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1. Let your investor clients know – Desjardins scholarships

Just one of the many ways that Desjardins supports your investor clients after their arrival: our exclusive scholarship for investors and their families. Scholarships are open at the Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate level.

The application form for this year will be available on our Web site shortly. Make sure that your clients send the required forms **before August 31, 2010**.



Desjardins Team and 2009 scholarship laureates

2. Desjardins-Lexbase Business Edition

At the beginning of the year, Desjardins teamed up with Lexbase to bring you a new edition focusing on economic immigration issues. Click [here](#) to access the latest version.

We have already received some feedback concerning this "Desjardins-Lexbase Business Edition". Kindly also send your comments and ideas for improvement to info@immigrantinvestor.com.

"Short, and tidy." immigration lawyer

"Congratulations on the new Desjardins edition. It has the essentials." immigration lawyer

QUÉBEC IMMIGRATION NEWS

3. Immigration overview

Total applications received up to April 2010 account for a total of 1,461 applications with the majority coming from Asia. Overall an increase of 11% can be observed compared to the same period in 2009.

Applications from the Middle East have increased by 51% whereas applications from Asia have remained constant with a total of 992 applications.

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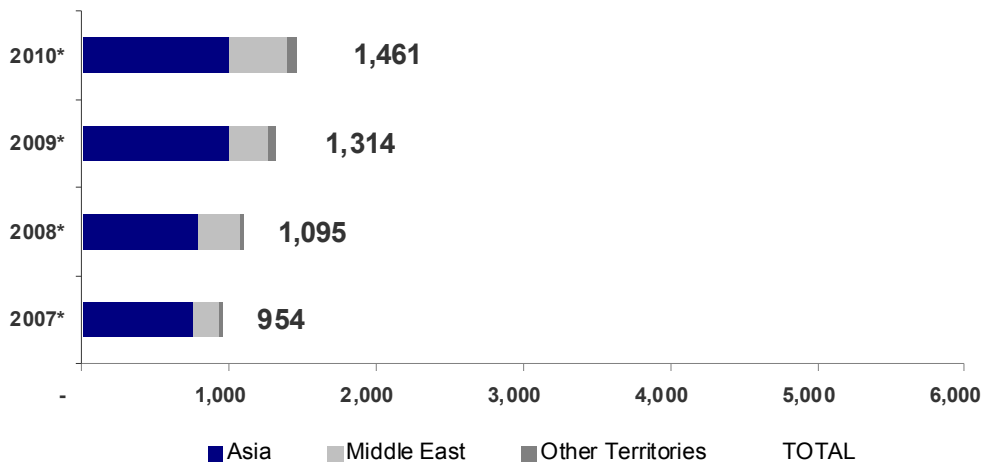
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Applications received by territory, April 2007 to April 2010



FEDERAL IMMIGRATION NEWS

1. Cracking Down on Crooked Consultants Act

Minister Kenney announced Tuesday legislation to regulate immigration consultants. The *Cracking Down on Crooked Consultants Act* aims at tighter rules and the closing of any loopholes that might be exploited by ghost consultants. The new regulation should ensure a better protection of prospective immigrants and the immigration system as a whole.

Under the new Act, consultants providing advice for a fee would need to be authorized members in good standing of a governing body authorized by the Minister or the bar of a province. The proposed bill extends to services provided before an application is submitted. Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) would also be able to disclose information on members of the Québec Bar or of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants (CSIC).

CIC equally announced to launch a selection process for the governing body regulating immigration consultants. The Notice of Intent was published in the Gazette of Canada today and comments should be sent before July 2, 2010.

For a copy of Notice of Intent to be published on June 12, 2010, refer to www.immigrantinvestor.com.

2. New fee schedule for Hong Kong

Please note that, effective from April 30, 2010, the Canadian Visa Office in Hong Kong has applied a new fee schedule for the processing fee. Credit cards are no longer accepted as a form of payment. In order to avoid any unnecessary delays in your clients' applications, please make sure to verify the payment requirements and method before depositing the file.

The new fee schedule can be found at www.immigrantinvestor.com.

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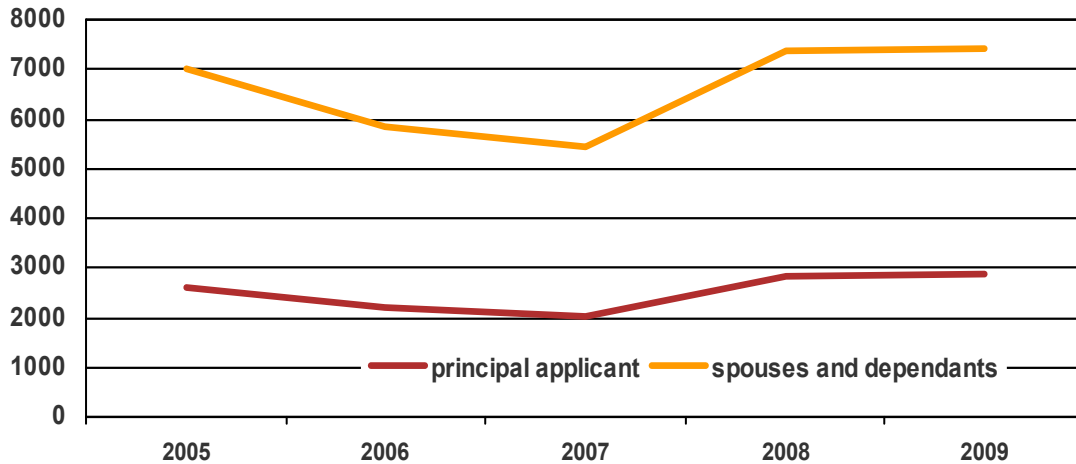
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In 2009, Canada has accepted 252,124 new permanent residents. 4% of all permanent residents came from the investor class, continuing the upward trend since 2007.

Permanent residents - investor category, 2005-2009



FAQ

Q. I have a client scheduled for an interview in Montréal and I want to send the updated documents to the MICC. Which address should I send the documents to?

A. Documents for those files should be sent to the old address. All new investor files except the files for BIQ Hong Kong should as of now be submitted to the new address specified below:

Ministère de l'immigration et des communautés culturelles
Service de l'accueil et de l'encaissement - Section Gens d'affaires
285, rue Notre-Dame Ouest, 4e étage
Montréal (Québec) H2Y 1T8

Interviews will continue to be held at:

Service aux gens d'affaires
360 rue St-Jacques, bureau 320,
Montréal (Québec) H2Y 1P5

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