

# INDOCANADA PROFESSIONALS

## NEWCOMER'S GUIDE

### CHAPTER 13



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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've just arrived in Canada and are excited to welcome a whole new journey, then we are with you at every step. There are many things that a newcomer in Canada needs to take care of like – housing, job, driving license, phone SIM, social insurance number, internet etc.

Know about all these aspects in this comprehensive guide. You can also get in touch with our team and they'll be happy to help you with different aspects of moving and settling in Canada as a newcomer.

- **SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER**

Just like in India we have the PAN card; in Canada we have the Social Insurance Number. It plays an important role in Canada's social benefit system. It also acts as an identifier for citizens engaging in different activities related to work, taxes, government services etc.

The main purpose of SIN is for employment and taxes. While employers use the SIN to report income and deductions to the Canada Revenue System (CRA), employees use it for filing their tax return in Canada.

Banks and financial institutions may also ask for your SIN for various transactions and that's why it is crucial that you get it in the first few days of arriving 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

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.

We have discussed this in detail in the subsequent sections. You can get all the required information there.







- **NEWCOMER HOUSING IN CANADA**

If you have arrived in Canada alone, then you can look for shared accommodations or even youth hostels for an affordable option in the beginning. But if you have moved with your spouse and kids, then you need to look for a temporary rented accommodation like an apartment.

If you have spent a considerable amount of time in rented accommodation and want to now buy your own home, then you can consider tax-free home savings account to help you save on your first home in Canada.

- **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Now that you are in Canada, you should remember the emergency contact number – 911. You can contact the police, fire department, and an ambulance through this single number.

- **INTERNET**
- **DRIVING LICENSE**
- **LOCAL CELLPHONE/ SIM**
- **BROADCAST TV**
- **RESUME**
- **CONTACTING A REALTOR**
- **HEALTHCARE & FINING A DECOR**
- **LANGUAGE**
- **TRANSPORTATION**
- **POLICE**
- **SCHOOLING FOR YOUR CHILDREN**
- **FILING YOUR TAXES AS NEWCOMER**
- **CHILD TAX BENEFIT**
- **WEATHER**
- **BANK ACCOUNT**
- **PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD**
- **LAWS & RIGHTS (FOR CITIZENS & EMPLOYEES)**

## **USEFUL LINKS**

<https://www.immigration.ca/welcome-package-for-newcomers-to-canada/>







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