Study in Canada: pre-arrival checklist

Documents, packing, insurance, flights and your first week

Tick items off as you prepare. This is a general list of things to organize. For what you must carry for entry, read the official Government of Canada pages and ask your college and airline.

Documents to carry in hand luggage

- [ ] Passport
- [ ] Approval and offer letters from your college
- [ ] Papers the border officer may ask for, as listed on the official Government of Canada website
- [ ] Proof of your first address and the contact details of your college
- [ ] Insurance cards and policy numbers
- [ ] Academic transcripts and language test results (originals and copies)
- [ ] Medical and vaccination records, translated if needed
- [ ] Emergency contacts written on paper

Packing

- [ ] Clothing for the season you arrive in, with a warm layer in your hand luggage
- [ ] Winter coat and boots with grip, if you arrive in the cold months
- [ ] Plug adapters for Canadian outlets
- [ ] Laptop, phone and chargers in hand luggage
- [ ] Medicines with prescriptions (check airline and Canadian rules)
- [ ] Small items from home that help you settle in

Insurance and health

- [ ] Travel or health insurance that covers your arrival date
- [ ] Ask your college how health cover works in your province, and what to do before it starts
- [ ] Contents insurance once you rent a home

Flights and arrival

- [ ] Flights booked once your dates are confirmed

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- [ ] Baggage allowance checked against what you plan to bring
- [ ] Airport pickup or transport to your first address arranged
- [ ] Some Canadian cash for the first two days
- [ ] Airline app downloaded and boarding passes saved offline

First week

- [ ] Housing confirmed, with your landlord or host contact saved
- [ ] Orientation date at your college in your calendar
- [ ] Bank appointment booked, if you want a Canadian account
- [ ] Phone plan options compared
- [ ] Steps for your province's health coverage bookmarked from its official site

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