



# International Student Settlement Checklist

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## Immediately After You Arrive (First three weeks)

- ☐ Confirm your registration, pay tuition fees
  - Refer to our [Academic Calendar](#) for a comprehensive list
- ☐ Apply for the [BC Medical Service Plan \(MSP\)](#) (mandatory)
  - Please also see our [Health Insurance for International Students Page](#)
- ☐ Complete BC's Vaccine Registration processes.
  - Please review our [FAQ response](#) for further instructions
- ☐ Apply for your [Social Insurance Number \(SIN\)](#)
  
- ☐ Fill in the [Third-Party Authorization Section in Workday](#) if needed)
- ☐ Enter your document expiry dates in the [International Student Reminder System](#) ☐
- ☐ Open a bank account (Refer to pg. 2)
- ☐ Get a cell phone plan (Refer to pg. 2)
- ☐ Sign onto [UBC's wireless network](#) (UBC Secure)
- ☐ Get your [Student ID](#) (UNC 214)
- ☐ Get your U-PASS (bus pass): Bring your student ID card to the Student Union Office (UNC133) to get your U-PASS sticker
- ☐ Download the [Transit App](#) for live updates on bus scheduling, routes, and navigating around Kelowna
- ☐ Memorize the emergency number (911) for police, ambulance and fire
- ☐ Memorize the Campus Security number (250 807 8111), or program it into your cell phone
- ☐ Enroll your children in school (if applicable -- Refer to pg. 2)
- ☐ Photocopy all important documents with digital backups of all files and images

## First Two Months in Canada

- ☐ Get your Canadian driver's licence if you plan to drive in Canada or apply for a valid student exception to drive in Canada (Refer to pg. 2)
- ☐ Get a [BC ID card](#)
- ☐ Have your children immunized (Refer to pg. 2)
- ☐ Know [locations of walk-in clinics](#) and the Kelowna General Hospital
- ☐ Become familiar with the [Off-Campus Housing Guide](#)
- ☐ Review our [Student Settlement Guide](#) for helpful tips in navigating your new community.



- Banks in Kelowna: Scotiabank; RBC Royal Bank; HSBC; CIBC; TD; BMO, Valley First Credit Union; Etc. \*RBC has a branch on-campus
- Phone companies: Telus; Shaw; Fido; Bell; Koodo; Virgin; Rogers; Chatr
  - Compare plans with RateHub
- Internet companies: Telus; Shaw
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- Enroll Children in School: School District 23 website
- Child Tax Benefit Application
  - Eligibility: If you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, you will only be able to apply after you have lived in Canada for **18 months** on a study or work permit (Government of Canada, Canada Child Benefit, Who can apply, retrieved on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023).
- Canadian Driver's Licence or BC ID: review ICBC's website  
Address: 1720 Springfield Rd, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7W
- Children's Immunization: Interior Health – Review UBC's Community & Family Resources website

## Seasonal Guides

### Summer Guide

### Fall Guide

### Winter Guide