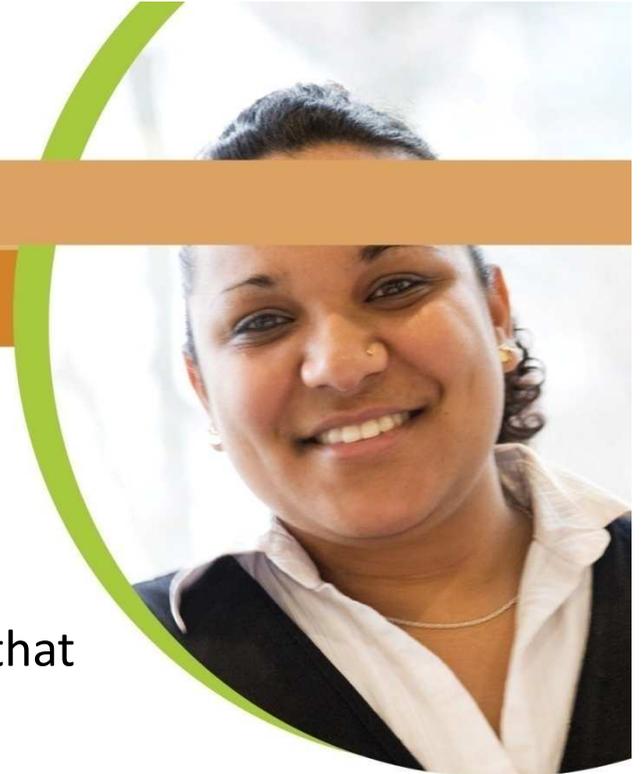
1. Government commitments

- Meet objectives of the three-year immigration plan 2008-2010 (between 52,000 and 55,000 admissions in 2010, of whom 60% are skilled workers)
- Implement measures of *To Enrich Québec – Better Integration*, announced by the Minister in March 2008, aimed at strengthening Québec's actions to integrate immigrants in the workplace (Measure 4.5)
- Follow up on the Québec government commitment to issue a Québec Selection Certificate (CSQ) to foreign students who graduate in Québec



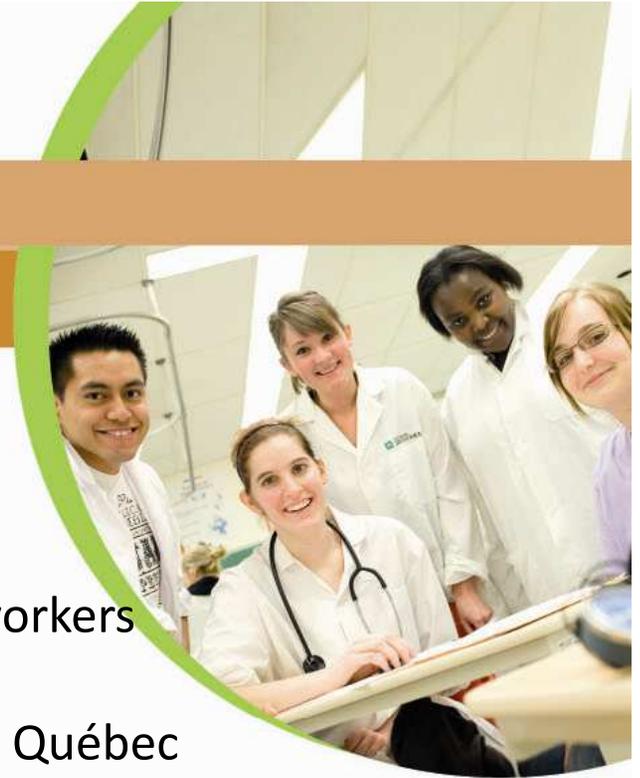
2. Context of the regulatory changes

- Inspired by Australian and Canadian models – *Canadian Experience Class* – that seek to raise the proportion of permanent immigration volume that comes from temporary immigration
- Part of the *Government-education network initiative to recruit foreign students* (series of joint commitments among five government departments and the Québec education system)
- Part of the strategy to take action with regard to manpower mobility



3. Objectives of regulatory changes

- Simplify the permanent immigration process for certain Québec graduates and temporary skilled workers
- Adjust the rules for submitting an application for a Québec selection certificate while in Québec
- Raise the number of foreign nationals who settle in Québec permanently over the next three years
 - 10% per year for foreign students
 - 15% per year for temporary workers



4. Québec Experience Program (PEQ)



4. Québec Experience Program

- Came into effect on February 14, 2010
- Includes two streams:
 - Québec graduates
 - Temporary skilled workers
- Seeks to retain graduates and temporary skilled workers in Québec with a job by offering them simplified and fast access to permanent residence
- Represents an attraction lever, especially for foreign students

Note: *Holders of a post-graduation work permit may submit their application under either stream of the program, based on what is most advantageous for them.*



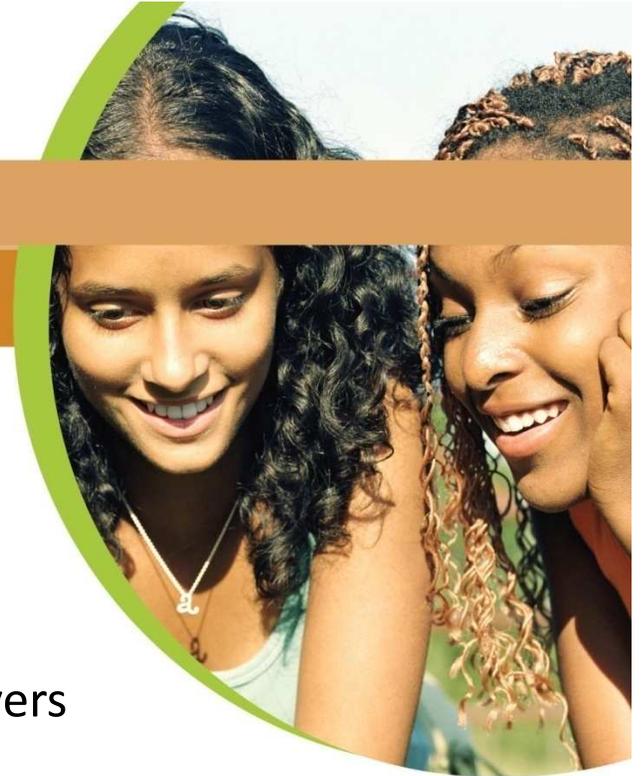
4. Québec Experience Program

Québec graduates :

- Young, open to the world
- Hold a diploma recognized by Québec employers
- No obstacle to access to professional orders
- Integration well launched

Temporary skilled workers:

- Already integrated in the labour market



4. Québec Experience Program

- File-based processing of applications (no interview) on a priority basis by the *Direction de l'immigration économique – Québec* (Montréal)
- Among applications from Québec, PEQ applications are also treated on a priority basis by the federal government
- Few documents to provide
- PDF forms available on the MICC website
www.immigration-Québec.gouv.qc.ca/peq-students
www.immigration-Québec.gouv.qc.ca/peq-workers
- On-line application to come

Demande de certificat de sélection
Candidat principal – Époux ou con

Indiquez la catégorie de
sélectionner en vertu
de la Loi (à cocher) :

Travailleur qualifié (perr
Gens d'affaires
 Entrepreneur
 Travailleur autonome
 Investisseur

4. Québec Experience Program (PEQ)

Specifics of the PEQ:

- No selection grid, points system or pass threshold
- Only the principal applicant must satisfy some requirements
- The spouse's profile is not taken into account
- A CSQ is issued to the principal applicant and, where applicable, to the spouse and dependent children included in the application



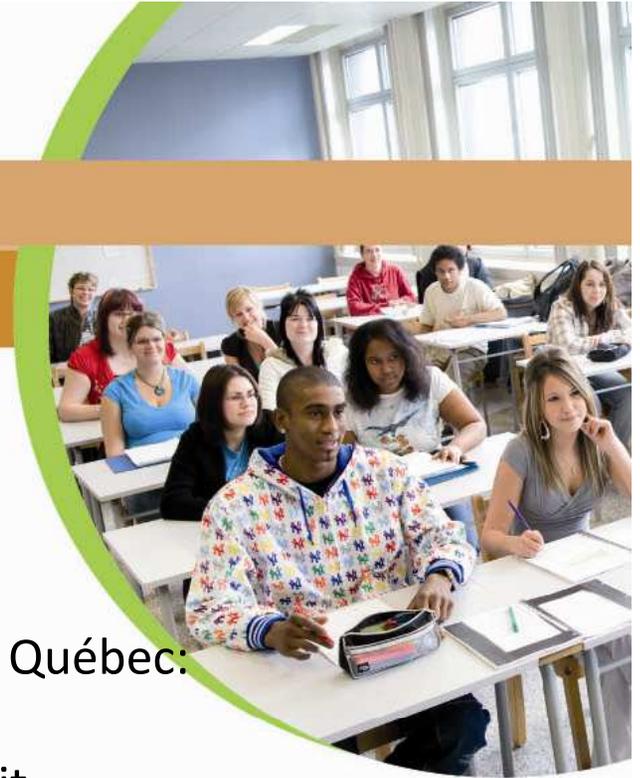
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4. PEQ – Requirements Québec graduates

Requirements specific to Québec graduates:

- Be age 18 or older and have conformed to the conditions of their stay
- Have attended an educational institution situated in Québec:
 - A university or
 - A public or private institution under MELS permit
- Have stayed in Québec for at least half the duration of the study program
- Hold a diploma or attestation of successful completion obtained in Québec:
 - Diploma of Vocational Studies (DEP) attesting to 1,800 hours or more
 - DEP + Attestation of Vocational Specialization (ASP) totaling 1,800 hours
 - Diploma of College Studies, technical training (DEC, formation technique)
 - Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, Doctorate

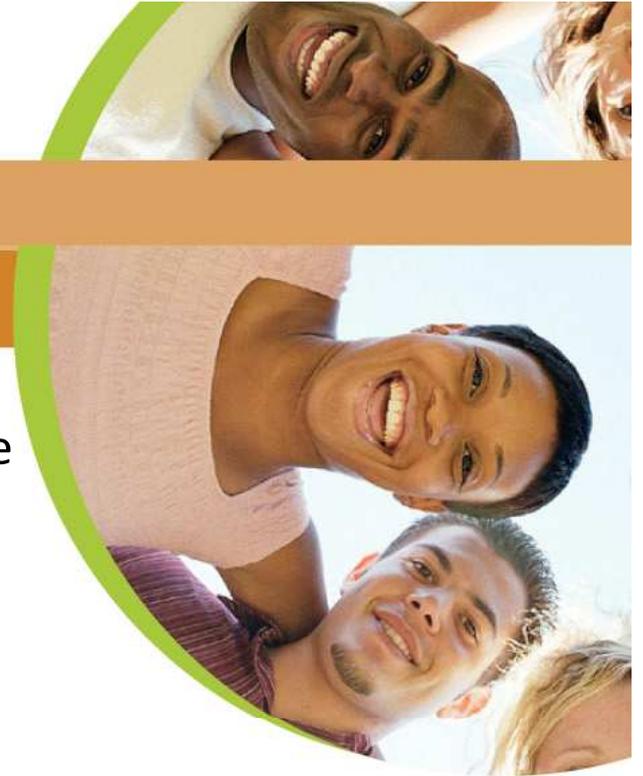


4. PEQ – Requirements Québec graduates

- Undertake to provide for their basic needs and those of their family for a three-month period.
- Demonstrate their knowledge of oral French – intermediate level

Eligible ways to demonstrate French knowledge:

- Study program taken in French in Québec
- Two years of full-time secondary or post-secondary study, successfully completed in French
- French course passed in Québec, level B1 or equivalent
- Standardized oral French test, level B1 or equivalent
- Attestation of meeting language requirements of a professional order



4. PEQ – Requirements and exclusions - Québec graduates

- Filing the application: 6 months before the end of the program or later
- Processing the application: upon presentation of the diploma or attestation of successful completion
- Retroactive application : diploma obtained after February 13, 2008
- Possible to submit an application from Québec or from abroad
- If the applicant is in Québec, legal status of temporary resident is required

Exclusions:

- Have started a new study program in Québec
- Have a scholarship that stipulates a return to his/her country at the end of studies.



4. Principal criteria considered under the program

Criteria	Québec Experience Program	Regular program
Education level	Yes (Québec graduates)	Yes
Area of training	No	Yes
Professional experience	Yes (temporary workers)	Yes
Age (points allotted from 18 to 42 years)	No	Yes
Knowledge of oral French	Yes	Yes
Knowledge of oral English	No	Yes
Stay in Québec	Yes	Yes
Family in Québec	No	Yes
Characteristics of the spouse	No	Yes
Validated employment offer	No	Yes
Children	No	Yes
Financial self-sufficiency	Yes	Yes
Adaptability	No	Yes



4. PEQ – Documents to provide Québec graduates

- Completed form, exact payment and completed checklist
- Identity pages of the passport
- Proof of intermediate-level knowledge of oral French
- Diploma/attestation of successful completion and complete and final academic transcript*
- Spouse: identity pages of the passport and marriage certificate or family booklet or official proof attesting to 12 months of co-habitation
- Child: Act of birth/adoption/family booklet and, where applicable, court stating the terms of custody, letter from the non-accompanying parent authorizing the immigration of the child/act of death of the parent
- Signed declarations: on the common values of Québec society, declaration by the spouses/de facto spouses, Contract respecting financial self-sufficiency



4. PEQ - Promotion

- Press conference and press release
- Website of the Ministère
- Promotional brochure for foreign students and temporary skilled workers
- Electronic banners on the websites of institutional partners
- Information sessions: Universities, CÉGEPS, Companies hiring several skilled workers
- Partnerships: CRÉ de Montréal (Québec graduates)
Montréal International (temporary workers)
- Direct e-mail marketing to foreign students
 - Registration forms distributed at information sessions or available on-line

4. Statistical portrait

- Number of CAQs for studies issued: up from 20,886 in 2006 to 24,823 in 2009, an increase of 19%
- 183 countries of origin for foreign students in 2009:
 - France 27 %
 - United States 7 %
 - China 7 %
 - Morocco 7 %
 - Tunisia 3 %



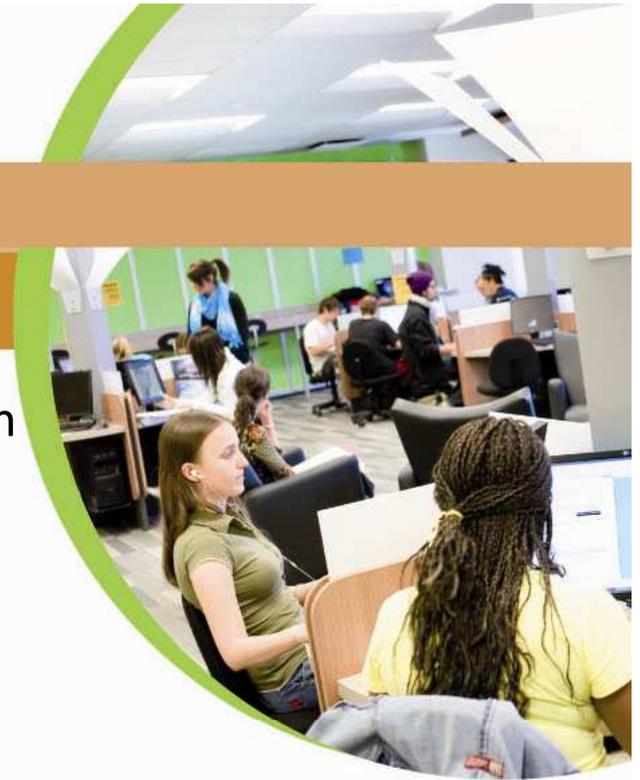
4. Statistical portrait

- In 2008, one university graduate in three (32%) began the process of permanent immigration. They came from about 120 countries including:

■ France	16 %
■ Morocco	14 %
■ China	13 %
■ Tunisia	7 %
■ Iran	4 %

- Applications for CSQ-PEQ since the PEQ came into effect (February 14, 2010) until April 15, 2010:

- 309 applications received and processed
- 217 CSQ issued
- 31 refusals (10%)



5. Other regulatory changes



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5. Rules for filing in Québec Foreign students

Rules for submitting a CSQ application from Québec:

- Principal purpose of the stay is study
- Comply with conditions of the CAQ or study permit
- Pursue or have successfully completed one of the following programs:
 - Vocational training of 900 hours or more *(New)*
 - College or undergraduate university study (12 months or more)
 - Graduate and postgraduate university study *(Relaxed rule: Submit a CSQ application after completing half the study program)*



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Questions ?

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