

New to Canada Checklist

Before You Arrive

- Research your new province and city
- Arrange your accommodation
- Research the Labour Market
- Ensure your passport is valid
- Collect official documentation (birth certificate, marriage or divorce certificate, educational diplomas, vaccination records, medical records, driver's licence etc.)
- Have your official documents translated into English or French
- Photocopy all important documents
- Exchange your money for Canadian currency for immediate usage
- Consider buying health insurance to cover yourself until you become eligible for provincial health-care system
- Research what you can bring or cannot bring to Canada
- Set the date of your arrival and book your travel ticket in advance Immediately

Immediately After You Arrive

- Call or Visit an Immigrant-Serving Organization
- Apply for Social Insurance Number (SIN) at Service
- Canada Centre
- Apply for Canada Child Tax Benefits, Trillium Benefits, GST/HST Credits, Trillium Credits.
- Apply for government health insurance card
- Open a bank account
- Learn the best way of making phone calls or accessing internet.
- Familiarize yourself with your new neighborhood
- Study your transportation option in your neighborhood

- Memorize the emergency telephone number: 911 for police, ambulance, and fire
- Enroll your children in school
- Get your driver's License
- Get your credential accredited (if necessary)

First Two Months in Canada

- Improve your English or French by enrolling in taxpayer funded language classes
- Apply for Canada Child Tax Benefit (if you have a dependent under 18 years old)
- Get your Canadian Driver's Licence if you plan to drive in Canada
- Learn about Canadian laws and your rights and responsibilities
- Search for a home to rent or buy
- Learn your rights as a tenant
- Search and apply for job opportunities
- Learn your rights as an employee
- Find the closest public library from your home
- Find a family doctor
- Make sure you received your Permanent Resident Card from IRCC within two months from your date of arrival (if not, contact IRCC office)

Business

As a Canadian Resident, you MUST file your taxes if you are earning Canadian or Worldwide Income and/or you have reached the age of 18.

It's important to file your tax return on time to avoid interest and penalty charges, and possible delays or interruptions in your benefit and credit payments such as Trillium credits and prescription benefits, GST/HST credits, Child tax benefits, Working Income tax benefits, Climate credit and many others.

For all your tax needs, CONTACT US