

Useful resources for newcomers

You can find some useful information about living in Canada and Vancouver through the following website links.

Our goal is to minimize the initial struggle as a newcomer. The links provided (as of July 2020) will be based on our own experiences, and by no means will be exclusive. We hope that these will give you a good start point for your own search.

WelcomeBC <https://www.welcomebc.ca/>

Service Canada <https://www1.canada.ca/en/esdc/service-canada.html>

Service Canada Office Locations

<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/tbsc-fsco/sc-hme.jsp?lang=eng>

Permanent Resident Card - PR Card

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/new-immigrants/pr-card.html>

Social Insurance Number/Card

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin.html>

Driver Licensing and ID

<https://www.icbc.com/driver-licensing/Pages/Default.aspx>

Medical Services Plan (MSP) Forms

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-forms/msp>

MSP Payment Schedules

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/msp/physicians/payment-schedules/msc-payment-schedule?keyword=msp&keyword=payment&keyword=schedule>

BC Ambulance Service - 911 Calls

<http://www.bcehs.ca/about/who-we-are/bc-ambulance-service>

College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC - Physician Directory

https://www.cpsbc.ca/physician_search

BCCDC Immunization Schedule

http://www.bccdc.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Guidelines%20and%20Forms/Guidelines%20and%20Manuals/Epid/CD%20Manual/Chapter%202%20-%20Imms/Part_1_Schedules.pdf

Ministry of Social Development & Poverty Reduction

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/social-development-poverty-reduction>

Educational Credential Assessment (ECA)

<https://www.ic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre/answer.asp?qnum=681&top=29>

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment>

Vancouver School Board

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

Fraser Institute School Ranking

<https://www.compareschoolrankings.org/>

Canada child benefit (CCB)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/canada-child-benefit-overview.html>

Education Savings

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/education-savings.html>

Canada Child Benefit

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/canada-child-benefit-overview.html>

Family and caregiving
benefits

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/family.html>

BC early childhood tax benefit <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/child-family-benefits/provincial-territorial-programs/province-british-columbia.html>

Student Aid BC <https://studentaidbc.ca/>

Employment Insurance Benefits and Leave <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/ei.html>

Canada Revenue Agency <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency.html>

Six Steps to Get Out of Debt http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/oca-bc.nsf/eng/h_ca02971.html