

Welcome to Canada



Arriving in Canada can be exciting and challenging. There are several things you should do once you arrive. The following pages will help you find the information you need to get started in your new life.

- http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/residents/new_immigrants.asp 



Welcome to Canada- A guide workbook for Newcomers

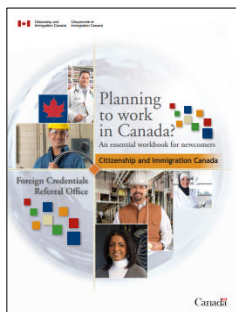
Moving to Canada is an exciting opportunity but also a great challenge. Find what to expect in your first few weeks of coming to Canada and learn how to:

- find a place to live
- work and go to school and
- get around your new city
- connect with your community.

You will also find information on Canadian laws, health care and how to get help settling in Canada.

Download as a PDF file:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/pub/welcome.pdf>



Planning to Work in Canada? - A guide book for Newcomers

Created for internationally trained individuals who are considering moving to Canada or who have recently arrived. This workbook will allow you to obtain the greatest benefit from your experience and education.

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Life In B.C.

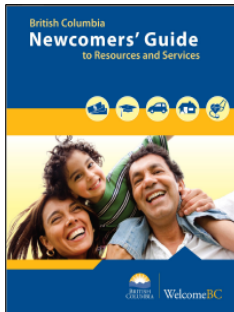


It's hard moving to a new country. There are a number of things that you should do as soon as you arrive in British Columbia. Finding a place to stay, getting support from a settlement services worker, and applying for a Social Insurance Number (SIN) card, will help you and your family settle in B.C. quickly and easily.

- <http://www.welcomebc.ca/Live/index.aspx#.UdswqTs3uSo> 

The B.C. Newcomers' Guide can give you the information you and your family need to settle in B.C. quickly and easily. In addition to the Newcomers' Guide book, you can view helpful multilingual videos covering many topics in the Newcomers' Guide.

- **Newcomers' Guide Videos**
http://www.welcomebc.ca/newcomers_guide/newcomers-money-and-banking.aspx



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Online Book:

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City of Vancouver



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<http://www.translink.ca/>



Getting you everywhere you want to go in Metro Vancouver

- **Schedules & Maps** Alerts, Trip Planner <http://www.translink.ca/en/Schedules-and-Maps.aspx>
- **Fares & Passes** Compass Card <http://www.translink.ca/en/Fares-and-Passes.aspx>
- **Rider Guide** Safety, Accessibility, <http://www.translink.ca/en/Rider-Guide.aspx>
- **Getting Around** Driving, Cycling, Airport <http://www.translink.ca/en/Getting-Around.aspx>
- **Plans & Projects** Be Part of the Plan <http://www.translink.ca/en/Plans-and-Projects.aspx>
- **About Translink** <http://www.translink.ca/en/About-Us.aspx>

The TransLink booklet and DVD video, "Access Transit – Getting Around Metro Vancouver" is available for loan at libraries throughout Metro Vancouver. The booklet contains helpful information on how to best navigate our transit system. The DVD is available in both Closed Caption and Audio Descriptive formats.

Other Resources



Canada's Online Magazine <http://www.prepareforcanada.com/>

Destination Canada Information Inc.'s "Prepare for Canada" program helps prospective immigrants to prepare for success in Canada by delivering quality seminars and information focusing on job preparedness and settlement first steps, operating overseas and in-Canada through online and in-person activities.



The Red Book <http://redbookonline.bc211.ca/>

The Red Book Online is your web connection to information about community, social, and government services in the Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley and Squamish-Lillooet Regional Districts.

Based on the extensive BC211 resource database, the Red Book Online is your first stop for information about

- Child care
- Language classes
- Job searches
- Housing
- Emergency shelters
- Services for persons with disabilities
- Home support
- Legal assistance
- Financial assistance

Most of the services listed in the Red Book Online are provided by non-profit, community-based or government organizations that provide a direct service to the public. The Red Book Online provides accurate and up-to-date information about services in a consistent format.

Information in the database is updated on an ongoing basis, and changes are verified by each organization or program. Inclusion in the Red Book online is free.



Meet up: Groups online <http://www.meetup.com/find/>

Meetup is the world's largest network of local groups. Meetup makes it easy for anyone to organize a local group or find one of the thousands already meeting up face-to-face. More than 9,000 groups get together in local communities each day, each one with the goal of improving themselves or their communities.

Meetups are neighbors getting together to:

- Learn something
- Do something
- Share something

Libraries



British Columbia's "Library to Go"
(Audio books and eBooks available free of charge)
<http://downloads.bclibrary.ca/63DFBE39-2128-450E-9B64-24D6CDB61EDC/10/50/en/Default.htm>



A site where one can register and download the software to obtain free audio books:
<https://www.recordedbooks.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=rb.home&library&Child>



Vancouver Public Library

<http://www.vpl.ca/>



Burnaby Public Library

<http://www.vpl.ca/>



Surrey Public Library

<http://www.surreylibraries.ca/>



Coquitlam Public Library

<http://www.library.coquitlam.bc.ca/default.htm>



Fraser Valley Regional Library

<http://www.fvrl.bc.ca/>

Online English Practice

To practice reading, listening, comprehension and speaking through certain sites on line.

- BBC Learning English -
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/>



- VOA Learning English -
<http://www.youtube.com/user/VOALearningEnglish>

