

# Facilitating the Transition from International Student to Permanent Resident

Pathways to Prosperity Workshop  
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# APEGA

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- Created by the Alberta Government through the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act (EGP Act)
- Regulates the practice of engineering and geoscience in Alberta
- Self Regulating





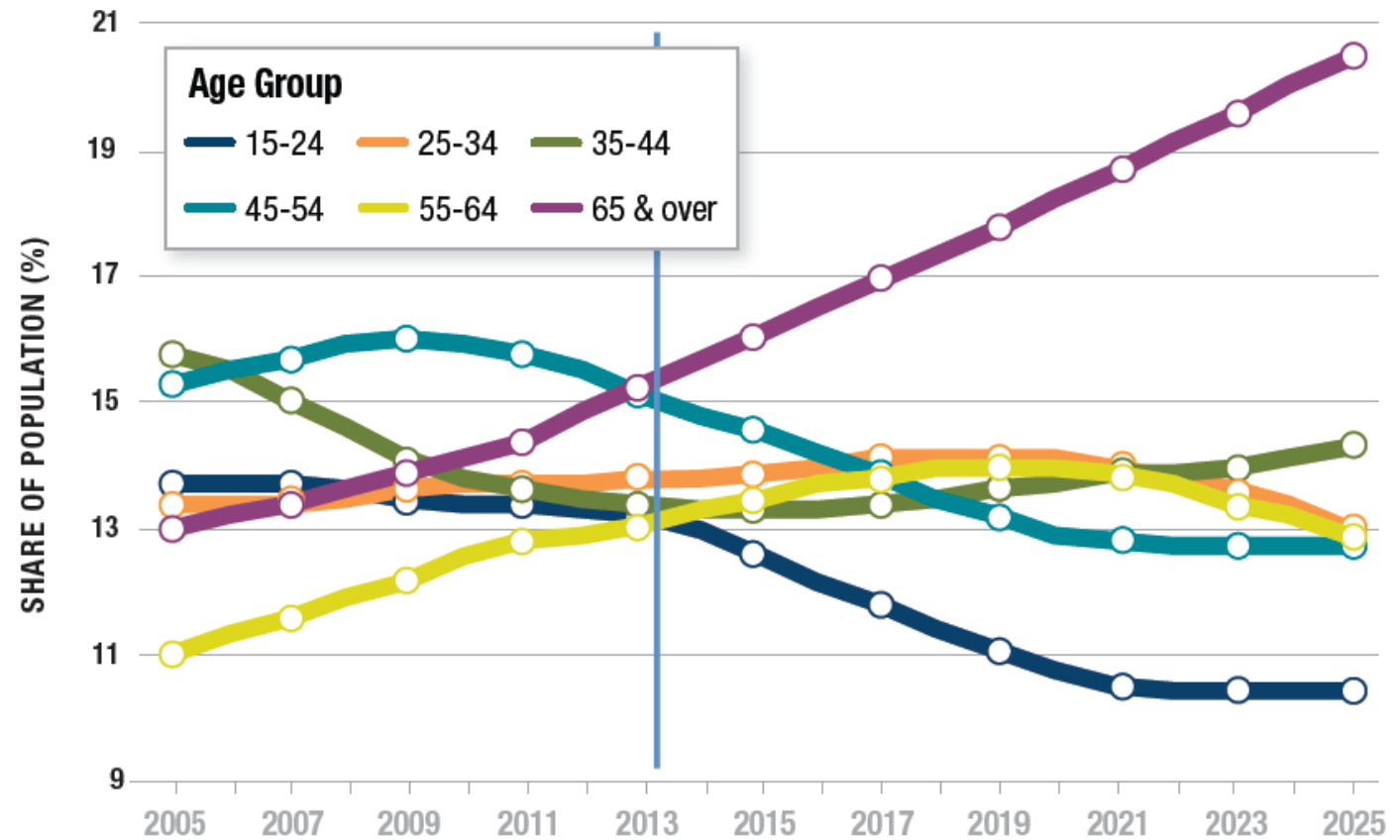
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## APEGA's Two Functions

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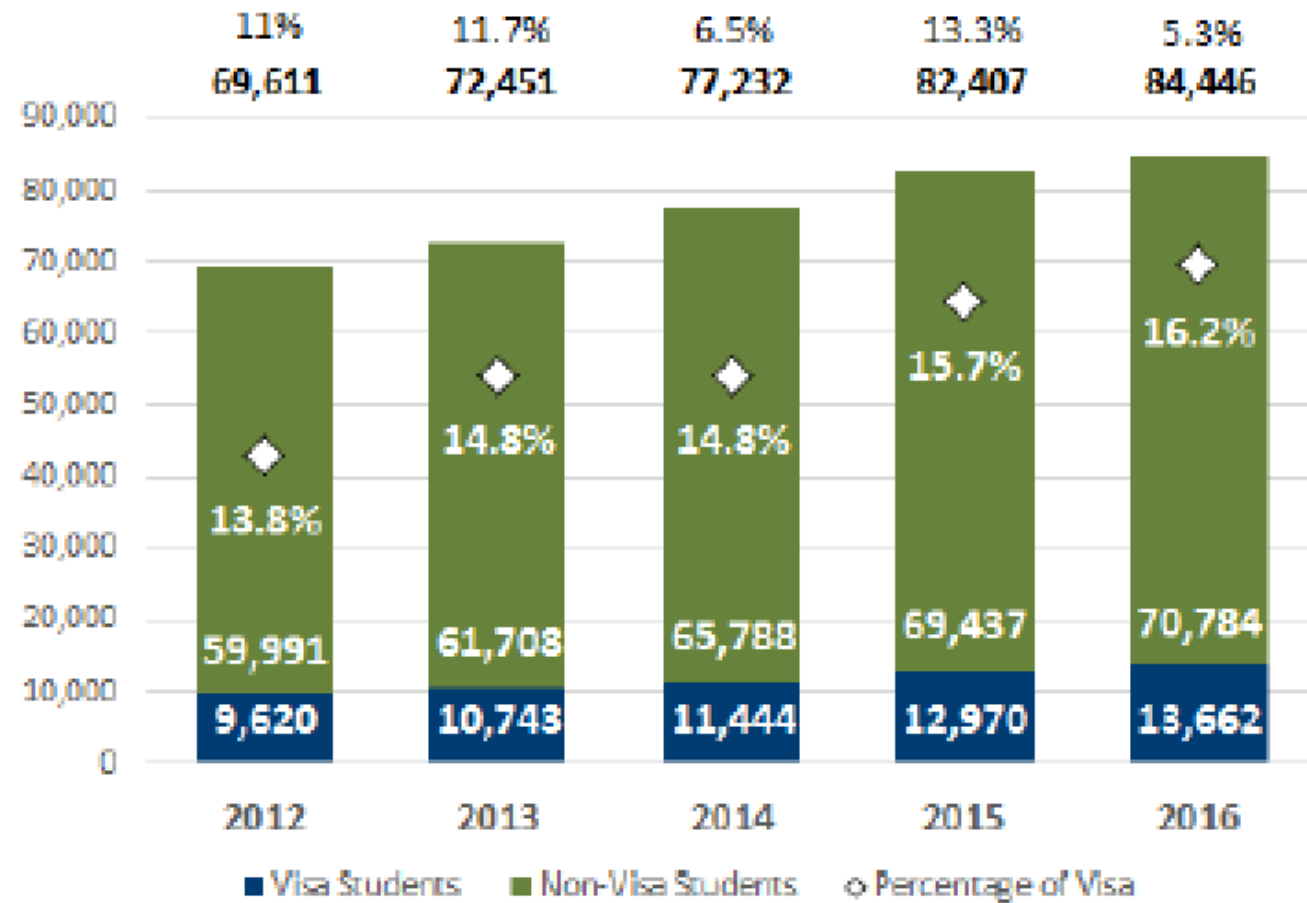


## Population Age Group Shares, Canada

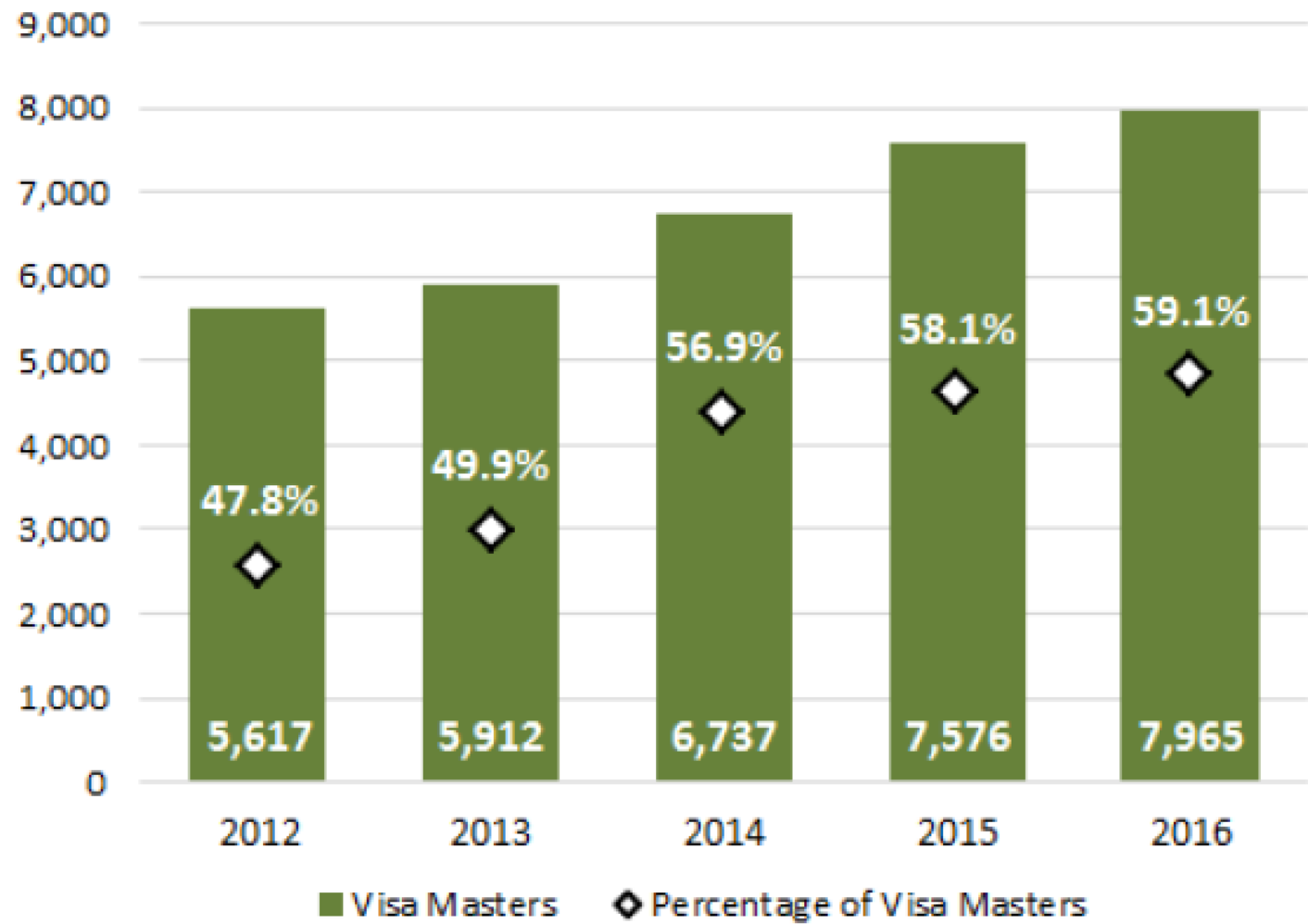


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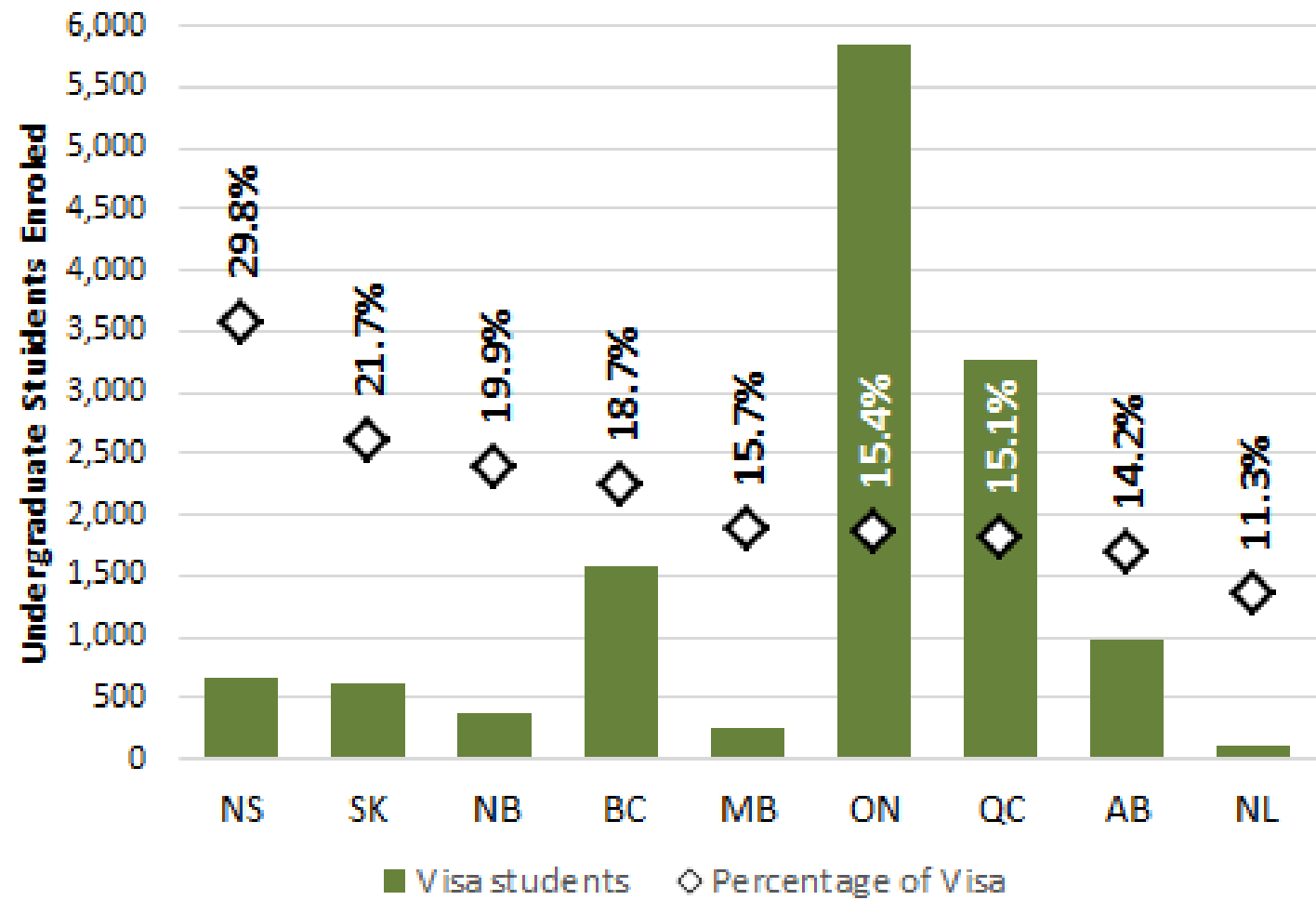
## Undergraduate enrolment of visa students



## Visa student enrolment in master degrees



## Visa undergraduate enrolment by province



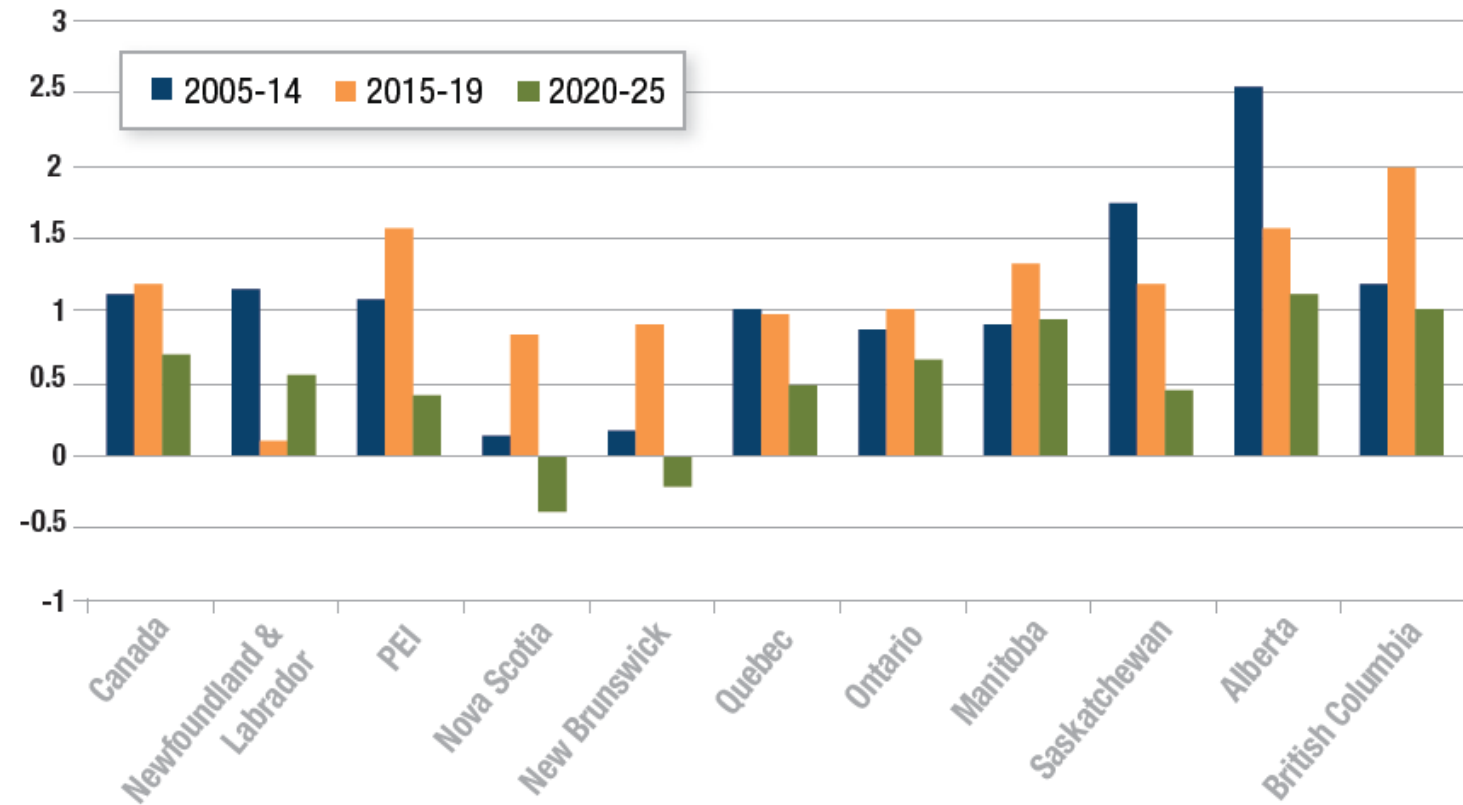
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## Permanent Residency Overtime

	2013 (n=2,501)	2014 (n=2,046)	2015 (n=2,010)	2016 (n=2,222)
<b>Permanent residence of province in which attending school</b>	86%	82%	82%	86%
<b>Permanent residence of another province</b>	8%	10%	10%	8%
<b>International student</b>	6%	8%	9%	6%



## Employment Growth



source: Engineers Canada

# Mobility of the Profession

## National

Signatory to Inter-provincial Agreements

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- Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA)

## International

Signatory to International Accords

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- Mutual Recognition Agreements

Success Factors

# Readily Available Licensure Information

## Pre-arrival

Accurate information accessible in home country

- Post-secondary Institutions
- Community Organizations

## Roadmap

Engineers Canada

- Online Licensure Information for Engineers

## EngScape

Engineers Canada

- Labour market trends across Canada

Success Factors



Success Factors

### Facilitate Canadian Work Experience

- Support training of new graduates
- Support exposure to Canadian work environment

### Improve Immigration Process

- Make the application process streamlined
- Award points for licensure ready applicants

### Enhance Employment Standards & Opportunities

- Protect labour rights of visa holders
- Increase employabilities of visa holders

### Engage with Regulators

- When Governments consider policies
- Regulators can help enhance integration of visa holders

## Strategic Considerations

# Thank You!

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