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NEWCOMER'S GUIDE

CHAPTER 9



ENROLLING YOUR KIDS IN SCHOOL AS A NEWCOMER IN CANADA



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The one thing that a lot of newcomers (especially those who come to Canada with their family including kids) struggle with is to enroll their kids in school. As a newcomer, you might not know this, but education in Canada is managed at a provincial/ territorial level. This means that the rules may vary for each province. This is a comprehensive guide for enrolling your kids in school in Ontario.

The three main types of schooling options available in Canada are –

- Private schools
- Homeschooling
- Public schools

You also have Catholic and religious schools at both public and private levels in which you can enroll your kids.

Finalize the school that you want for your child and then go through their curriculum and other details online.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- In Ontario, the kindergarten is divided into two parts - Junior Kindergarten (for four-year-olds) and Senior Kindergarten (for five-year-olds). Neither of these are mandatory.
- Elementary and secondary schooling is free in Canada through their public education system. You need to pay the tuition fees if you decide to send your child to a private school. The tuition fees may vary from school to school.
- The official languages in schools across Canada are English and French. You can check with each school which language do they use for teaching.
- The school week in Canada is usually five days and Saturday and Sunday are considered off days.
- Elementary and secondary school session in Canada starts in late August or early September. The school year commences in end of May or early June.
- Depending on each province, school is mandatory for kids from the age of 5- 6 years.
- Some provinces may require children to be vaccinated against some common diseases in order to go to school. You can check this with the school.



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DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Here's the list of documents that you would need to enroll your child in school –

- Birth certificate of the child
- Passports (parents and child)
- Child's permit (if available)
- Proof of residency
- Proof of guardianship/ custody
- Vaccination record
- Parent's work permit or study permit
- Proof of employment

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- https://moving2canada.com/living/education/schooling-in-canada-guide-for-new-families/
- https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/ukraine-measures/settlement/welcome-canada/school.html
- https://www.sd35.bc.ca/students-parents/registration-2/student-registration-for-newcomers-to-canada/

CHECKLIST

Follow this checklist to enroll your child in school in Canada –

- Contact the school
  - You can contact the school in person or through their website to get all the required forms.
- Fill the forms
  - Fill the enrollment form and attach all the required documents
- Submit the documents
  - Submit the completed form and documents in person or you can send it by mail to the school.
- Wait for the process
  - Wait for the processing. If selected, you would have to attend an orientation program with your child before he/ she can formally begin school.

CONTACT INFORMATION

You can get touch with our team and we'll be happy to guide you through this entire process.

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