# Information on Steinbach

Visit these websites for information on Steinbach:

- <u>http://steinbachonline.com</u> a great site for local news and information with links to real estate agents.
- <u>http://www.city.steinbach.mb.ca</u> The City of Steinbach.
- <u>http://www.steinbachchamberofcommerce.com</u> The Chamber of Commerce run a settlement program, which can assist you with setting up Social Insurance & Health card numbers. They will give unbiased information regarding banks, real estate, insurance and education.
- <u>http://www.hsd.ca</u> The Hanover School Division offers information on schools in Steinbach and the surrounding district.
- <u>http://steinbachartscouncil.ca</u> Steinbach Arts Council with information on arts programs and community events.

CHECK OUT THE OFFICIAL CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION WEBSITE For information on immigration programs http://cic.gc.ca

# For Manitoba's driving examination information http://www.mpi.mb.ca

Click on Driving quizzes. Follow links to obtain the driving manuals and practice skills required to pass the Class 1 semi-trailer and Airbrakes

Do your research! If immigration to Manitoba *is* what you want we can help you adjust to a new life.

If you're not quite ready to make the move -Take your time!



#### Steinbach

Steinbach is situated in the province of Manitoba, in Central Canada. It is perfectly situated for routes east, west and north bound and into the United States, making it an ideal location for our trucking headquarters.

Steinbach, population 12,000, is one of the fastest growing cities in Manitoba with a vibrant business community and an abundance of locally generated economic activity.

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"Better Drivers...Better Service"

# **Big Freight Systems Inc**

## **INTRODUCTION**

We are a 60 year old, Canadian, family-owned, flat deck (roping and sheeting) non-unionized company that operates throughout North America. We have openings in our *Long Haul Division* for *experienced* commercial drivers willing to run lanes throughout the United States and Canada.

Trips take an **AVERAGE** 10 days minimum, and could well extend to 3000 miles <u>in one direction</u>. We have a fleet benchmark of 10,000 miles per truck, per month. We pay on a mileage based system ... cents per mile is the standard and piecework for loading, unloading, tarping, border crossing, extra delivery, etc. You can expect an Annual income between \$50—\$60,000 gross.

### **IMMIGRATION**

There are two programs we use to immigrate an individual and their family. Through our screening process we will determine which is better for each individual's circumstance. However, you must show intent to reside in the Manitoba region of Canada for any of our programs to be available.

#### WE ARE NOT AN AGENT!

We do not use agency's or lawyer's, and we do not charge any fees for our work (see visa fee section). We expect a 3 year commitment in return.

#### **DO YOUR RESEARCH!**

Do not let the enthusiasm of immigrating overshadow the reality of the job. It will **not** be an inexpensive time for you. It takes time to adjust and make new friends. *Research, and lots of it, will save you the heartache of saying later "but I didn't know!!"*. You will not learn everything through websites.

Ask questions NOW rather than when its too late.

# Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program (MPNP) is an immigration program that seeks qualified workers who are best suited to contribute to the provincial economy and who intend to live and work in Manitoba. This includes those who otherwise may not qualify under Canada's immigration criteria.

Manitoba screens applicants who can show they have the skills and experience to establish successfully in this province. The Occupational Requirements List requires you to meet the following standards:

- You must have sufficient training and work experience in your occupation
- You must have sufficient language ability to begin working soon after arrival
- You must have a guaranteed job offer consistent with your training and experience
- You must have settlement supports in Manitoba to assist you upon your arrival. The minimum required amount is \$10,000, this is a realistic amount for a settling in period!
   E.g. a vehicle will be your most immediate requirement.

All of the above factors are considered when your application is assessed by both ourselves and the Provincial Government. Successful applicants will receive a work permit and nomination towards Permanent Resident Status. You must still meet Federal Canadian statutory requirements i.e. Medical examination, security and criminal checks. The CIC has the final authority to approve or refuse your application.

#### <u>VISA FEES & DOCUMENTATION</u> - are the responsibility of the applicant.

#### Approximate cost :

Temporary Work Visa Temporary Study Permit Permanent Residence: Permanent Residence: Medical & courier fees. \$150 per applicant
\$125 per applicant
\$1040 per adult applicant
\$150 per (under 22) applicant
\$250 per person (approx)

# **Application Process**

- Step 1 Check out the job Is this really the job for you?
- Step 2 Submit the 'Driver Application' with references from past 5 years employment along with a copy of your drivers license—(Complete Application on our website)
- Step 3 If successful, you will be supplied with detailed instructions for the immigration process to begin.
- Step 4 Criminal Record Check Applicants and accompanying family members over the age of 18 MUST Apply for this. Go to your local Police Department for relevant info. It can take upto 40 days to process your request, so start this process now, approx cost 10.00 GBP THIS SHOULD BE CLEAN!

#### Immigration procedure GUIDELINES

- Step 5 You **MUST HAVE**, and will be requested to provide, COPIES of the following:
  - Letters of reference on Company Letterhead from past employers (10 years)
  - Birth Certificate Long version (short version not acceptable)
  - Passport (machine readable, valid 2 years photo page)
  - Marriage Certificate (if applicable)
  - Divorce Certificate (if applicable)
  - Education Certificates
- Step 6 When all immigration papers are received an 'Offer of Employment' will be issued—and your application will be presented to Manitoba Labour & Immigration.
- Step 7 Your application should take approx 2-3 months to be processed, after which you will be issued a letter in support of obtaining a Work Permit and Nomination for Permanent Residency.
- Step 8 To obtain a work permit the applicant must fly directly to Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- Step 9 Arrive in Canada—remaining immigration procedures will be completed within approx 6 months.
- Step 10 You will undergo drug screening as soon as you arrive at Big Freight. If you fail this test you will be asked to leave Canada immediately.