

West Kootenay Community Criteria

Community Criteria will assess candidate's eligibility factors. Please refer to [Who can apply](#) prior to scoring your Community Criteria points.

1. Family / Friend in the West Kootenay Region	Points
<p>The candidate or, if applicable, the candidate's spouse/common-law partner has an existing personal connection to a permanent resident of Canada or a Canadian citizen who has been living in the West Kootenay region for a minimum of 1 year. The connection will need to provide written confirmation of their intent to assist the candidate with settling in to the West Kootenay. The connection must be currently living in the West Kootenay. All connections must live in separate households.</p>	
<p>a. Close family connection Parents, siblings, or children of candidate or spouse/common-law partner of candidate. Each individual confirmed connection receives points. (maximum 2 connections; maximum 8 points)</p>	4
<p>b. Medium family connection Grandparent, aunt, uncle of candidate or spouse/common-law partner of candidate. Each individual confirmed connection receives points. (maximum 2 connections; maximum 4 points)</p>	2
<p>c. Cousin, niece, nephew or friend of candidate or spouse/common-law partner of candidate. Must be 22 years or older. Friends must have no relation through blood, adoption or marriage. (maximum 1 connection; maximum 2 points)</p>	2
2. Living in and previous travel to the West Kootenay Region	Points
<p>Candidates will be asked for proof that they reside in the region. The committee may ask for proof of residence and travel (tickets, hotel stays or other documents) * Points from a & b may NOT be combined *</p>	
<p>a. The candidate resides in the West Kootenay and, at the time of application, has been living here for a minimum of 6 months.</p>	15
<p>b. If the candidate does NOT live in the region and they have previously spent one (1) continuous week or more in the West Kootenay region.</p>	5
3. Work in the Region	Points
<p>The candidate has had a previous job (in the 3 years prior to application date), or currently has a job with a business in the West Kootenay and has been working in that position for at least one continuous 6-month period.</p>	10
4. Wage and NOC Category of Job Offer	Points
<p>a. A job offer with a wage which exceeds the minimum of \$22.00 per hour will receive one (1) point for every additional \$2.00 per hour. \$52.00 / hour or higher will receive maximum points. (maximum 15 points) *In the event of a yearly salary, please indicate an hourly wage.</p>	1

b. A job offer in NOC O, A or B	10
c. Candidates will receive one (1) point for every two years of work experience in the NOC code of the job being offered. 20 years' experience will receive 10 points. (maximum 10 points)	1

5. Candidate's age on the day the application is received	Points
22 to 28 years	5
28 to 40 years	8
41 to 50 years	6
51 years and older	2

6. Driver's Licence	Points
a. Candidate has a Canadian driver's licence	3
b. In the absence of a Canadian driver's license, the candidate holds a valid driver's license from another country.	2

7. Demonstration of proficiency in English & French	Points
Candidate demonstrated language ability by obtaining at least a Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) and Niveaux de Compétence Linguistique Canadiens (NCLC) level 4 across all skills in both official languages.	4

8. Candidate's spouse / common-law partner	Points
a. The candidate's spouse/common-law partner is authorized to work and has been working in the West Kootenay for a minimum of 6 months at the time of application.	4
b. The candidate's spouse/common-law partner is not currently working here, but has a valid job offer in the West Kootenay region.	3
c. The candidate's spouse/common-law partner is living, or has lived in the West Kootenay region for a minimum of 1 year in the last 5 years.	3
d. The candidate's spouse/common-law partner has language proficiency in English or French that exceed CLB or NCLC level four (4) in all categories, as demonstrated by language test results.	2
e. The candidate's spouse/common-law partner has submitted language test results demonstrating a CLB and NCLC level four (4) or higher in both official languages.	1
f. The candidate's spouse/common-law partner has a Canadian driver's license.	3
g. In the absence of a Canadian driver's licence, the candidate's spouse/common-law partner holds a valid driver's license from another country.	2

TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS	100
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