

Minister  
of Immigration,  
Refugees and Citizenship



Ministre  
de l'Immigration,  
des Réfugiés et de la Citoyenneté

Ottawa, Canada K1A 1L1

The Honourable Malaya Marcelino, M.L.A.  
Minister of Immigration and Labour  
Government of Manitoba  
[minli@manitoba.ca](mailto:minli@manitoba.ca)

Dear Minister Marcelino,

Thank you for our recent discussion and in particular, for your collaborative approach to addressing immigration challenges and opportunities in Canada. As the first province to deliver a Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) in Canada, Manitoba has a long history of capitalizing on immigration to actively serve provincial labour market and economic needs. Working together to develop innovative solutions will help us achieve our shared economic immigration objectives.

To this end, I understand that a number of post-graduation work permit-holders will see their work permits expire in 2024, and that this situation is creating a challenge for Manitoba's labour needs. To help you address this challenge, I am prepared to introduce a public policy to facilitate the issuance of time-limited open work permits to nomination-ready temporary residents employed in Manitoba who have work permits that will expire in 2024. Within two years, it is expected that eligible foreign nationals will receive an official nomination from Manitoba and eventually become permanent residents through the PNP.

The specific terms of the public policy, including additional eligibility requirements as well as other conditions, will be articulated in a Letter of Intent to be shared by my officials in the near future. The Letter will include stipulations to support this facilitative measure, including a performance reporting schedule. I believe this will be an opportune time and context to also revisit the renewal of the *Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement*, as well as to advance discussions on how Manitoba will use its PNP to transition more temporary residents to permanent residency.

With the implementation of this one-time facilitation measure, we will have a direct and positive impact on prospective nominees by maintaining their authorization to work in Manitoba as their PNP applications are processed. In the long term, this measure will contribute to Manitoba's diverse skilled labour workforce as these temporary residents transition to permanent residency.

Canada

---

In closing, I also look forward to meeting at the upcoming FMRI meeting on May 10, 2024. This will be a good opportunity for multilateral conversations with you and other provincial and territorial partners, to discuss shared interests and advance our immigration priorities. I welcome further opportunities to work with you to advance our shared objectives.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

The Honourable Marc Miller, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship