

**Been There, Done That -  
Applying for an Immigrant  
Visa to Canada**



6 Steps  IN A  
Nutshell

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## About the Authors

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## Chapter 1: Gathering Information

*You cannot reach your destination without the right information.*

### **T**he Application Process: 6 Steps In A

#### **Nutshell**

Every applicant's dilemma: How do I go about applying for an immigrant visa? Where do I begin? After having gone through the complex process of applying for an immigrant visa ourselves, we're presenting it to you in six (6) steps. ....

## Chapter 2: Making The Decision

*Clear, accurate and timely information is the basis for a sound decision.*

### **E**ligibility Assessment

Every applicant's dilemma: Will I qualify? Assess your chances of success based on the following criteria and factors and decide whether to apply now, later or never.

## Selection Criteria – The *Point System* Circa 2002

Skilled worker immigrants are assessed against a selection *point system* based on the following:

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## Chapter 3: Preparing The Application

*Preparation is the handmaiden of execution.  
Do your best and expect the best.*

### **G**uide in Preparing the Application

*Citizenship and Immigration Canada* has prepared a detailed set of instructions to help you complete the application form (application forms are available online).

You must answer all the questions to avoid delays in the processing of your application. For questions not applicable to you simply write *NOT APPLICABLE*. .....

## Chapter 4: Submitting The Application

*Submit only when complete.*

### **W**here To Submit

Visa offices have certain areas of jurisdiction. Immigration processing missions abroad are listed on the CIC website at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/offices/index.html>

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## Chapter 5: Anticipating The Outcome

*Wait and create ways to strengthen your bid.  
Then think positive and expect the best.*

### **W**aiting Time and e-Client Status

As of April 15, 2002 the status of your application is just one click away 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from anywhere in the world with the [e-Client Application Status](#).

Processing time at visa offices vary and you can get this information at the [CIC website](#). ....

## Chapter 6: Completing the Process

*We begin to see that completion is what we had hoped for because we gave our best.*

### **T**he Outcome

The moment of truth – approval or refusal. Notification of refusal is usually within 12 to 36 months from AOR (Acknowledgment of Receipt).

*Help – my application was disapproved! All is not lost. ....*

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