
How to Apply for BC Medical Services Plan (MSP)

All eligible residents who are living in British Columbia for 6 months or longer, including international students, are required to enroll in the BC MSP Plan. You are recommended to enroll as soon as you arrive in BC.

The BC MSP Plan is effective on the fourth month of a newcomer's arrival in BC. To cover the MSP waiting period, international students must obtain private medical insurance for the first three months of their arrival in Canada. At VCC, we enroll new international students in the *guard.me More Enhanced health insurance plan*. They are both parts of the basic medical insurance, covering most hospital-required services while you live in BC.

There are three ways to apply for BC MSP:

Online

You can apply for BC MSP online on their website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/ahdc>

Before you apply, you need to ensure you have the following information:

- The latest version of Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Apple Safari, or Internet Explorer 11
- A clear digital copy of your study permit (and those of your dependents, if you are applying for them as well)

In Person

You can in person at a [Service BC Location](#):

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/ministries/citizens-services/servicebc>

By Mail

You can also apply by mail using a paper form:

- [Application for BC Health and Drug Coverage, HLTH 101 \(PDF, 2.5MB\)](#)
 1. Fill out the form online (pdf fillable) and ensure you don't skip any questions. If so, they will not process your application.
 2. Once you completely filled out the form, print a copy
 3. Sign and date the bottom the form
 4. Include a clear photocopy of your study permit, and those of your dependents if applying for them
 5. Put both the completed application form and a copy of your study permit in a white envelope

6. On the white envelope (*also see image on the back of page*):
 - a. paste a domestic postage stamp on the top right hand corner
 - b. write your return mailing address on the top left hand corner
 - c. write the MSP mailing address in the center of the envelope
 - d. seal the envelope
 - e. put the envelope in a Canada Post mailbox or to a post office

Mail the completed form to:

Health Insurance BC
Medical Services Plan/Fair PharmaCare
PO Box 9678 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9P7

How to address an envelope:

The diagram shows a rectangular envelope with a rounded top right corner. On the left side, there is a vertical line indicating the return address area. On the right side, there is a rounded rectangular box labeled "Postage Stamp". In the center of the envelope, the MSP mailing address is printed.

Your name
Address
City, Province, Postal Code

Postage Stamp

Health Insurance BC
PO Box 9678 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9P7

Once you submit your MSP application, it may take up to two months to process your application. You will receive your BC Services Card by mail to the address that you wrote on your application form. If your address has changed since the time you submitted your application, you must contact MSP as soon as possible to provide them with your updated address. You will also receive a statement showing how much you will need to pay, along with the payment deadline. You do not need to pay until you receive your statement.

Contacting MSP

Telephone: 604-683-7151 (Note: main office located in Victoria)

Office hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Website: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents>



VCC International
ieservices@vcc.ca
vcc.ca/international

Mailing Address: Medical Services Plan
P.O. Box 9035 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E3