



# Discovering International Talent

with Northern Policy Institute and SEO

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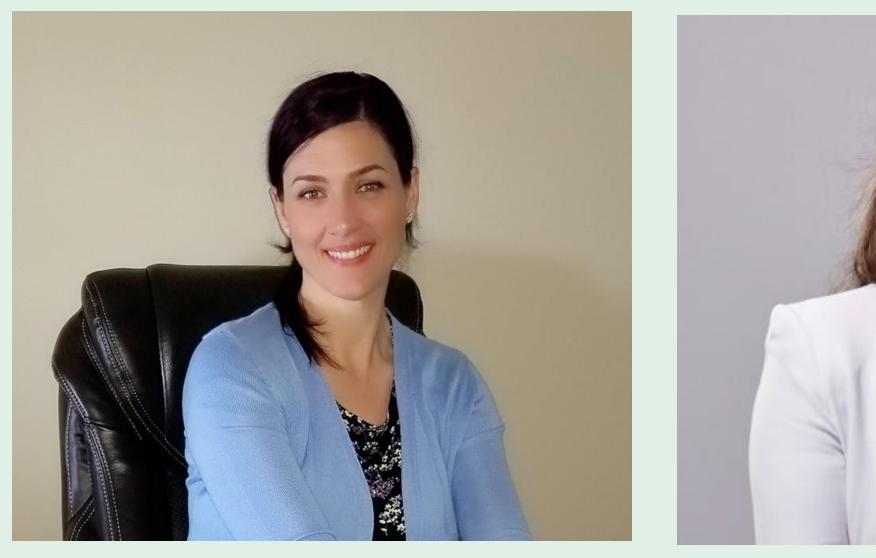
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#### Who we are and what we do....







### We work in two main areas....

- Immigrants currently residing within northern communities that hold temporary residence status (TR), such as students and post graduates
- Internationals seeking immigration to Northern Ontario, under immigration programs such as Francophone Mobilite, Express Entry, RNIP and more.





### **Temporary Residents....**

A foreign national has temporary resident status when they have been found to meet the requirements of the legislation to enter and/or remain in Canada as a visitor, student, worker., or temporary resident permit holder. Only foreign nationals physically in Canada hold temporary resident status- *Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada* 





#### Fun Facts.....

- Between 2014-2019, 39,785 unique individuals obtained temporary permits in Northern Ontario
- 27,390 of those were study permits
- 12,720 were work permits

- The most common languages spoken by study permit holders in Northern Ontario are:
- Punjabi
- English
- Chinese
- English is the most common language spoken by work permit holders in Northern Ontario
- The number of TR permits issued has been increasing in Northern Ontario every year since 2015





### **Post-Graduate Work Permit**

- The Post-Graduation Work Permit Program (PGWPP) allows students who have graduated from eligible Canadian <u>designated learning</u> <u>institutions</u> (DLIs) to obtain an open work permit to gain valuable Canadian work experience. Skilled Canadian work experience in National Occupational Classification (NOC) skill type 0 or skill level A or B that is gained through the PGWPP helps graduates qualify for permanent residence in Canada through the Canadian experience class within <u>Express Entry</u>.
- <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-</u> <u>citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletins-</u> <u>manuals/temporary-residents/study-permits/post-graduation-work-</u> <u>permit-program.html</u>





### **Post-Graduate Work Permit**

- Open work permit.
- Can work for any employer.
- No restrictions on hours of work.
- Only eligible once in a lifetime.
- Is the same length of their study period (eg: over 8 months = 1 year PGWP, minimum 2 years = 3 year PGWP)
- Have 90 days to apply after receiving final marks and proof of completion of studies.





#### **Post-Graduate Work Permit**

Q: Are graduates eligible to work while they are waiting to receive their post-graduation work permit?

A: YES, if:

- They apply for a work permit before the expiry of their study permit
- They have completed their program of study
- They met the requirements for working off campus without a work permit
- They didn't exceed the maximum off campus hours





#### Why Hire International Talent?

- Opportunity to bring a new perspective into your workplace
- Benefit from language fluency in multiple languages, improving communications in the workplace
- Link to global markets
- Engage cultural knowledge and apply it to your business practices
- Recruit bright new international graduates for today and tomorrow, helping to contribute to the growth of northern economy





### **Best Practices for Employers**

#### **Employers should consider taking the below steps in best practices:**

- Implement an internal policy for hiring internationals and ensure the internal policy is communicated to the hiring managers and human resource departments;
- Request a copy of the applicant's Study Permit and Work Permit (if applicable);
- Review the Study Permit to ensure there is a notation that authorizes the applicant to work in Canada pursuant to section 186(v) of the *IRPR;*
- Review the Work Permit (if applicable) to ensure that it is an open Work Permit and not a closed Work Permit tied to a previous employer;
- Review the Study Permit and Work Permit (if applicable) to ensure there is no special notation or condition that prevents the applicant from accepting the job offer; and
- Request an official letter from the applicant's designated learning institution confirming that the applicant is enrolled and is in good academic standing.

https://businesslawblog.ahbl.ca/2019/05/02/hiring-international-students-what-employers-need-toknow/?utm\_source=Mondag&utm\_medium=syndication&utm\_campaign=View-Original





#### Helping Immigration Partners, Employers and Stakeholders







## The Francophone Mobility program

To promote Francophone immigration in Francophone minority communities, as of June 1, 2016, foreign nationals who are destined for a province or territory outside Quebec and qualified under National Occupational Classification (NOC) 0, A or B may be eligible for an exemption from the Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) requirement under paragraph 205(a) of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations (IRPR).

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/operational-bulletinsmanuals/temporary-residents/foreign-workers/exemption-codes/canadian-interests-significant-benefit-mobilitefrancophone-r205-exemption-code-c16.html





# Francophone Mobility program in fact

- Candidates qualified to work in managerial, professional, technical or skilled trades occupations (NOC 0, A or B)
- The foreign national's habitual language of daily use is French; however, the language of work does not have to be French (exemption code C16, exemption for LMIA)
- Work close permit (associated with your business)
- Employer compliance fee: 230\$
- Delay : 3 months
- Duration of the contract: 12, 18, 24 months accordind to your needs.





### **Example of admissible positions at the FM**

| NOC 0  | NOC A  | NOC B  |
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| Purchasing managers                                  | Geological engineers   | Administrative assistants; Executive assistants                  |
| Corporate Sales Directors                            | Mining engineers   | Computer network technicians;<br>System administrator            |
| Computer systems managers                            | Consultants and program officers in natural and applied sciences | Biological technologists and technicians;                        |
| Financial services manager                           | Computer engineers   | Welder; Welding and brazing machine operators; Carpenter; Fitter |
| Manufacturing managers                               | Hardware engineer  | Motor vehicle, truck and bus mechanics and repairs               |
| Managers in natural resources production and fishing | College teachers and other professional training instructors     | Contractors and supervisors in<br>landscaping                    |

https://noc.esdc.gc.ca/Home/Welcome/Occfea130aaf4ac48f71f2d9f19bb8f4





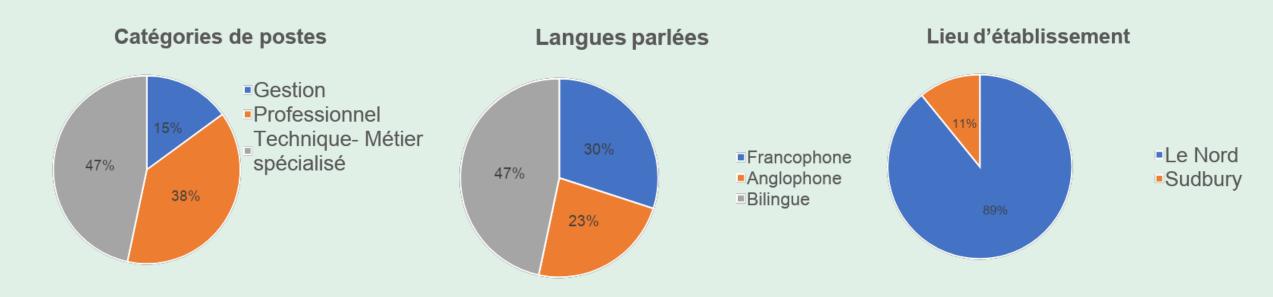
# How we can help you to connect with the candidates?

- Participate to Destination Canada
- Offer Match maker services to international candidates
- Maintain an large pool candidates eligible to MF
- Refer candidates in relation with you needs
- Support as part of your application





# The Pool candidates of the Matchmaker program







## How to enjoy those benefits?

Contact International & Community Matchmaker team:

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#### **Question Period....**





- <u>Study Permits: Off-campus work IRCC</u>
- Canada: Hiring International Students What Employers Need To

<u>Know</u>

- Work in Canada After Graduation
- Immigration and Refugee Protection Regulations





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