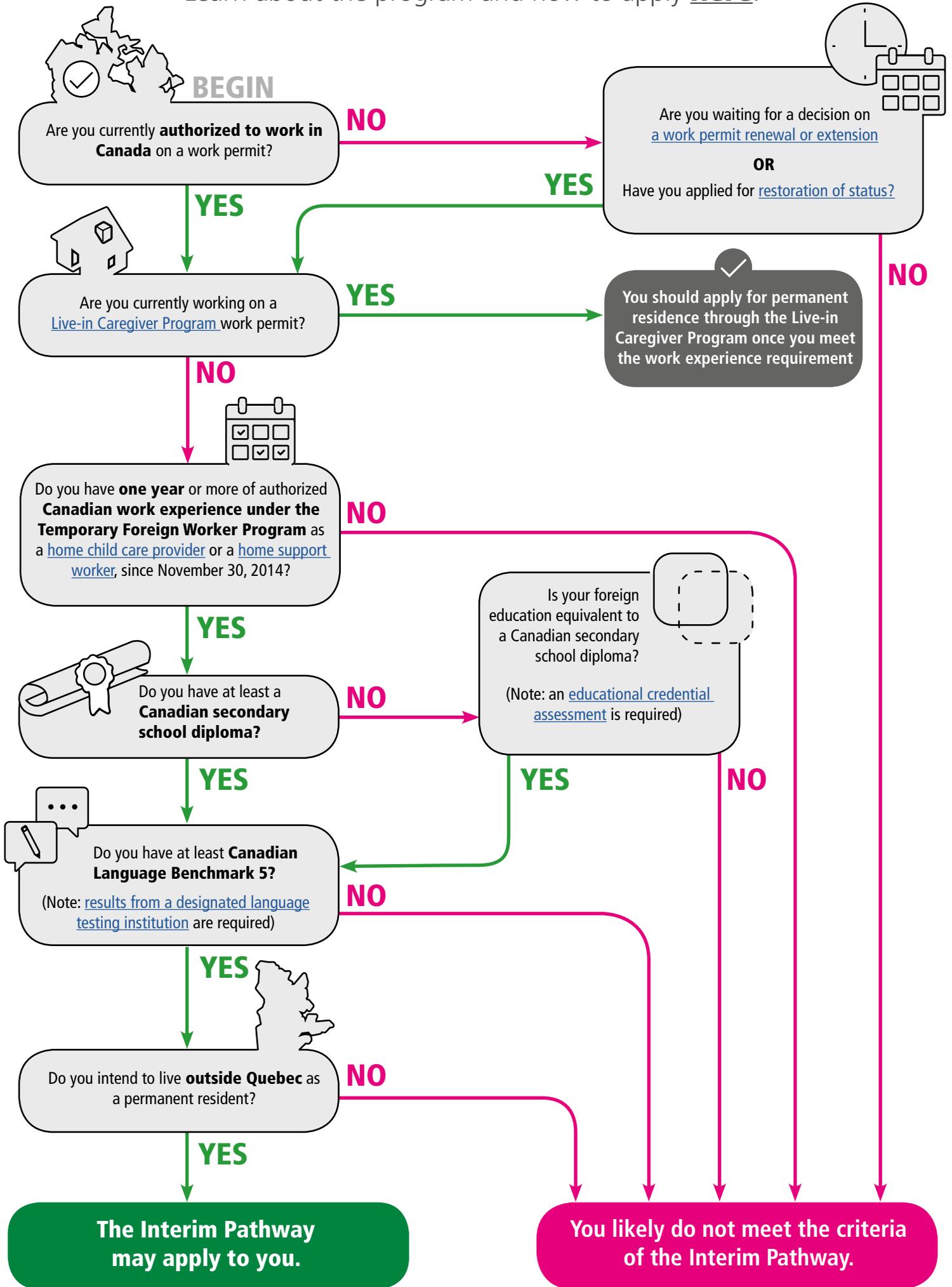


Does the Interim Pathway for Caregivers apply to you?

This pathway is open to applications from **March 4th to June 4th, 2019**.
Learn about the program and how to apply [here](#).



 [See the detailed eligibility criteria and conditions.](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Interim Pathway for Caregivers?

This interim program is being launched after hearing from caregivers and interested parties that the program changes made in 2014 were not well understood. Many caregivers began working for families in Canada, only to find out later that they were not going to qualify for permanent residence under existing programs. The Interim Pathway for Caregivers is a short-term dedicated pathway to permanent residence for qualifying in-home caregivers who, in good faith, have come to Canada and are providing care to Canadians, without a clear pathway to permanent residence.

Can I apply while I'm waiting on a decision for a work permit extension or renewal?

Yes. If you are awaiting a decision on a work permit renewal and are on implied status, or you have fallen out of status for less than 90 days and have applied for restoration of status, you can still apply, as long as your most recent permit was not a Live-in Caregiver Program work permit.

What if I can't get my language test results or education credential assessment in time to apply?

If you are concerned that you will not get your educational credential assessment (ECA) or language test results in time, you can submit proof that you have applied for an ECA/scheduled a language test with your application, and provide the documents as soon as you receive them.

Can I use experience from multiple caregiving jobs to apply to the Interim Pathway for Caregivers?

The one year of full-time work experience in Canada can be acquired in any combination of the two eligible occupations.

What if I worked for an employer other than the one named on my work permit?

Any experience included in the application must have been authorized by a work permit to count towards meeting the work experience requirement for the Interim Pathway for Caregivers. If you have ever worked in Canada illegally (for example, for an employer other than the one named on your work permit), your application may be refused.

Does my employer need to sponsor me for the Interim Pathway for Caregivers?

No. You must provide proof of your work experience in order to be eligible for the Interim Pathway for Caregivers, which can include a copy of your most recent work permit in Canada, copies of T4 tax information slips, Notice of Assessments issued by the Canada Revenue Agency and copies of employer reference letters for the periods of work experience identified in the application; however, your employer does not need to endorse your application.

Do I need to redo my medical exam if it has expired since I came as a temporary worker?

Yes. As caregiving occupations involve close contact with children or people with high medical needs, and to manage the risk to public health and support public confidence in Canada's immigration system, you are required to submit to an immigration medical examination (IME) when applying for permanent residence, unless your previous IME took place within the previous 12 months and is still valid when you apply.

Can I apply to the Interim Pathway for Caregivers from abroad?

This pathway is targeted to in-Canada caregivers with a valid work permit. Applications from abroad will be accepted in the exceptional case where you may have a valid Canadian work permit but you are outside the country (for example, on a brief trip). Otherwise, caregivers outside Canada are not eligible to apply to this pathway.

What if my work permit is close to expiring when I apply to the Interim Pathway for Caregivers?

Completing an application for permanent residence as a caregiver under the Interim Pathway for Caregivers does not mean that your work permit or temporary status will be automatically extended. You must maintain your legal status in Canada while your application for permanent residence is in process.

Applicants who have received a positive eligibility assessment under the Interim Pathway for Caregivers can get an open work permit while they wait for their permanent residence application to be processed. You can apply for an open work permit with your application for permanent residence. Consult the [application guide](#) for more information.

What if I am already in Canada but do not qualify for the Interim Pathway for Caregivers?

If you are not able to meet the requirements of this pathway, you can stay as long as you have legal temporary status in Canada and are continuing to work towards the requirements of any economic immigration program, including the replacement for the 2014 caregiver pilots that will launch later this year.

Caregivers may also qualify for the [Atlantic Immigration Pilot](#) or the [Provincial Nominee Program](#) in their respective province. Those with experience in high-skilled occupations may also qualify for the federal economic programs under [Express Entry](#).