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Immediately After You Arrive (First three weeks)

 Confirm your registration, pay tuition fees
 Apply for the <u>BC Medical Service Plan (MSP)</u> (mandatory)
 Please also see our <u>Health Insurance for International Students Page</u>
 Apply for your <u>Social Insurance Number (SIN)</u>
□Fill in the Third-Party Authorization Section in Workday if needed)
\Box Enter your document expiry dates in the International Student Reminder System \Box
□ Open a bank account (Refer to pg. 2)
□ Get a cell phone plan (Refer to pg. 2)
☐ Sign onto <u>UBC's wireless network</u> (UBC Secure)
□ Get your <u>Student ID</u> (UNC 214)
$_{\square}$ Get your U-PASS (bus pass): Bring your student ID card to the Student Union
Office (UNC133) to get your U-PASS sticker
$\ \square$ Download the <u>Umo App</u> for live updates on bus scheduling, routes, and
navigating around Kelowna (+ FAQ for Transit)
$_{\square}$ Memorize the emergency number (911) for police, ambulance and fire
$_{\square}$ 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)
$_{\square}$ Photocopy all important documents with digital backups of all files and images
First Two Months in Canada
$\ \square$ Get your Canadian driver's license if you plan to drive in Canada or apply for a
valid student exception to drive in Canada (Refer to pg. 2)
□ Get a <u>BC ID card</u>
 Have your children immunized (Refer to pg. 2)
 Know <u>locations of walk-in clinics</u> and the Kelowna General Hospital
 Become familiar with the <u>Off-Campus Housing Guide</u>
□ Review our Student Settlement Guide for helpful tips in navigating your new
community.

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- Banks in Kelowna: <u>Scotiabank</u>; <u>RBC Royal Bank</u>; <u>CIBC</u>; <u>TD</u>; <u>BMO</u>, <u>Valley First Credit Union</u>; Etc. *RBC has a branch on-campus
- Phone companies: <u>Telus</u>; <u>Shaw</u>; <u>Fido</u>; <u>Bell</u>; <u>Koodo</u>; <u>Virgin</u>; <u>Rogers</u>; <u>Chatr</u>
 - Compare plans with <u>RateHub</u>
- Internet companies: <u>Telus</u>; <u>Shaw</u>
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- > Enroll Children in School: School District 23 website
- Child Tax Benefit Application
 - <u>Eligibility</u>: 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 2nd, 2023).
- Canadian Driver's License or BC ID: review ICBC's website Address: 1720 Springfield Rd, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7W
- Children's Immunization: Interior Health Review <u>UBC's Community & Family</u> Resources website

Seasonal Guides

- > Summer Guide
- > Fall Guide
- ➤ Winter Guide

Virtual Food Asset Map
Explore restaurants and
markets in the region

