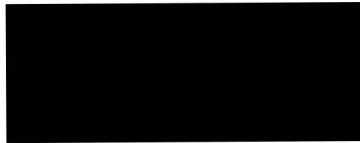


May 24, 2017



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Dear  s.40(1)

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: AESL/014/2017]

On May 2, 2017 the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour received your request for access to the following records/information:

- 1) Number of allocation received by province through federal government for the fiscal year 2017.
- 2) Number of application approved by the various immigration stream as of May 2nd, 2017 under each stream.
 - Under express entry system
 - Skilled workers stream under Provincial Nominee Program
 - International Graduate under Provincial Nominee Program
 - Under Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program
- 3) Number of staff employed at the office of immigration until May 2nd, 2017.

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to this information has been granted and the requested records are included herein.

The 2017 allocation for Newfoundland and Labrador is as follows:

Calendar Year	Provincial Nominee Program	Express Entry	Atlantic Immigration Pilot Project ¹	Total Allocation
2017	500	550	442	1,492

¹ The Atlantic Immigration Pilot Project was launched on March 10, 2017, and is a three-year pilot.

Applications in the Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism undergo two respective processes of approval: an initial process to accept an application, and a follow-up process confirming that an individual has been nominated by the province (Provincial Nominee Program and Express Entry), or confirmed as a designated employer (Atlantic Immigration Pilot Project).

The below table includes information on applications that were approved for processing, applications for individuals who were ultimately nominated for permanent residency, and employers who were designated under the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Project.

January 1 - May 2, 2017	Applications Approved	Applications Nominated
Express Entry	3 Individuals	1
Skilled Worker	54 Individuals	38
International Graduate	25 Individuals	15
Atlantic Immigration Pilot Project²	26 Employers	0

- ². This column represents the number of approved employer designations. The number of individuals accepted following employer designation will vary, depending on individual employer requests for endorsements of individual immigration applications of individuals they wish to process through the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Project

The Atlantic Immigration Pilot Project launched on March 10, 2017. While designations of employers are ongoing and 26 employers were designated between the project launch and May 2, 2017, employers have the responsibility to advance applications for individuals they wish to hire and transition to permanent residency through the Pilot Project.

The Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism has a staff of 12. The office is in the process of hiring an additional three staff to support provincial immigration priorities.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (709) 729-4276 or SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



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