

Canadian Orientation Abroad (COA) and the Canadian Immigrant Integration Program (CIIP)

Planning for Canada:

A Continuum of Pre-arrival Services for Immigrants to Canada

What is Planning for Canada?

Funded by the Government of Canada, Planning for Canada is a free pre-arrival program that provides economic and family class immigrants with the right information, tools, and Canadian contacts while they prepare to move to Canada. As a result, newcomers are better equipped to find work that reflects their skills and education as well as make informed settlement decisions.

What does Planning for Canada offer?

- Full-day group orientation session on preparing for life in Canada
- Personalized one-hour planning session on career and settlement goals
- Connections to Canadian organizations for additional guidance
- Access to specialized online information sessions and workshops



Together
investing in your success!

Planning for Canada is jointly delivered by the **Canadian Orientation Abroad (COA)** program and the **Canadian Immigrant Integration Program (CIIP)**.

COA is a program of the **International Organization for Migration** and CIIP is a program of **Colleges and Institutes Canada**.

Both COA and CIIP are leaders in conducting pre-arrival services. COA has offered pre-arrival sessions to economic and family class immigrants since 2001 and has served over 85,000 participants to date. CIIP has offered pre-arrival services to economic immigrants since 2007 and has served over 30,000 participants to date.

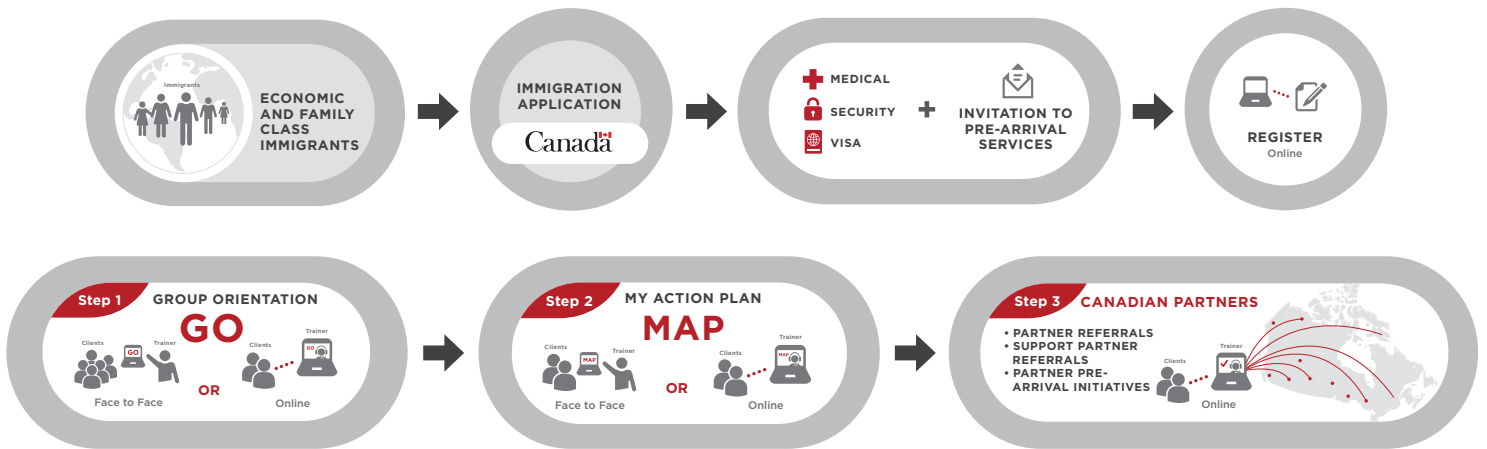
"It was an eye-opener for so many things and if someone would ask me whether it was useful? I would say 100% useful for migrants."

"With the guidance of this service, I was able to secure a job just after two months of landing in Canada. It helped me to become a successful future Canadian."

"This service gives you a glimpse of what you will be facing in Canada and encourages you to prepare for the challenges that you will encounter. The approach is holistic; they cover settlement and employment, which is essential for those relocating to a new place."



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Pre-arrival preparation makes a difference

Over 99% of survey respondents said the service increased their general understanding of:

- Job prospects in Canada
- Job challenges newcomers face
- Job-search strategies
- Job-retention strategies

Over 99% said the service inspired them to take pre-arrival actions, such as:

- Apply for employment (60%)
- Seek further education and skills training (54%)
- Undergo language assessment (49%)
- Seek settlement support (51%)
- Upgrade their language skills (43%)
- Seek licensure (31%)

The Government of Canada's tracking shows:

75%

of survey respondents were employed within one year of arrival in Canada

69%

of those employed were working in a field directly aligned or related to their work experience

"We were doubtful as to the first step after Permanent Residency – where to settle, how to find a job, how to write a Canadian-specific resume, how to prepare for interviews, etc. We had hundreds of such questions and we got definitive, clear and crisp information solving all our queries."

"You have done an excellent job in tailoring my settlement inquiries and career path as well as providing referrals to other Canadian agencies. I can now say that I am more prepared and well directed in my pursuit of the Canadian dream. It would have been more difficult if not for this highly informative and empowering seminar."

