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Réseau en immigration francophone de la Saskatchewan
Francophone Immigration Pilot Initiative in Saskatchewan

Regina, March 14, 2019 – Further to yesterday announcement by the Honorable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), the *Réseau en immigration francophone de la Saskatchewan* (RIF-SK) hereby confirms the implementation of the francophone immigration pilot initiative in the province.

Known as the “Francophone Welcoming Communities” or *Communautés francophones accueillantes* (CFA), this initiative is proposed to francophone communities in minority settings by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). It meets the standard strategy of “by and for” francophones. The implementation of this initiative is supported by the Francophone Immigration Networks (RIFs), experts in community consultation.

This initiative will be implemented in both **Moose Jaw and the rural town of Gravelbourg**. The first phase of the implementation will be completed by March 31, 2020. The second phase of this initiative will run from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023. Regular updates will be posted online at rif-sk.ca.

For questions regarding the CFA initiative in Saskatchewan, please contact Francine Proulx-Kenzle, RIF-SK CFA Contract Officer, at francine@pensetransformation.ca, or (306) 533-3965.

Quick facts

Initiative of welcoming Francophone communities

- This is a pilot project run jointly by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) and the Francophone communities, which includes the 13 Francophone Immigration Networks, the Federation of Francophone and Acadian Communities (FCFA) and the Atlantic Committee on Francophone immigration (CAIF).
- The other 13 communities will be announced in their respective regions.

Achieving our goals: Francophone immigration strategy

- A number of initiatives under the new strategy are already underway, including those announced by the Minister in November 2018, during National Francophone Immigration Week.
- As of December 2018, 4.5% of Express Entry invitations were for French-speaking applicants, compared to 2.9% in 2017.

Related Links

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- [Immigration francophone \(à l'extérieur du Québec\)](#)
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The Réseau en Immigration Francophone (RIF-SK) is the Francophone Immigration Network. It is a platform for its members, partners and service providers aiming at offering efficient services in French to the francophone newcomers. One of the RIF-SK's duties is to facilitate the development of services and resources fostering immigration and the retention of newcomers and immigrants in the Fransaskois community. It is administered by the Conseil économique et coopératif de la Saskatchewan (CÉCS).

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