Section 8 of The Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) allows the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to sign agreements with the provinces to coordinate and implement immigration policies and programs.

All ten Canadian provinces and 3 territories have signed agreement with the Federal government, allowing them to select their own immigrants. However, all of those programs have very limited annual quotas and in order to succeed in one of those programs, an applicant must have a guaranteed job offer in that particular province or territory.