

July 24, 2019



Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: AESL/046/2019]

On June 28, 2019 the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour received your request for access to the following records/information:

“Information Note – Provincial Immigration Application Processing Update – May 2019.”

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to this information has been granted in part. Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* (the act):

Section 40.(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of third party personal privacy.

As required by subsection 8.(2) of the act, we have severed information that is excepted from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible.

Section 42 of the act provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this partial refusal of access or you may appeal the refusal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Information and Privacy Commissioner shall be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

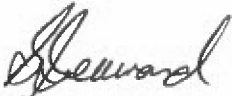
Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event you wish to appeal to the Supreme Court, you must do so within 15 business days of the date of this letter. Section 52 of the act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Office of Public Engagement's website within one 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,



SHARON SEAWARD
ATIPP Coordinator

Attachment

Information Note
Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour

Title: Provincial Immigration Application Processing Update – May 2019

Issue: To provide an update on immigration application processing.

Background and Current Status:

- The Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism (OIM) has a mandate to process immigration applications for the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Nominee Program (NLPNP) and the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program (AIPP).
- OIM has five Immigration Program Development Officers (IPDOs) to process provincial immigration applications. Officers process immigration applications from individual workers, as well as assist employers wishing to hire abroad, and assess designation applications from employers seeking to use AIPP in addressing their workforce shortage needs.

Analysis:

- Since January 2018, OIM made enhancements to immigration processing, streamlined the application process, introduced an online application process for NLPNP, and staffed the Manager of Immigration and Settlement Programs position.
- IPDOs have processed 97 AIPP applications, of which 83 were approved, since January 2019. 14 of the approved AIPP applications were reissued endorsements, bringing the total number of unique individual applications approved to 69. IPDOs also processed 71 NLPNP applications, of which 66 were approved in the same time period (Annex A refers).
- Currently, OIM has 156 applications in queue (88 NLPNP and 68 AIPP applications).
- In a given week, OIM finalizes approximately 12-15 applications, for a total of approximately 48-60 applications finalized in a given month.
- The release of the departmental service standards for the NLPNP Skilled Worker and International Graduate categories requires applications to be assessed within 25 business days (1.25 months). Based on the current workload, current applications in queue would require an average 2.5 months to process, not taking new applications submitted within that time period into account.
- Since April 2019, OIM has been operating in four-officer capacity, [REDACTED] it is advisable to address the queue through overtime for IPDOs.

Action Being Taken:

- OIM will continue to maximize its resources to address immigration processing needs.

Prepared/Approved by: R. Cej/M. Snow

Deputy Minister Approval: *[Signature]*

May 29, 2019

**Annex A:
Nominations/Endorsements Comparison, January to May 27, 2017, 2018 and 2019**

Applications Approved – January to May 27

	2017	2018	2019
NLPNP nominations	66	52	66
AIPP endorsements	0	76	69
Total nominations and endorsements	66	128	135

Applications in Queue

NLPNP applications in queue	2017	2018	2019
Total in queue as of May 27	53	49	88
AIPP applications in queue			
Total in queue as of May 27	0	1	68
Total in queue (NLPNP & AIPP)	53	50	156

Note: The 2017 column runs from April 11 – May 25. The first AIPP endorsement application was not received until mid-April 2017.

*Forecasted number, not confirmed

Employer Applications – January to May 27

	2017	2018	2019
NLPNP Job Vacancy Assessments	25	23	14
AIPP Designations	86	32	40
Total designations and assessments	111	55	54

Employers assisted through the NL Provincial Nominee Program and the Atlantic Immigration Pilot Program since 2017

Total number of employers designated since 2017	251
Total number of employers approved through the Job Vacancy Assessments since 2017	60
Total number of employers assisted since 2017	311

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