

**The 2021 IEC pools are now open for individuals looking to live or work in Canada temporarily. IEC is a fantastic program providing people with travel and work experience in Canada. For many, this program becomes the first step towards becoming a Permanent Resident.**

At this time only 23 countries are eligible. The quotas vary by country as well as by specific programs (Co-op Internship, Young Professionals, or Working Holiday). These quotas have been provided below and the 2021 pools will remain open until the quotas have been met.

**Important:** *As per the Canadian government website, **only IEC participants with a Port of Entry Letter of Introduction and a [valid job offer](#) are eligible to travel to Canada right now.** In addition, anyone flying into Canada should review the “Flying to Canada” [checklist](#).*

#### **What are the IEC Categories:**

- **Co-Op Internship:** For those in graduate school possessing a written job offer for a position approved by the IRCC in their related field. (Employer Specific Work Permit)
- **Young Professionals:** For young professionals with a job offer looking to obtain Canadian work experience that with contributing to their professional development. (Employer Specific Work Permit)
- **Working Holiday Program:** Allows individuals to work anywhere within Canada. Ordinarily, this category wouldn't require a valid job offer. Under the current travel restrictions, a valid job offer is required to travel to Canada. (Open Work Permit)

Eligibility for each category by country can be found on the government [website](#).

*The following table provides Quotas by country and IEC category.*

<b>Country</b>	<b>Working Holiday Quota</b>	<b>Young Professional Quota</b>	<b>International Co-op Quota</b>
Australia	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Belgium	750	x	x
Chile	725	20	5
Costa Rica	80	15	5
Czech Republic	1,000	145	5
Denmark	350	x	x
France	7,100	2,200	4,250
Greece	180	10	10
Hong Kong	200	x	x
Ireland	10,500	150	50
Italy	1,000	x	x
Japan	6,500	x	x
Luxembourg	80	10	TBA
Norway	130	15	5
Portugal	1,750	200	50
San Marino	25	x	x
Slovakia	315	30	5
South Korea	4,000	x	x
Spain	800	150	50
Sweden	580	100	20
Switzerland	x	200	50
Taiwan	940	50	10
United Kingdom	5,000	x	x

