

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.

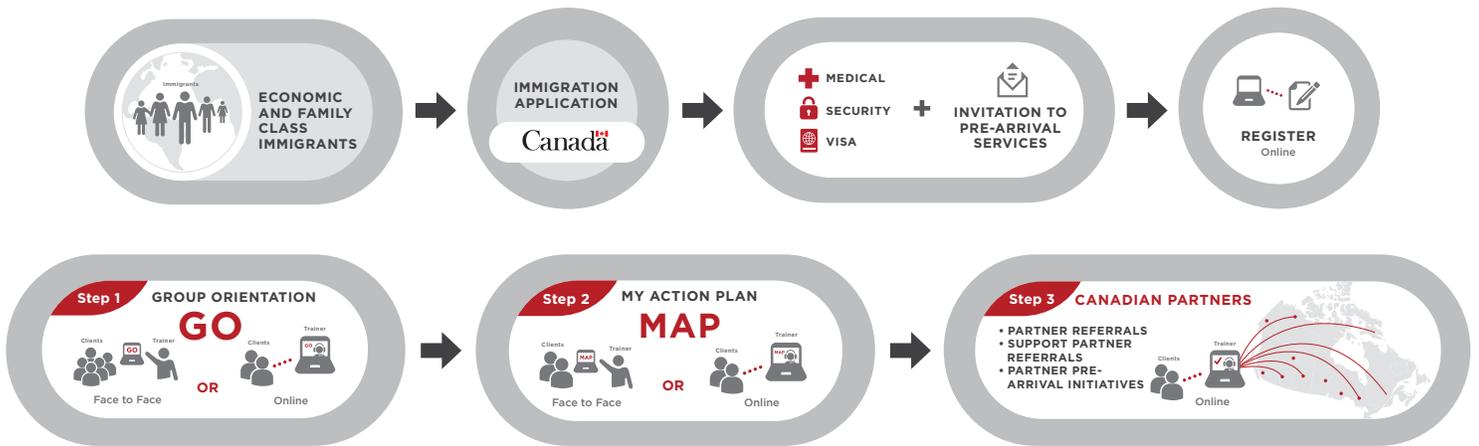
*"It was an eye-opener for so many things and if someone would ask me whether it was useful? I would say 100% useful for migrants."*

*"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."*

