

How Someone Becomes an Immigrant to Canada

- ⇒ When someone immigrates to Canada they become a **landed immigrant**
- ⇒ The Canadian government has strict rules to decide who will be admitted to the country
- ⇒ Without these restrictions, far more people would want to come to Canada than we could accommodate

landed immigrant ⇒ Canadian immigrant with permanent resident status who is not yet a Canadian citizen

⇒ Canada accepts three types of immigrants:

- (1) independent immigrants
- (2) family immigrants
- (3) refugees

Independent Immigrants

- ⇒ There are two types of independent immigrants:
 - ↳ skilled workers
 - ↳ business class
- ⇒ The Canadian government uses a point system to determine which people should be allowed into Canada

Family Immigrants

- ⇒ This category allows Canadian residents (both citizens and landed immigrants) to reunite their families by bringing their close relatives to Canada
- ⇒ Every family immigrant must be sponsored by a relative in Canada
- ⇒ The sponsor agrees to provide housing and other needs for ten years
- ⇒ The risks associated with sponsorship, along with stricter government rules, make it harder to sponsor family members

Refugees

- ⇒ A refugee is someone who fears persecution or even death in his/her home country
- ⇒ To be considered a refugee, this persecution must arise for reasons of:
 - religion
 - race/nationality
 - political opinion
 - membership in a particular group
 - natural disasters
 - human disasters
- ⇒ Typically, the number of refugees coming to Canada ranges from 24,000 to 32,000 people each year