

The Canadian Skilled Worker Immigrant Newsletter

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How Do Iranians
Welcome Norooz in
Toronto:



Today, many Iranians live outside of Iran. Approximately 1.5 million Iranians live in the United States, and many live in different European countries.

About 150,000 Iranians reside in Canada, with 80,000 living in the Toronto region. The Iranian community in

Dear Gerd,

First of all, let us wish you a very happy Iranian New Year. In an effort to provide you with more extended knowledge on your Immigration, we have included some helpful information in this issue. You will also find this issue very useful as it contains some tips about Norooz customs in Toronto as well as the list of skilled occupations recently released by the Government of Canada.

As a skilled worker in Canada one of the first steps to start a new career will be presenting your skills and experiences as clearly as possible. As a result, preparing a strong resume is a essential part of your To-Do checklist. Therefore, in this issue we provided you with some tips on how to make your resume more impressive. Also you can find the information about the required funds when entering Canada as a skilled worker. Additionally, to Provide you with a general view on the Job Market conditions in 2009, we have included a survey in which Canadians released their feelings about the job market in Canada while concerning the global financial crisis.

We hope that you find this information helpful and wish you success.

With best regards,

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TIPS FOR MAKING A STRONG RESUME

The hiring process in Canada goes like this:

1. A Company has a vacancy.
2. They advertise it directly or through an employment agency.

Toronto welcomes the Persian New Year with different social events such as Norooz Bazaars, plays, and concerts. Iranian shops, particularly in the North York region, are busier during Norooz as Iranians prepare to welcome the New Year.

The Iranian Students Union at University of Toronto's St. George campus organizes different events for Norooz. Many Iranian students find it difficult to participate in the celebration which occurs in the middle of school term. In 2001, U of T recognized Norooz in the school's complimentary day calendar.

The Newly Released List of Skilled Jobs

Financial Managers

Computer and Information Systems Managers

Managers in Health Care

Restaurant and Food Service Managers

Accommodation Service Managers

Construction Managers

Financial Auditors and Accountants

Geologists, Geochemists and Geophysicists

Mining Engineers

Geological Engineers

Petroleum Engineers

3. Job seekers apply for the position.

For anyone who is looking for a job in this process, it is very important to know that the hiring person reads not more than 15-30 seconds of the resume, then he's either attracted to it or not. So how to write an effective resume?

- Don't make it long. Usually, it should not exceed 2 pages as maximum.
- Focus on your achievements, things that you did for your employers that were outstanding; like: increasing sales by 40%, increasing productivity by 20%, building a unique productive team, delivered a complicated project and exceeded client's expectation, thank you letters etc....
Those are the things that the hiring manager is looking for, do not write just another job description and responsibilities that you were doing.
- The following resume structure can be helpful;
 - Professional Profile: in 2-3 lines, describe why you are unique and what are you very good at
 - Summary of Skills: in bullets, list the things that you are skilled at
 - Education: start with the latest and don't forget to include professional certifications
 - Professional Experience: here you list all companies you worked for (latest first) and talk about your achievements as stated above.
- Check your resume from any spelling or formatting mistakes. Any grammar or spelling mistake can have a bad effect on the hiring person. It's true, because if you can't write well in your resume where you're presenting yourself, then you would never be able to write well at your day to day activities.
- Don't include date of birth, companies locations, marital status, gender and the like. All these information are private and the employer is not allowed to ask about in the interview. This is to protect the candidates from being discriminated against.
- Write your address and contact information clearly at the top of every page.

Following the above advices would defiantly help you market yourself and step strongly into the hiring process.

FUNDS REQUIRED FOR ENTERING CANADA AS SKILLED WORKER

Canada does not offer financial support to new skilled worker immigrants, and if you apply as an independent immigrant

Specialist Physicians

General Practitioners and Family Physicians

Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists

Occupational Therapists

Physiotherapists

Head Nurses and Supervisors

Registered Nurses

Medical Radiation Technologists

Licensed Practical Nurses

University Professors

College and Other Vocational Instructors

Chefs

Cooks

Contractors and Supervisors, Pipefitting Trades

Contractors and Supervisors, Carpentry Trades

Contractors and Supervisors, Heavy Construction Equipment Crews

Electricians (Except Industrial and Power System)

Industrial Electricians

Plumbers

Steamfitters, Pipefitters and Sprinkler System Installers

you'll have to take care for yourself. You'll have to prove that you have enough money to support yourself and your family after you arrive in Canada.

You will be asked to provide a proof of your funds when you submit your immigration application. The amount of money that is required to support your family depends on the size of your family:

	# Family Members	Required Funds in Canadian Dollars
	1	\$9,420
	2	\$11,775
	3	\$14,645
	4	\$17,727
	5	\$19,816
	6	\$21,905
	7+	\$23,994

The only case that you don't need a proof of funds is if you find a job in Canada prior your immigration entry and you are able to provide a proof for this employment.

A SURVEY ON JOB MARKET 2009

Almost everyone knows about the global Financial crisis and its effects on various economical sectors.

In Ontario alone over 70,000 jobs lost just in November 2008; but most of them from the Auto sector when factories are closed.

However, things in Canada are generally much better than other countries. Banks are stable, highly regulated, and strong; and the government is trying to stimulate the economy.

In a recent survey made by CBCNews called Money Mood Meter the following question was asked:

How are you feeling about the latest economic circumstances?

And here are the results:

- The worst is over and things will soon be back to

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Drilling and Service

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- normal. (2,409) 15%
- I'm pretty confident this is a small economic speed bump (and crisis can also mean opportunity!). (3,434) 22%
 - I'm somewhat worried, but not enough to drastically change my spending and investments. (3,746) 24%
 - Things are pretty bad, I'm reining in my spending and hanging on to my cash. (3,270) 21%
 - I'm extremely worried, this is a complete disaster for my lifestyle and financial outlook. (2,806) 18%

Should you have any questions or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@visascanada.com or call our headquarters at 416-495-8170.

Sincerely,

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