

## Acronym Guide for the Settlement Sector in Alberta

### ORGANIZATIONS

AAISA	Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies ( <i>ay-sa</i> )
ACLRC	Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre
AEI	Alberta Employment and Immigration
AMSSA	Association of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC
ANVSI	Alberta Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector Initiative
ARAI SA	Atlantic Region Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies
CAPLA	Canadian Association for Prior Learning Assessment
CBSA	Canada Border Service Agency
CCR	Canadian Council for Refugees
CCVO	Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations
CIC	Citizenship and Immigration Canada
CISSA-ACSEI	Canadian Immigrant Settlement Sector Alliance - Alliance Canadienne du Sector de l'Établissement des Immigrants ( <i>see-sa ak-say</i> )
CPRN	Canadian Policy Research Networks
CRIEC	Calgary Region Immigrant Employment Council
CSIC	Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants
CSIS	Canadian Security Intelligence Service
DFAIT	Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
FCRO	Foreign Credentials Referral Office (CIC)
HRSDC	Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IRB	Immigration and Refugee Board
ISCC	Immigrant Sector Council of Calgary
JPPC	(Settlement and Integration) Joint Policy and Program Council
MIRSSA	Manitoba Immigrant and Refugee Settlement Sector Association
Mississauga	Case Processing Centre for family sponsorship applications
NHQ	National Headquarters (CIC)
NSNVO	National Survey of Non-Profit and Voluntary Organizations
OCASI	Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants
PMC	Prairie Metropolis Centre
RHQ	Regional Headquarters (CIC - Prairies and Northern Territories Region: Winnipeg)
SAISIA	Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies
Vegreville	Case Processing Centre for permanent residence, work permits, etc
VSI	Voluntary Sector Initiative

## **OTHER: Programs, Categories, Legislation, etc.**

AINP	Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program (AEI)
CEC	Canadian Experience Class (CIC)
CLB	Canadian Language Benchmarks
EAL	English as an Additional Language
ELT	Enhanced Language Training (CIC)
ESL	English as a Second Language
FQR	Foreign Qualification Recognition
GAR	Government-Assisted Refugee
ICAMS	Immigration-Contribution Accountability Measurement System (CIC)
IQAS	International Qualifications Assessment Service (AEI)
IRPA	Immigration and Refugee Protection Act
ISAP	Immigrant Settlement and Adaptation Program (CIC)
ISP	Integrated Service Program (CIC & AEI)
LINC	Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (CIC)
LMO	Labour Market Opinion (HRSDC)
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NPVS	Non Profit/Voluntary Sector
PNP	Provincial Nominee Program
PR	Permanent Resident
PSR	Private Sponsorship of Refugees
RAP	Resettlement Assistance Program (for government-assisted refugees) (CIC)
RFP	Request for Proposals
SAWP	Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program (CIC)
SPO	Service Provider Organization
TESL	Teaching English as a Second Language
TFW	Temporary Foreign Worker(s)
TRP	Temporary Resident Permit

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