

NEWS LETTER

Dear Readers,
Welcome to the first edition of
our newsletter in 2024!

As we bid farewell to the old year and embrace the new we've packed it with fresh news, opinions, and a little extra insight - just for you. Ready for quick insights into the month's highlights?

Let's explore together!

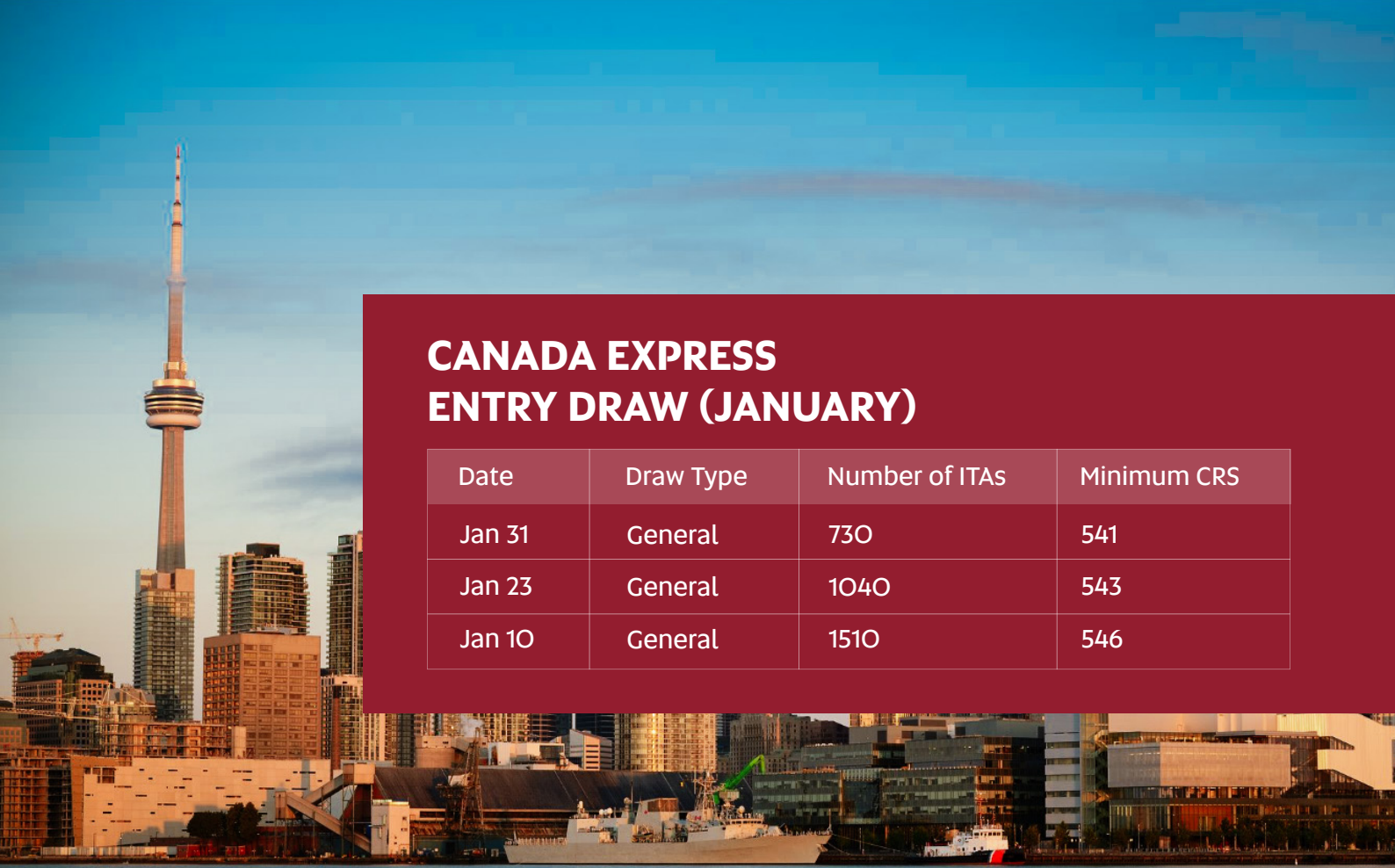
QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Perhaps we are all immigrants trading one home for another, first we leave the womb for air then, the suburbs for the filthy city in search of a better life, and some of us just happen to leave entire countries"

TOP 5 GLOBAL IMMIGRATION NEWS

1. Australia introduced visa changes for Temporary Skilled Migration
2. Australia Introduced 3 New Skilled Worker Visa Stream
3. Australia Introduces Pacific Engagement Visa For Regional Connections
4. Canada Allocates \$86 Million for Foreign Healthcare Credentials
5. Canada Expands Recognized Employer Program for Faster Foreign Worker Hiring





CANADA EXPRESS ENTRY DRAW (JANUARY)

| Date | Draw Type | Number of ITAs | Minimum CRS |
|--------|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| Jan 31 | General | 730 | 541 |
| Jan 23 | General | 1040 | 543 |
| Jan 10 | General | 1510 | 546 |

NEWS

- IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) launched an online portal for Designated Learning Institutions (DLIs) to verify International Student's Letters of Acceptance within a 10-day deadline. Failure to validate within the timeframe or a fake LOA leads to the cancellation of a student visa application.
- The Albanese government aims to reduce Net Overseas Migration from 510,000 (2022-23) to 375,000 (2023-24) and further to 250,000 (2024-25), shifting away from "permanent temporariness." This involves promoting pathways to permanent residency and combatting migrant exploitation.
- A new four-year temporary skilled worker visa is introduced, replacing the Temporary Skill Shortage visa, offering three pathways for different skill levels.
- Canada Expands Recognized Employer Program for Faster Foreign Worker Hiring for faster processing and extended Labour Market Impact Assessments (LMIAs) with longer validity and hiring Temporary Foreign Workers in critical 'in-shortage' occupations with a history of at least three positive LMIAs in the past five years.
- Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) annual percentage of income remains at 18% in 2024.

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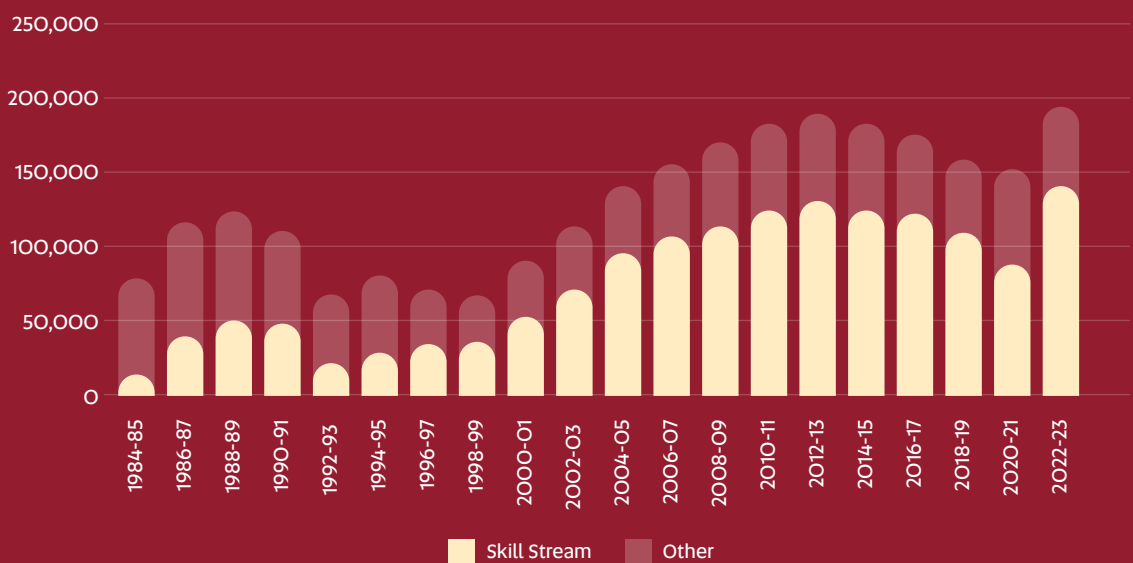
Shaping Careers Since 2009

- Canada Pension Plan (CPP) contribution increased to \$3,867 annually for those earning at least \$68,500.
- Introduction of the Subclass 192 Pacific Engagement Visa (PEV) for eligible migrants from Pacific countries and Timor Leste, allowing up to 3,000 nationals to migrate to Australia annually.
- 60% increase in 2023 USA visa applications compared to 2022, making Indians one in ten U.S. visa applicants worldwide.
- USA Visitor visas (B1/B2) reached over 700,000 applications in 2023, the second-highest in the U.S. Mission's history.
- Canada Allocates \$86 Million for Foreign Healthcare Credentials and 15 organizations across Canada to receive the funding. Enhancing foreign credential recognition for approximately 6600 internationally educated health professionals (nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, lab technicians, and respiratory therapy).

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AUSTRALIA MIGRATION RECORD GRAPH 2023





WHY SIEC CARE FOR YOU?

Beyond visas and timelines, we are committed to uncovering the genuine purpose of your journey and guiding you toward a meaningful and fulfilling experience abroad.

STORY OF THE MONTH:

Once upon a time, in the **welcoming land of Canada**, there was a young student named Krish. He had journeyed from a distant country (India) with dreams of a promising future at a Canadian university.

As the days passed, the strain of being in a foreign land began to take a toll on his mental well-being. Caught in the grip of depression, he found himself trapped in a cycle of despair.

The faculty at the university recognized his struggle and took swift action. They rushed him to the hospital, where dedicated medical professionals worked tirelessly to provide the care and support he desperately needed.

Understanding the crucial role of the family in such trying times, the university authorities promptly informed his parents, who were thousands of miles away in India.

Filled with concern and love, his parents sought a way to turn to **SIEC Migration Consultants**, known for their expertise in immigration matters, they hoped for a solution.

Recognizing the urgency of the situation, the dedicated team at SIEC Migration went into action through direct coordination with the Visa Application Centre.

Within a single day, they lodged an emergency **Canada Visitor Visa application online**.

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The wheels of compassion turned swiftly, and within just 2 days, Mr.Singh and Mrs.Kaur completed the necessary biometrics and received the Passport Request Letter.

Miraculously, **within 5 days**, the Canadian authorities granted the Visitor Visa. The news of the approval reached Mr.Singh and Mrs.Kaur, bringing a mix of relief and gratitude. United by love and assisted by the efficiency of **SIEC Migration Consultants**.

The tale reminds us that, even in a foreign land, the **support of compassionate and efficient assistance of migration experts** can triumph over challenges and reunite families.

AWARDS WININGS





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