

Welcome To Canada

Settling Down

Part 1

GET YOUR SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER (SIN)

When you arrive in Canada, one of the first things you'll want to do is to get your social insurance number (SIN). This is a unique number to you and is required by the Canadian government for all residents of Canada (including foreign students). Moreover, your SIN is needed if you want to work in Canada or receive benefits and services from government programs, such as medical plans.*

WHERE TO GET YOUR SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER

You can get your SIN at any SERVICE CANADA Centre in the city. You can find the nearest Service Canada Centre here: <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/tbsc-fsco/sc-hme.jsp?lang=eng>

*There is a Service Canada Centre in Downtown Vancouver at:
Sinclair Centre Building
757 West Hastings St, Vancouver, BC*

*There is another one closer to VST at:
1263 West Broadway (at Birch St.)*

WHAT TO BRING? *

1. Your Original Passport (NOT a photocopy)
2. Your Original Study Permit (a paper which was given to you by the CIC Officer when you arrived at the YVR Airport)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin/reports/apply.html>

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