

Part 3 – Explaining the Comprehensive Ranking System

The Express Entry Comprehensive Ranking System (CRS) is a point-based system used to rank candidates in an Express Entry pool.

Basic Information:

- The Comprehensive Ranking Score is assessed based on the candidate's online profile
- The score has to be maintained until they receive an invitation letter
 - Has to be above minimum for the draw
 - If there is a change in circumstances, the score has to be re-calculated
- The score is listed on top of the submitted summary profile

Score Breakdown:

- CRS is a possible score out of 1,200
 - Skills and Experience – up to 500 points
 - Age: up to 100-110 points
 - max for ages 20-21; no points for below 17 or above 45
 - weighted to maximize the potential in the labour market
 - Education: up to 140-150
 - Language proficiency: 150-160
 - Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) of 4-5: 6 point per ability
 - CLB 7: 16-17 points per ability
 - CLB 9: 29-31 points per ability
 - Canadian work experience: 70-80
 - Spouse or Common-Law Factors: up to 40 points
 - is not mandatory, but may be necessary to increase the score
 - Skills Transferability Factor – up to 100 points
 - Combinations of education with CLB or Canadian work experience
 - Combinations of foreign work experience with CLB or Canadian work experience
 - (for skilled trade) CLB and a certificate of qualification
 - Offer of Arranged Employment (supported by LMIA) or Provincial Nomination – 600 points
- *Note:* There are consequences for misrepresenting information on the application, so it is important to include truthful information about one's spouse, age, work, etc.
- Citizenship and Immigration also has a tool online that helps to calculate an estimate CRS score