

# Welcome to Canada

## Information for Newcomers

### Government Support

The federal, provincial, and territorial governments offer a wide range of services and supports for newcomers to Canada. Information about benefits and services that you may be eligible for can be found on the Benefits Finder, which is available at [Benefitsfinder.services.gc.ca](https://benefitsfinder.services.gc.ca)

### Service Canada

Service Canada provides individuals with a single point of access to a wide range of government of Canada programs, services and benefits. You can access services either online, by phone, or in person. Additional information on Government of Canada programs and services is available at [Canada.ca](https://Canada.ca) or by contacting us using the information at the end of this page.

### Relevant Federal Programs & Services

Below are a few relevant programs and services offered by the Government of Canada:

#### Social Insurance Number (SIN)

The SIN is a nine-digit number that you need to work in Canada or to have access to government programs and benefits. Submit a SIN application online within a secure and protected environment using the eSIN portal at [sin-nas.canada.ca/en/Sin/](https://sin-nas.canada.ca/en/Sin/).

If you plan on visiting a Service Canada Centre, we strongly recommend you to request for an in-person appointment by filling out the service request form at: [Canada.ca/service-canada-e-service](https://Canada.ca/service-canada-e-service). A Service Canada officer will contact you within 2 business days.

#### Foreign Credential Recognition

This helps newcomers and internationally trained professionals have their credentials assessed and recognized as quickly as possible. Experts verify that the education, language skills and work experience you obtained outside Canada meet specific standards. For more information, visit [Canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/foreign-credential-recognition.html](https://Canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/foreign-credential-recognition.html)

#### Job Bank

Job Bank offers an online listing of job postings from across Canada, job alerts, labour market information, career exploration, and resume building. For more information, visit [Jobbank.gc.ca](https://Jobbank.gc.ca)

### Contact us for more information

Click: [Canada.ca](https://Canada.ca)

Call: **1 800 O-Canada** (1-800-622-6232)  
**1-800-926-9105** (TTY)

Request: If you require assistance, please complete an online request form at:  
[Canada.ca/service-canada-e-service](https://Canada.ca/service-canada-e-service)