

# CONNECTING CANADA

Helping pre-arrival immigrants start their career journeys in small communities across Canada



**ACCES is a leading employment services organization that provides innovative programs to jobseekers and employers.**

The Connecting Canada project believes that if more immigrants knew about opportunities to live, work, and grow in smaller urban and rural communities before they arrived in Canada, more of them would choose to start their Canadian journeys there.

By introducing pre-arrival immigrants to community members and employers who are motivated to hire immigrants, Connecting Canada helps pre-arrival immigrants learn more about the wide range of communities they could choose to settle in and the services they can access to help them.

## Program Details



E-learning content and live webinars to help pre-arrival immigrants recognize the opportunities in non-traditional landing communities



Networking events to build connections between pre-arrival immigrants and professionals in smaller communities



Hiring events to help employers in smaller communities connect with and hire immigrant talent

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## Program Benefits



Pre-arrival immigrants taking part in Connect Canada will be able to make more-informed choices about where they might settle in Canada



Smaller communities will receive support in connecting with pre-arrival immigrants who are open to settling in their communities



Employers in smaller communities will be able to access the talent pool of pre-arrival immigrants, which will help them address persistent skills and labour shortages



Policy makers and service providers will benefit from the knowledge and evidence created through Connecting Canada

## Program Eligibility



All communities in Canada outside of Quebec (excluding traditional major landing communities in the GTA, Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton) are eligible to engage in the project



Immigrants who are eligible for pre-arrival services can engage in Connecting Canada activities



English and/or French language proficiency and professional experience requirements will vary by event

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