

**Brief to the House of Common
Standing Committee on Citizenship and
Immigration**

**Permanent Residency Pathways
for Pre-Removal Risk Assessment Applicants
(Health Care Sector and Essential Workers)**

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Government announce a new Pathway for Permanent Residency for certain Pre-Removal Risk Assessment applicants that worked in the frontline during the Covid 19 Pandemic as an addition to the temporary public policy announced on Nov. 23 2020 by Minister Mendicino

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/permanent-residence-healthcare-pandemic-canada.html>

OR

That the government amend the temporary public policy to facilitate the granting of permanent residence for foreign nationals in Canada, outside of Quebec, with recent Canadian work experience in essential occupations which was announced on April 12 2021 by Minister Marco by including PRRA Applicants in Health care and Essential workers during the pandemic as eligible candidates

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/public-policies/trpr-canadian-work-experience.html>

SUBMISSION

I will like to bring to your attention about some of us that are Pre Removal Risk Assessment applicants (**refugee claimants whose claim were ineligible to be transferred to IRB because we arrived from a country that has an information sharing agreement with Canada and already made a claim in that country**) and was excluded from the New Pathways announced despite meeting every eligibility requirements mentioned.

Other refugee claimants (*Including those whose claims were refused in Canada*) that arrived from the same countries without making a claim there before heading to Canada were given the opportunity to apply for permanent residency based on the temporary public policy announce on Nov. 23 2020 by Minister Mendicino.

Based on the Concepts and Definitions applicable for the purpose of the public policy announced:

No. 3 of that section states that – **“Persons whose refugee claims were: determined to be ineligible to be referred to the IRB”** are not eligible to apply for the pathway.

The above quote disqualified those of us whose claim were determined to be ineligible to be transferred to IRB because we made claims in the USA not minding that we met every requirement and also risked everything working in the health care sector during the Covid19 Pandemic

Allow me to use myself as an example.

I work two full time jobs as a Caregiver at mental healthcare facilities in Newfoundland from Monday to Sunday (**12 hours daily**) **which is 84 hours per week and 336 hours per month.**

The minimum required hours required for those that are qualified for apply under the pathway announced in November is **30 hours per week**, and 1 year of work experience (at least 1,560 hours) in the past 3 years under the pathway announced on April 12 2021.

I've worked about **180%** in addition to the requirement for pathway announced in November 2020 and over **2300 hours** within the last 7 months, exceeding the required hours needed for work experience in the recent pathway announced on April 12, 2021.

The language requirement needed to be eligible in the recently announced pathway is Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB) or Niveaux de compétence linguistique canadiens (NCLC) **Level 4** in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. I scored **CLB Level 8 in reading, CLB Level 10 in writing, CLB Level 8 in speaking, and CLB Level 7 in listening.**

It's frightening that despite working hard alongside other refugee claimants, I, together with hundreds of Covid19 frontline workers were deemed ineligible or excluded to apply for the new immigration pathways, not because of any inadmissibility issues or criminal offense but because we made a claim in the USA before moving to Canada for refuge.

On behalf of these PRRA applicants in the health care and other essential workers, I plead that the committee members take time to revisit our case as this is getting most of us into depression knowing that we who work tirelessly day and night to keep up with our responsibilities and then excluded from the generosity given to other refugee claimants by the government.

I strongly believe the committee will investigate this, consult with Minister Marco and IRCC Policy makers, and come to our aid.

Thank you.

REFERENCES

Temporary public policy to facilitate the granting of permanent residence for foreign nationals in Canada, outside of Quebec, with recent Canadian work experience in essential occupations

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/public-policies/trpr-canadian-work-experience.html>

Temporary public policy to facilitate the granting of permanent residence for certain refugee claimants working in the health care sector during the COVID-19 pandemic

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/mandate/policies-operational-instructions-agreements/permanent-residence-healthcare-pandemic-canada.html>