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NEWCOMER'S GUIDE

CHAPTER 5



GETTING A SIM CARD AS A NEWCOMER IN CANADA



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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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Once you arrive in Canada, you will need a new SIM with a local Canadian number. It can be daunting to find the right service provider and the perfect plan, among the many choices available. It is best to assess your requirements and then choose a plan accordingly.



Some of the top SIM providers in Canada are –

- Bell Mobility
- Chatr Mobile
- Rogers Wireless
- Koodo mobile
- Fido
- Virgin Mobile
- Freedom Mobile
- Telus Mobility

It will be best if you go through the different plans offered by each of these service providers and then choose one as per your requirements. Don't forget to look for free international calling for particular minutes to your home country in the plan that you select.

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WHAT IS BYO?

A lot of newcomers in Canada don't about the BYO – Bring Your Own device plan. BYO means that you have already bought a phone before you buy a new SIM in Canada. This plan is cheaper as compared to purchasing a plan through a service provider in Canada.

PREPAID OR MONTHLY CONTRACT- WGICH ONE IS BETTER?

A prepaid plan is when you have to pay in advance for SIM services. It has a limit on the calling minutes, texts, and internet limit as well. In case, you use up all of these, you would need a top-up service.





DOCUMENTS NEEDED

You would typically need the following documents to apply for a SIM card as a newcomer in Canada –

- Valid government proof (passport or any other government-issued ID from your home country)
- Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Proof of address – lease agreement, employer's letter confirming your proof of address, any utility bill
- Immigration documents – work permit/ study permit/ permanent resident card
- Credit Check (especially for postpaid plans)

USEFUL LINKS

- https://canadiansim.com/pricing-plan/
- https://www.rogers.com/mobility/new-to-canada
- https://www.telus.com/en/newcomers-to-canada

CHECKLIST

Follow this checklist –

- Collect all the documents mentioned in the above section
- Visit the service provider's website and go through the different plans
- Decide upon your monthly budget and see which plans fit into it
- Finalize a plan
- Check for any offers or discounts
- Submit the documents and make the payment
- Get the new SIM card
- Activate the new SIM and your phone is now ready!

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Get in touch with our team and we'll help you get a new SIM in Canada in a hassle-free manner.

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