



Canada

CANADIAN CONSULATE GENERAL
Los Angeles, California

***H1-B Visas & Asian Immigration:
A Canadian View in California***



Mandate of the Consulate General:

- To deliver Canada's Immigration Program in the SW United States
- To process all immigrant and non-immigrant applications emanating from this territory



Migration Program:

- No active recruitment
- Program thrives on huge foreign population in this territory
- All eligible applicants will be processed
- No quotas on numbers or nationalities

Skilled Migration:



- H1-B, J-1, L-1, F-1 visa-holders all attracted to program
- Most look to Canada because of difficulty in renewing status in USA
- Most qualify for migration because of education and work experience in USA

Permanent Residents:



- Prospective immigrants (e.g. H1-B) can apply directly for PR from outside Canada
- FSW Program eligibility:
 - Experience in one of 38 occupations
 - Arranged employment

Permanent Residents (cont'd):



- Provincial Nominee Program:
 - Can apply directly to province of choice seeking nomination certificate
 - Provinces have niche occupations/needs

Temporary Foreign Workers:



- TFW Program open to all seeking temporary employment in Canada
- Must have job offer approved by local authority
- Work permit restricted to specific job
- No restrictions on occupations

Visas issued in LA to H1-B holders in 2008:



- PR Visas: 1,200
- Work Permits: 300
- Approx 40% each issued to Chinese and Indians; 20% to all others

Website Addresses:



- General Immigration Info:

www.cic.gc.ca

- LA Specific Info:

www.losangeles.gc.ca

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