

# 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	Your 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 into the West Kootenay. (Unless the connection is a dependant). The connection must be currently living in the West Kootenay.</p>		
<p><b>a. Close family connection</b> Parent, sibling, or child of candidate or spouse/common-law partner of candidate. Each individual confirmed connection receives points. <b>(maximum 2 connections; maximum 8 points)</b></p>	<b>8</b>	
<p><b>b. Medium family connection or friend</b> Cousin, niece, nephew, or friend of candidate or of spouse/common-law partner of candidate. Must be 22 years or older. Friends must have no relation through blood, adoption, marriage or be your employer. The connection must provide written confirmation of their intent to assist the candidate with settling into the West Kootenay. <b>(maximum 1 connection; maximum 2 points)</b></p>	<b>2</b>	
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)</p>		
<p><b>* Points from a &amp; b may NOT be combined *</b></p>		
<p><b>a.</b> The candidate resides in the West Kootenay and, at the time of application, has been living here for: 12-24 months: <b>5 points</b> 30 months: <b>8 points</b> 36 months or longer: <b>10 points</b></p>	<b>10</b>	
<p><b>b.</b> If the candidate does NOT live in the region and they have previously spent 7 nights or more in the West Kootenay region.</p>	<b>8</b>	
3. Work in the Region and Priority NOCs	Points	
<p><b>a.</b> The candidate has accumulated full time work hours with an employer OR employers in the West Kootenay for: 18 months: <b>5 points</b> 2 years: <b>8 points</b> 30 months: <b>12 points</b> 3 or more years: <b>15 points</b> <b>NOTE: Part time hours cannot be used for the accumulation of the work hours calculation. The work experience cannot be through self-employment.</b></p>	<b>15</b>	
<p><b>b.</b> The Candidate has a full-time job offer (confirmed on the IMM5984) in a West Kootenay identified priority NOC sector identified on our website under the Community Criteria tab. Please refer to the West Kootenay RNIP website <a href="https://wk-rnip.ca/community-criteria/">https://wk-rnip.ca/community-criteria/</a> for a complete list of NOCs.</p>	<b>10</b>	

<b>4. Wage and Previous Work Experience</b>	<b>Points</b>	
<p><b>a.</b> A job offer with a wage which exceeds the minimum of \$22.00 per hour will receive one (1) point for every additional \$1.00 per hour. These points only apply to wages of \$23 per hour or more. <b>(maximum 10 points)</b> <b>*In the event of a yearly salary, please indicate an hourly wage.</b></p>	<b>10</b>	
<p><b>b.</b> Candidates will receive one (1) point for every 1 year of full time (30 hours/wk or more) work experience related to the NOC code. <b>(maximum 15 points)</b></p>	<b>15</b>	

<b>5. Candidate's age on the day the application is received</b>	<b>Points</b>	
26 to 40 years	<b>6</b>	
41 to 50 years	<b>4</b>	
51 years and older	<b>2</b>	

<b>6. Demonstration of proficiency in English &amp; French</b>	<b>Points</b>	
<p><b>You must have taken BOTH</b> official English and French test for these points. Candidate demonstrated language ability by obtaining at least a Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) <b>and</b> Niveaux de Compétence Linguistique Canadiens (NCLC) <b>level 4</b> across <b>all skills</b> in <b>both</b> official languages.</p>	<b>4</b>	

<b>7. Candidate's spouse/common-law partner and dependants</b>	<b>Points</b>	
<p><b>a.</b> The candidate's spouse/common law partner has 2 or more years of full time work experience in the last 5 years – domestic or overseas. The work experience cannot be through self employment.</p>	<b>4</b>	
<p><b>b.</b> The candidate's spouse/common law partner has a minimum of 1 year full time work experience in the last 5 years in one of the West Kootenay priority NOC sector identified on our website under the Community Criteria tab. Please refer to the West Kootenay RNIP website <a href="https://wk-rnip.ca/community-criteria/">https://wk-rnip.ca/community-criteria/</a> for a complete list of NOCs.</p>	<b>4</b>	
<p><b>c.</b> The candidate's spouse/common law partner is authorized to work and has been working full time in the West Kootenay for a minimum of 1 year at the time of application. The work cannot be through self employment.</p>	<b>2</b>	
<p><b>d.</b> The candidate has a spouse/common law partner who has been living in the West Kootenay region continuously (at the time of application) for:</p> <p>1 year: <b>2 points</b> 2 years: <b>3 points</b> 3+years: <b>4 points</b></p>	<b>2</b>	
<p><b>e.</b> The candidate's spouse/common law partner has language proficiency in English or French that exceeds CLB or NCLC level four (4) in all categories, as demonstrated by language test results.</p>	<b>2</b>	
<p><b>f.</b> The candidate's spouse/common law partner has submitted language test results demonstrating a CLB <b>and</b> NCLC level four (4) or higher in <b>both</b> official languages.</p>	<b>1</b>	
<p><b>g.</b> The candidate has a dependant child enrolled in a formal education program in the West Kootenays.</p>	<b>2</b>	

<b>MINIMUM REQUIRED POINTS</b>		<b>26</b>
<b>YOUR TOTAL POINTS</b>		