

Pre-arrival Checklist for Newcomers to Canada

Approximately 2 to 3 months before you move

- Book your flight
- Plan and book short-term accommodation
- Register for government-sponsored pre-arrival programs
- Research the job market
- Prepare for the job market – look into certifications and licenses
- Look up school enrolment information and process (if moving with children)
- Budget for initial months in Canada

Approximately 1 to 2 months before you move

- Get supporting documents for driver's license
- Create a Canadian-style resume
- Refine your LinkedIn profile
- Familiarize yourself with the Canadian climate and weather conditions
- Look up items that are permitted to bring to Canada while immigrating
- Get student ID (if you are an international student)

A few weeks before you move

- Book an appointment to open a bank account in Canada
- Complete the forms for bringing goods to Canada
- Buy health insurance
- Fill your prescriptions
- Get Canadian currency
- Start networking
- Download offline maps on your phone
- Organize all essential documents for travel

