

Immigration support to international students on Canadian campuses

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“Designer immigrants”

IRCC Minister, John McCallum:

“We must do more to attract students to this country as permanent residents”

”They know something about the country, so they should be first on our list of people who we court to come to Canada”

(March 14, 2016, The Globe and Mail, “Ottawa looks to ease international students’ path to permanent” by M. Zilio and S. Chiose)

IRCC Minister, Ahmed Hussen:

“We want as many as possible to stay. Part of our push for higher levels but also for multi-year planning is to do exactly that, to have more space for international students and other skilled individuals who would like to live in Canada permanently, and to be able to land them.”

(February 15th, 2018, 97th meeting of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration)

Student visa requirements

Along with complying to other requirements,

“their ability or willingness to leave Canada”

(Study permits: Assessing the application; Policy, procedures and guidance used by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada staff)

CIC 2015 Evaluation of the International Student Program

“The evaluation found that there is a **lack of an effective whole-of-government approach** between federal departments regarding international students. ” (p.vi)

International Education Strategy, 2014

Attracting more than **450,000** international students to Canada by 2022

Priority markets and so forth...including

“Economic Action Plan 2013 invested \$42 million over two years to **increase the capacity of the Temporary Resident Visa Program**”

Retention?

One paragraph on Canadian Experience Class

“International students are well positioned to immigrate to Canada as they have typically obtained Canadian credentials, are proficient in at least one official language and often have relevant Canadian work experience.”

Actual retention

Over the 10 years after first student permit

the early 1990s cohort - 27% of became permanent residents

the late 1990s - 20%

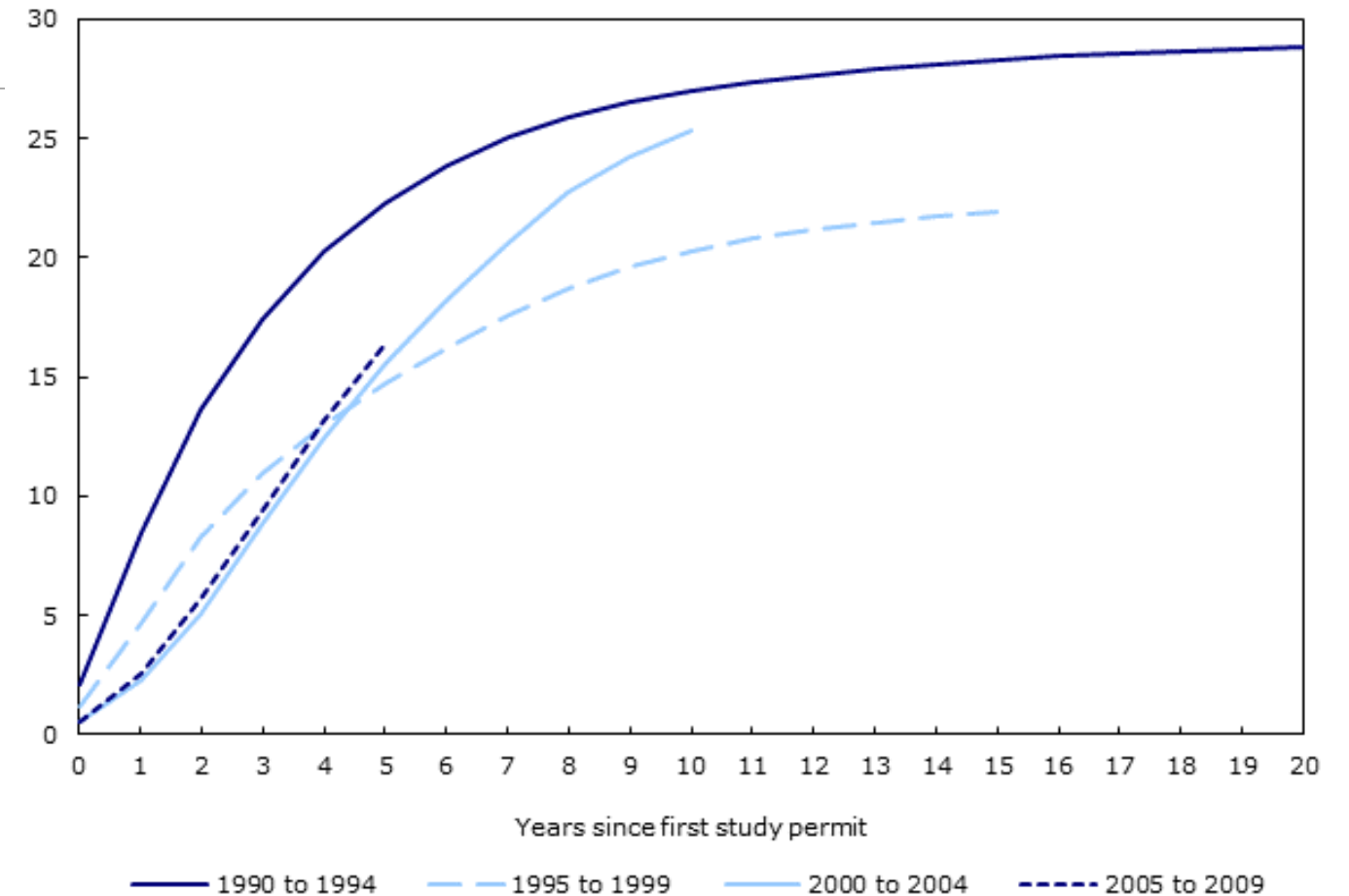
early 2000s - 25%

Late 2000s- TBD

Source: Yuqian Lu and Feng Hou (2015). International students who become permanent residents in Canada. Statistics Canada. (p.4)

Chart 1
Cumulative rates of transition to permanent residence among international students

percentage of transition



Source: Canadian Employer–Employee Dynamics Database (CEEDD), Temporary Residents File, 1990 to 2009.

PRs: Are they still “landing”?

International Students as temporary residents are not eligible for settlement services

Invited Candidates by Country of Residence in 2015

Express Entry: Invited Candidates by Country of Residence (IRCC data)	
Canada	%
Mid-year 2015	85.5
2015	78.1
2016	69

International students in Express Entry

As of November 19, 2016 (almost 2 years after implementation!) the CRS awards :

- 15 points for a one- or two-year diploma or certificate
- 30 points for a degree, diploma or certificate of three years or longer, or for a Master's, professional or doctoral degree of at least one academic year.

Candidates with a Canadian credential invited to apply

2015 - 26%

2016 - 35%" (Express Entry Year-End Report 2016, IRCC)

Role of Universities and U.colleges

Statistics Canada PSIS data:

70% of international PSE students study in university level programs (Bachelor, Master's, PhD)

(compared to Domestic -60%)

Among IS:

Around 30% are in Master's (20%) and PhD (10%) programs, and 70% -Bachelor's (63% in 2001)

Presence/concentration in PSE, 2015/2016 year:

12.5 % in PSE

16.2% - share in Master's

32% - in PhD

Bill C-35

De jure - Bill C-35 (June 2011), section 91 of Immigration and Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IIRPA)

De facto – 2013- CIC Letter to universities prohibiting

“education agents, recruiters and employees at educational institutions...providing advice to students and faculty with regard to immigration applications, such as visas or student and work permits”

International students were left without even minimal advising support

Post Bill C-35

2011- Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC) –federal body

Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCICs)

2015 – regulating for citizenship consultants and international student advisors

(Nov 2015- 19 RISIAs took exam)

(Regulated International Student Immigration Advisers (RISIAs)

March 2016 – accreditation of International Students and Immigration Education Program (ISIEP)
offered by CBIE

RISIA vs RCIC

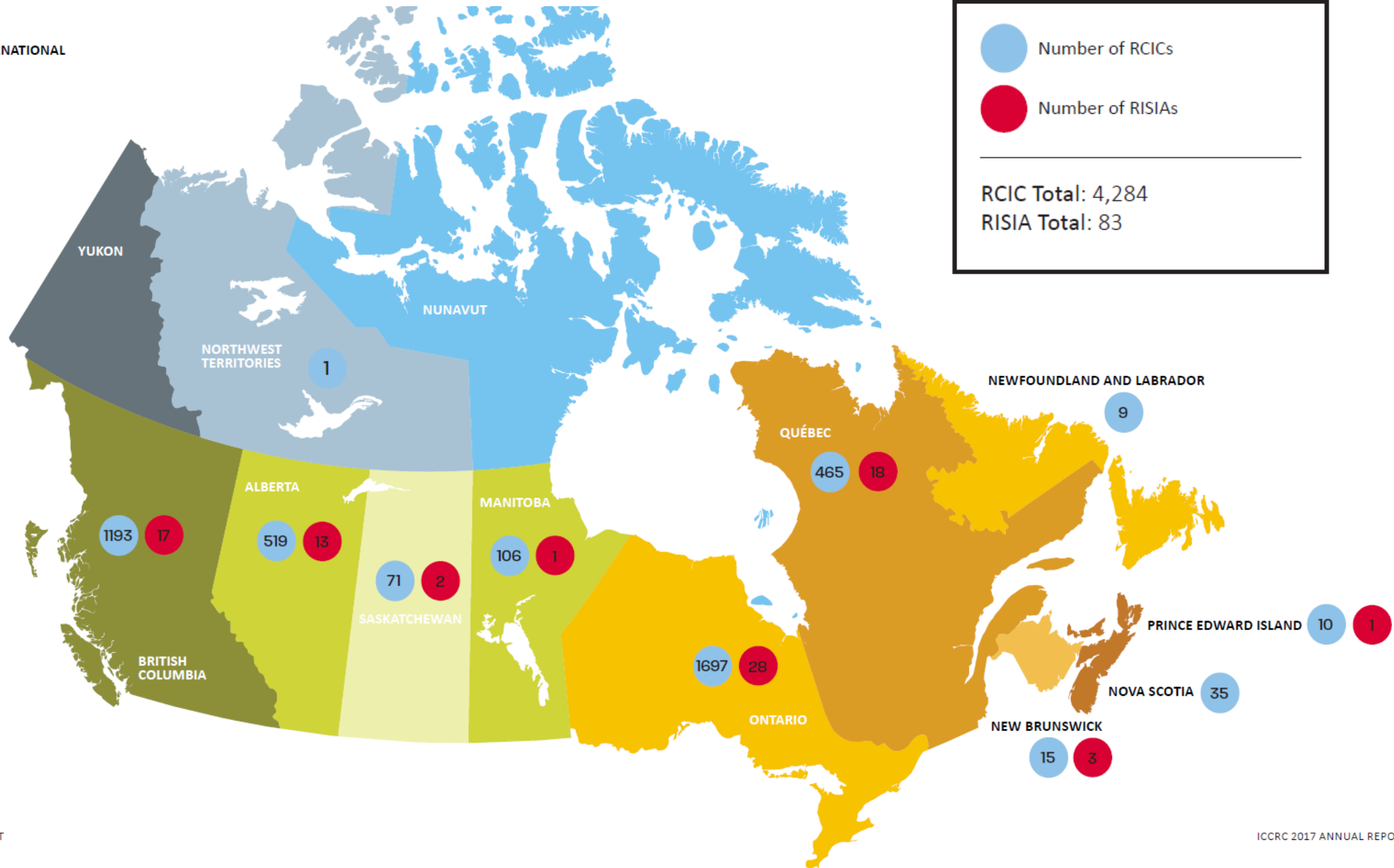
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Advice on:

- Student visas
- Temporary Resident Permits (TRPs) and
- some other minor lines of business

Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCICs)

- Everything else



DLI Universities and Colleges

April 9, 2018: 109 RISIAs - Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC)

	College		University and Univ.Colleges	
	RISIA - April 9, 2018	RCIC-October 31 st 2017	RISIA - April 9, 2018	RCIC-October 31 st 2017
Counts of Consultants	45	19	58	59
			103	78
Counts of schools				
With	25	13	34	27
Without	63	75	83	90
Provision levels	28%	15%	29%	23%

DLI Universities and Colleges: RISIA & RCIC

	College		University		University	
	RISIA - April 9, 2018	RCIC-October 31 st 2017	RISIA - April 9, 2018	RCIC-October 31 st 2017	1-3 cycles PSE IS (2015-2016)	RCICs per 1000 univ.level IS
NL	0	0	0	1%	2310	0.43
PEI	0	0	1%	1%	669	1.49
NS	0	0	0	8%	7218	0.83
NB	1%	0	3%	4%	2637	1.14
QC	2%	3%	15%	1%	34626	0.03
ON	24%	14%	16%	29%	57069	0.40
MB	0	1%	0	3%	5382	0.37
SK	0	0	2%	0	4020	0.00
AB	11%	3%	8%	14%	11055	1.00
BC	6%	4%	13%	14%	32202	0.34
NT	0	0n/a	n/a			
YT	0	0n/a	n/a			
	45	19	58	59	157194	0.38
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	College		University		Share of PT in the IS PSE 1-3 cycles body(2015-2016)
	RISIAs	RCICs	RISIAs	RCICs	
NL	0%	0%	0%	33%	1.5%
PEI	0%	0%	50%	50%	0.4%
NS	0%	0%	0%	30%	4.6%
NB	25%	0%	14%	43%	1.7%
QC	67%	33%	50%	6%	22.0%
ON	43%	21%	29%	29%	36.3%
MB	0%	50%	0%	14%	3.4%
SK	0%	0%	13%	0%	2.6%
AB	33%	13%	45%	27%	7.0%
BC	23%	14%	41%	24%	20.5%
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Thank you!
