

We look forward to having you join the VCC community. These checklists with resource links will help you prepare for all aspects of your arrival – from before you leave your home country, to your arrival in Vancouver, to when we see you at VCC. Use these steps as a guide to ensure that you are prepared.

Before you leave

- Obtain permission to study and enter Canada.** Check with your nearest [Canadian Visa Office](#) for required documents
 - Apply for your [Study Permit](#).
 - Apply for your [Temporary Resident Visa](#) (TRV) or [Electronic Travel Authorization](#) (eTA). [Select your country](#) to find out if you need an eTA or a visitor visa to enter Canada.
- IMPORTANT:** Do not come to Canada without a valid Study Permit and entry visa (if required).
- Scan and email your approval letter to VCC International** at leadmissions@vcc.ca by the deadline in your offer letter.
- Plan your travel.** Book your flight to Vancouver ([YVR](#)) to arrive at least one week **before** the **mandatory orientation or first day of classes** – whichever comes first.
- Know travel restrictions.** Check your airline baggage and [Canadian Customs](#) restrictions before you pack.
- Purchase private medical insurance** See 'Important Information for New International Students' for details.
- Arrange housing**, at least temporary.
 - [Liane's Vancouver Homestay](#). To apply contact VCC international at leadmissions@vcc.ca;
 - [G.E.C.-Student Hotels & Residences, Y.W.C.A. Hotel; Hostelling International Vancouver](#)

Arriving & Living in Vancouver

- Have documents ready for Immigration & Customs.** Acceptance letter from VCC; your passport, approval letter for study permit
- Get settled.** The [Newcomers' Guide](#) and videos are available in many languages. Topics include: money & banking, health care, finding a place to live, transportation and more!
- Learn about Vancouver's neighbourhoods and resources.** The [City of Vancouver](#)'s website offers many tools, such as the neighbourhood [navigation map](#).
- Locate your [Consulate](#)** and register, if your country recommends.

Arrival to VCC

- Mandatory New International Student Orientation** – details provided by email at least 2 weeks before
 - **Prepare photocopies** (unless have already submitted): passport photo page, study permit, co-op work permit (if issued)
 - **Bring important documents:** Original educational documents, passport, study permit, co-op work permit (if issued), Letter of Offer, Vancouver address and phone number and local emergency contact information.
- Plan transit route** from where you are living to VCC. Use [Translink](#) 'Trip Planner'.

**We hope this pre-arrival information and resources help answer many of your questions.
Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any additional questions or concerns.**