

Canadian Settlement Guide

2025 Edition

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Helping newcomers transition smoothly and confidently.

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1. Essential Steps Upon Arrival

- Clear immigration and customs at the airport. Have all key documents ready: passport, visa, permit letter, confirmation of permanent residence, proof of funds, and Canadian address.
- Review your entry documents before leaving the airport; check that all data is correct.

2. Get Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)

- Required to work or access government programs.
- Apply at major airports, online via Service Canada, or in person at a Service Canada Centre.

3. Register for Provincial Health Care

- Apply for your provincial health card as soon as possible.
- Check provincial requirements—there may be a waiting period before coverage starts.

4. Open a Canadian Bank Account

- Choose a newcomer-friendly bank; bring your passport, proof of address, and immigration documents.
- Ask about immigration banking packages, fee waivers, and welcome bonuses.

5. Secure Housing

- Find short-term accommodation first (hotels, settlement agency placements, AirBnB).
- Search for long-term rentals after arrival. Settlement agencies may help.

6. Apply for Benefits

- Apply for the Canada Child Benefit if you have children.
- Set up a local mobile phone number and internet connection for communication.

7. Find Community Support

- Contact local settlement agencies for free services—language classes, employment support, housing help, legal referrals, and cultural orientation sessions.
- Join local groups, activities, or volunteering opportunities to build connections.

8. Begin Your Job Search

- Update your resume and credentials to meet Canadian standards.
- Attend job fairs, workshops, and use employment counseling.

9. Enroll Children in School

- Register children in your local school district; connect with school settlement workers for guidance.

10. Learn About Public Services & Transportation

- Become familiar with public transit options; local settlement agencies often offer orientation tours.
- Learn about weather, cost of living, and your legal rights in Canada.

11. Plan for Long-Term Success

- Take advantage of free language classes and skills development programs.
- Explore citizenship pathways once eligible; stay connected with settlement resources and community groups.

This guide will help newcomers transition smoothly and confidently, making use of Canada's settlement and support services available in 2025.