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NEWCOMER'S GUIDE

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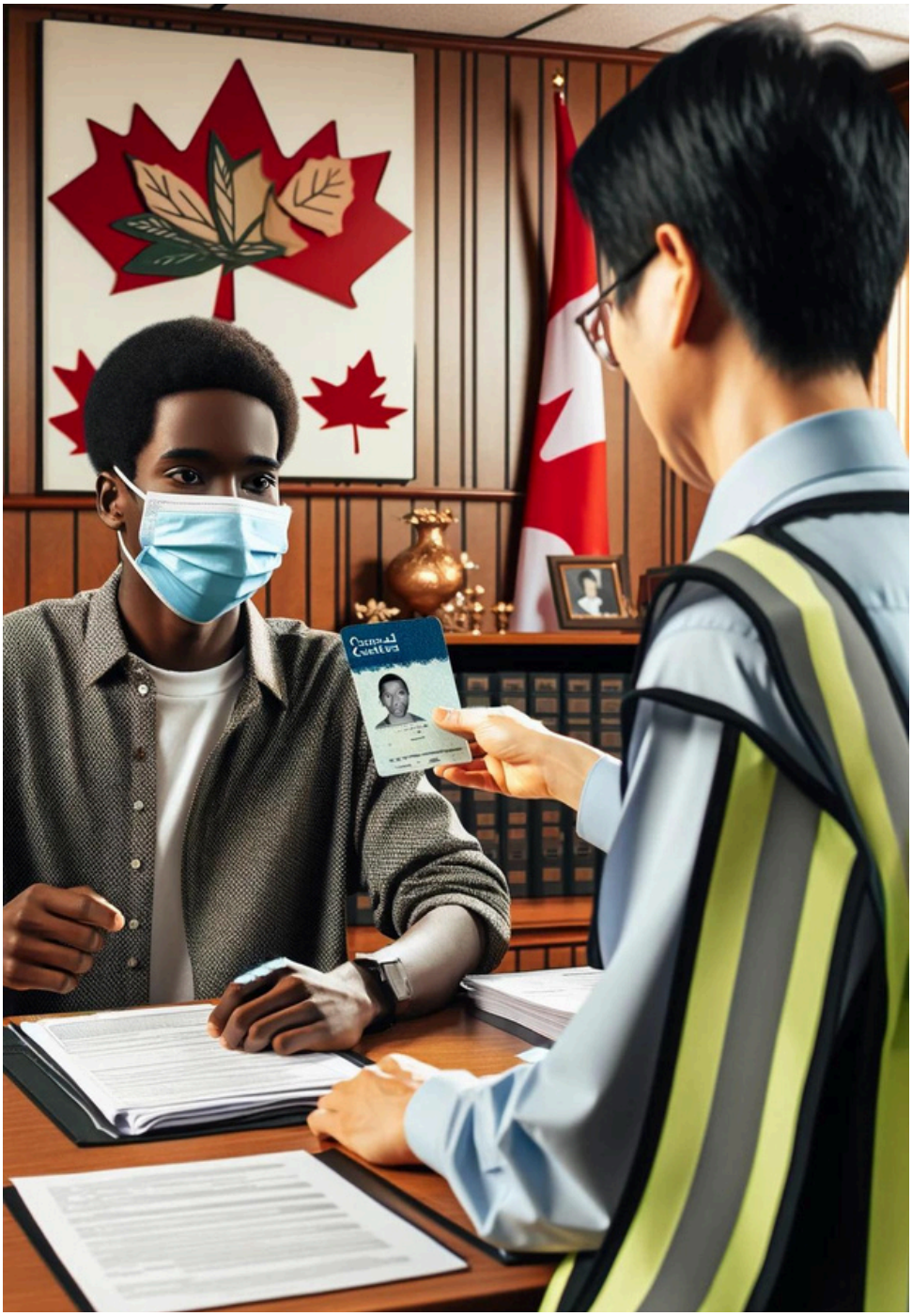

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IndoCanada Professional Network is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to supporting immigrants from India in Canada.

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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If you planning to work or study in Canada, you need to get a Social Insurance Number or SIN as it is popularly known as. It is a 9-digit number. Service Canada is responsible for issuing SINs, which comes in a paper format (Confirmation of SIN letter). If you have a plastic SIN card that has not expired, it is still valid.



ELIGIBILTY

-Ensure you are eligible to apply for a SIN. Generally, you must be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, or have a valid work or study permit.
-Temporary residents (such as international students or foreign workers) need to provide a valid permit that authorizes them to work or study in Canada.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR SIN

You will need to fill out the SIN application form provided by Service Canada. The form will have your personal information, declaration of eligibility, contact information etc.

- **Proof of identity**
- **Proof of legal status in Canada**
- Permanent residents need to show their – **Permanent Resident Card**
- Temporary residents will need to show either – **Canadian work permit or Canadian study permit.**

Once you have gathered the form and all the required documents, you need to visit a Service Canada Centre in person to submit your application. After completing the submission, you can keep an eye on the official website to get all the latest updates.

- **Registering a newborn**

If your newborn is under one year of age and you have not registered your child's birth with your province, you can apply for your child's SIN through your provincial Newborn Registration Service.

USEFULL LINKS

- https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin.html
- https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin/apply.html
- https://sin-nas.canada.ca/en/Sin/





CHECKLIST

- Check your eligibility
- Gather all the required documents mentioned above
- Obtain the application form online or visit a Service Canada Center to get a physical copy
- Fill the form carefully with all your correct details
- Locate the nearest Service Canada Centre. You can find this information on the Service Canada website.
- Bring your completed application form and original supporting documents.
- Submit your form
- Once your application is processed and approved, you will receive your SIN card by mail. This process usually takes about 10-20 business days.
- Once you receive your SIN card, keep it safely

CONTACT DETAILS

Get in touch with us and our team will help you with all the formalities of getting a SIN as a newcomer in Canada.

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