

### Checklist of things I need to do before coming to Canada

<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure you have a <b>valid travel document</b> , a Canadian immigrant <b>visa</b> for you and each family member travelling with you, your job offer and a copy of the Labour Market Opinion provided by your employer .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check the <a href="#">A Newcomer's Introduction to Canada</a> website for a list of other essential and important documents for your move to Canada, and for a list of which items can and cannot be brought into the country.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Save enough <b>money to cover living expenses</b> , such as rent, food, clothing and transportation, for at least six months.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack <b>clothes for all weather</b> conditions: cold, hot and rainy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange <b>temporary accommodation</b> for your first few nights in Canada. This may already be arranged by your employer. Be sure to ask.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If possible, have the following <b>work-related documents translated</b> into English or French: a résumé of your education, work and volunteer experience, skills and qualifications; diplomas, degrees, certificates and other proof of qualifications; school records or transcripts; and letters of recommendation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Learn as much <b>English or French</b> as possible.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write to your bank and ask for a <b>bank reference</b> . The letter is useful for getting a mortgage or credit card in Canada.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Open a Canadian Bank Account, and <b>keep your existing credit cards and bank accounts</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get copies of your <b>medical records</b> from your doctor.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have school age children, you should get their <b>records of achievement</b> , school reports and course summaries from their schools. This will help their Canadian school counsellors assess their prior education and allocate them to a Grade.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If your equipment cannot be switched to 110 volts, then you probably should leave it behind.

### Checklist of things I need to do after I arrive in Canada

<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact an <b>immigrant-serving organization</b> in your community that can help you when you first arrive.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get a map of the city and find out about <b>transportation</b> in your area, including the city's public transit system.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Open a <b>bank account</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply for Provincial Health Benefits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Look for <b>longer term accommodation for the duration of your work permit</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Find someone who will act as a <b>reference</b> or co-signer for your apartment and/or mortgage.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Set up <b>essential services</b> such as utilities (water, heat, and electricity), insurance and telephone.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Register your children in <b>school</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Find a <b>family doctor</b> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply for a <b>driver's licence</b> in the province in which you live.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get <b>licence plates and registration</b> for your car for your province.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit the <b>Public Library</b> to obtain a free library card and learn more about the various programs and services offered. You may obtain information in multiple languages as well as, use the public computers and Internet.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Look into having your <b>foreign credentials</b> recognized (if you haven't already done so).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Register for <b>language training</b> to improve your skills or to learn English/French as a second language.
	If your children have come with you,
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange <b>childcare</b> or <b>register your children in school</b> (if required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply for the <b>Canada Child Tax Benefit</b> , a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under age 18.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have your children <b>immunized</b> once you have arrived in Canada.