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NEWCOMER'S GUIDE

CHAPTER 2



BEFORE MOVING TO CANADA



IndoCanada Professional Network is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to supporting immigrants from India in Canada.

It offers a robust platform for networking, encouraging members to connect with new individuals and expand their professional networks through various community events.

This inclusive environment fosters professional mentoring, providing specialized support for Internationally Educated Professionals to enhance their employment opportunities and career advancement.

Additionally, the network organizes educational workshops that cover a broad range of subjects pertinent to employment, education, taxes, and everyday life in Canada, equipping members with essential knowledge and skills for successful integration and growth.

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Congratulations if you have decided to move to Canada. Get ready to explore a whirlwind of new opportunities and myriad landscapes in this beautiful country. But we understand that moving to a new country can be overwhelming and daunting.



With the right support and information, we can help you make this big move easy and hassle free.

Here's a checklist of important things that you should have with you before moving to Canada.

- **PASSPORT**

Make sure you have a valid passport and if not, apply for one immediately.

- **OTHER DOCUMENTS**

Apart from a valid passport, you would need various other documents like –

  - Birth certificate
  - Marriage or divorce certificate
  - Educational certificates and diplomas
  - Updated health and vaccination records

For your ease it is suggested that you keep photocopies of all these documents. You should also get these documents translated to French and keep a few photocopies of the French versions as well.

- **DESTINATION INFORMATION**

Before arriving in Canada, make sure you know all important information of the destination that you are moving to. The most important information is the weather and the temperature during your days of moving. Keep this information handy, so that you can pack immediate needs like food, clothes, and medicines accordingly.

- **BANK ACCOUNT**

A lot of people don't know that before moving to Canada you need to open a bank account here. This will help you get paid by your employer and you can easily access and move all/ part of your funds as well.





There are lots of banks in Canada but here are the top 7 banks that you can consider –

- Toronto-Dominion Bank (TD Bank)
- National Bank of Canada
- Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotiabank)
- Bank of Montreal (BMO)
- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC)
- Desjardins Group

You can get in touch with our team and we'll help you open your bank account here in Canada without any hassle.

- **HEALTH INSURANCE**

It is advisable that you get a comprehensive health insurance before your move to Canada. In case of a medical emergency, you will be covered and will not have to pay from your pocket. Once you have settled and have availed a provincial health insurance from a Canadian service provider, then you can cancel your previous health insurance.

- **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

It is important to keep in mind that not all travel insurance plans are the same. It will be beneficial for you if you take a travel insurance plan that suits your requirements. The travel insurance plan you choose will directly impact the coverage. So you should keep the following things in mind –

  - The length of your stay in Canada
  - Age and health
  - The province you'll be staying in
  - Any supplementary coverage you require

You should also consider whether you need a specific travel insurance or extra coverage to support your work permit.

- **NEWCOMER HOUSING**

It is so important that you have a proper place to live when you arrive in Canada. This is especially true for people who are moving with their family. You can discover various housing groups that offer rental accommodations as per your budget.

Get in touch with us and our team will help you find the right accommodation for you and your family as per your preferences and budget.





- **CANADIAN CURRENCY**

It is best to exchange your currency for Canadian currency either from your home country or at the airport when you arrive. This way you'll be able to use the currency easily for regular needs like – supermarket, cabs, food etc.

WELCOME PACKAGE

If you find doing all of these things individually can be overwhelming for you, don't worry we are here to help. You can avail our Welcome to Canada package wherein all these services are covered. Our team has years of experience of being Canadian citizens and can guide you at every step. So, while you take care of moving and settling in a new country and adapting to new ways of life, our team will help you with all the intricacies like – finding a home, getting your documents ready, insurance, and currency etc.

WHAT TO PACK WHEN MOVING TO CANADA

Don't keep things for the last minute. Make sure you follow this list and pack all the essentials apart from your clothes and medicines that you may require as soon as the first few days of landing in Canada –

- Passport
- Visa/ work permit
- Any other immigration documents
- Accommodation reference letter (if provided by your employer)
- Address of your accommodation
- Travel insurance
- Health insurance
- Driver's license or any other govt. ID (especially if you want to go to pubs or restaurants serving alcohol)
- Bank balance letter
- Resume
- Medical prescriptions (if needed)
- Copy of student prescriptions (if needed)
- Motor insurance letter with no-claim

Get in touch with us and we'll help you with unparalleled services to help you move to Canada and settle here smoothly.





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