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加拿大「救生艇計劃」STREAM B OWP申請今日正式截止

加拿大政府於2021年推出的「救生艇計劃」中的3年開放式工簽(OWP)申請今日 (2025年2月7日)正式截止,並確定不再延長。移民部表示,此計劃屬於臨時措 施,有意來加的合資格港人仍可透過其他工作簽證計劃申請移民。

根據移民部數據,截至2023年底,超過40,500名港人成功獲批OWP,另有29,100 人獲批學生簽證,兩者合計至少7萬名港人透過「救生艇計劃」的 Stream A 及 Stream B 申請永久居留。此外,據官方統計,截至2024年12月31日,共有49,000 多人申請OWP,反映計劃對港人移居加拿大的重要性。

近年來,加拿大移民政策逐步收緊,政府更宣布將於2024年秋季開始實施臨時居 民人數上限。未來港人移民加拿大的門檻可能進一步提高。

此計劃的推出,反映加拿大對香港民主價值的支持,並為港人提供了移居加國的 機會。

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## CANADA'S "LIFEBOAT SCHEME" STREAM B OWP APPLICATION OFFICIALLY ENDS TODAY



The application for the three-year Open Work Permit (OWP) under Canada's "Lifeboat Scheme", launched in 2021, officially closes today (February 7, 2025), with no further extensions. The Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) has confirmed that this was a temporary measure, and eligible Hong Kong residents who wish to immigrate to Canada can still apply through other work permit programs.

According to IRCC data, as of the end of 2023, over 40,500 Hong Kong residents had successfully obtained an OWP, while another 29,100 were approved for study permits. In total, at least 70,000 Hong Kong residents have applied for permanent residence through Stream A and Stream B of the "Lifeboat Scheme." Additionally, official statistics indicate that over 49,000 people had applied for OWPs as of December 31, 2024, highlighting the program's significance for Hong Kong residents immigrating to Canada.

In recent years, Canada has tightened its immigration policies, and the government has announced plans to implement a cap on temporary residents starting in Fall 2024. As a result, the requirements for Hong Kong residents seeking to immigrate to Canada may become even more stringent in the future.

The introduction of the "Lifeboat Scheme" reflects Canada's support for democratic values in Hong Kong and has provided Hong Kong residents with an important pathway to settle in Canada.

Pror more details, please visit the official website: IRCC - Government of Canada

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