

## Immigrant profiles

- Juan Gavidia** is from El Salvador. He is 29 years old and has worked as a union organizer. He fears that he and his family may become targets for the goons employed by the big business owners whose workers he is trying to unionize. There have been threats, and just recently a note was pinned to his front door warning him to stop his union activity. Juan wants to leave El Salvador. A group of Canadian labour organizers visited his country last year and he has received their support. He believes Canada would be a good place for his family and he is seeking refugee status. Some of his countrymen who would help him upon arrival already live in Vancouver. He speaks very little English and no French. He has limited funds, but has experience as a plumber and electrician in his own country.
- Wai Wing Cao** is a Hong Kong Chinese who has done very well in the manufacturing trade over the past 20 years. Since China has regained Hong Kong he now wants to move to Canada. His children were educated in private school in Canada and both now attend university here. Cao is in his 40s and wishes to invest his money in new business ventures in Canada. While his English is passable he feels it is not good enough for business purposes in Canada, so he will rely on those he hires. Because Cao has been successful in business, he feels he will easily be able to transfer these skills to Canada. He does not like the degree of taxation and government regulation in Canada compared to his home country. He hopes to have a free hand to run his company as profitably as possible.
- Lucia Gonzales** currently lives in Honduras, and wants to immigrate to Canada to improve her standard of living. She is 28 years old and is unmarried. Lucia has completed high school and speaks a little English. She has a strong work record, is in good health and has some savings. Currently, she works as a filing clerk, employed by the Honduran government. She is willing to take either English or French classes and plans to send most of the money she earns here back to Honduras to support her elderly parents and three younger sisters.
- Ibin Kholami** accumulated a fortune in Iran dealing arms between his country and large American corporations. His fortune is estimated at about \$43 million. Ibin, however, is concerned about the political direction of his country. He feels that Iran is economically unstable, and he would like to bring his family and his fortune to Canada. He wants to move to British Columbia, and he is willing to make a five-year loan to the British Columbian government of \$1 million at no interest. Ibin is 49 years old, speaks no English or French, and finished high school in Iran. He has no relatives or family presently living in Canada.
- Hans Houlika** has been a model citizen in his native Rumania. He is proud of the fact that he has worked all of his life, and for the past 13 years has driven a long-distance truck. In his free time, Hans established a reputation for protecting animals, and established the Rumanian equivalent of the SPCA. In Rumania, he is known as the "Savior of the abused animals." He feels that he and his family are ready for a new life. His wife's brother lives in Canada. To show his good intentions, Hans and his wife have been taking both English and French courses and are fluent in both languages. He has some savings—about \$20,000—which he feels is enough for him to get started in a new country. Hans dropped out of school at 14 in order to help his widowed mother. He is now 53 years old.
- Kameli Paulpo** is from Afghanistan, but is presently living in a refugee camp in northern Pakistan. Her husband was killed in the civil war. She fled from her country one year ago, after she was charged with breaking religious laws by the new regime. Before she fled, she was threatened by local men in her community, and narrowly escaped being raped. She fears that if she returns to Afghanistan, she will be imprisoned and tortured. She longs to leave the refugee camp where she and her two children are currently living, but without any formal education, she feels trapped. She has applied for her small family to immigrate to Canada.
- Pindy Dhillon** is a 69-year-old Indian woman. Her children are all grown, well educated and have chosen to leave India and now live in Britain and Canada. Last year Pindy's husband died and she now wants to join her children and grandchildren in Canada. One daughter lives in Ontario and the other in British Columbia. Even though she knows it will be a great change for her, she wants to join her family. Pindy's health has not been strong recently. She suffers from a heart problem and is on medication. Her daughters are willing to have their mother live with them and to take care of her.

8. **Lee Tran Pham** has a doctorate in art history from the University of Bangkok. He was born in Vietnam, but his family moved to Thailand in the 1970s. His mother and father immigrated to Canada in 1975 and have opened up a successful business in Winnipeg. He misses his family very much. Lee is 42 years old and is unmarried. He speaks French, Vietnamese and Thai.
9. **Natasha Glowski** is a 28-year-old lawyer from Russia who speaks English fluently. Natasha grew up in an industrial city near where the former Soviet Union built nuclear weapons. It has been recently disclosed that in the 1970s a major nuclear accident occurred just outside of the city. Natasha's health is suffering; she has thyroid problems, her teeth are weak, and her kidneys cause her pain. Last December, she married a Canadian who has business contacts in the former Soviet Union. The newly married couple wants to raise a family in Canada. Natasha and her husband realize that Natasha's Russian law degree does not apply to Canada, but she is eager to go back to law school here in Canada to upgrade her qualifications.
10. **Thomas Mtumba**, currently living in Paris, France, was a leading civil servant in the former government of Zaire. The government was overthrown in a recent bloody civil war, and Thomas and his family were forced to flee. The family was given temporary refuge in France. Thomas is fluent in both French and English, has a university degree in public administration and was fortunate enough to take several million dollars out of Zaire before the government was overthrown. He is married with three children, one of whom is diabetic.
11. **Jim Vanrecht** is a millionaire businessman from Holland. Mr. Vanrecht is concerned about the political situation in his country, and fears that a new government will raise taxes. He is a self-made success story. He was born in poverty and quit school at the age of 15 to start his own business. He has visited Canada twice before, and loves the Vancouver area. During his last visit to Vancouver, he purchased some land. If he is allowed to become a Canadian immigrant, he promises to build a small carpet-making factory that will employ local people. He is 63 years old and speaks Dutch and German. He can communicate in English, and while he doesn't write in English, he doesn't think that would be a problem because he can hire a good secretary when he gets to Canada. He has no relatives or family who presently live in Canada.
12. **John Smithson** is a salesperson in a record store in England. He needs only a senior mathematics course to finish his high school diploma, is in good health and, of course, speaks English fluently. He recently lost his girlfriend in a car accident and wants to come to Canada to start over again. He has an aunt and uncle living in Toronto.

# Ranking immigrant applications

Examine all the immigrant profiles and select the top five applicants. Rank the priority of the applicants by writing a "1" next to the name of the most desirable applicant, a "2" beside the next desirable applicant and so on to "5". Provide reasons to support your ranking.

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