

FIRST TWO WEEKS IN CANADA CHECKLIST



Connect with the YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs Pictou County for settlement support.

The Centre's Yreach program is ready to support immigrants, refugees and their families. Settlement Coordinators are available to support you with many of the items on this checklist.







Apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN).

(If a social insurance number was not issued upon entry to Canada.)

- Apply in-person at Service Canada Centre, 340 East River Road, New Glasgow For EMPP bring Single Journey Travel Document (SJTD) and Confirmation of Permanent Residence (COPR) to appointment.
- Have two pieces of ID + a proof of address ready.

Note: Apply for all family members. Keep this number accessible and safe.



Apply for a Nova Scotia Health (MSI) card:

 Call 902-496-7008 and request a MSI card for each member of the family.



Apply for SIN



Apply for MSI

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Open a bank account:

Many Canadian Banks have accounts designed for newcomers. Explore your options and get started online, or book an in-person appointment to learn more.

What do you need in Canada to open a bank account?

- Permanent resident card or a confirmation of a permanent residence (COPR); or work permit if applicable
- Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- 2 pieces of valid government recognized ID (ie: passport or driver's license).



If applicable, enroll your children in school

• To enroll your child in elementary or high school, contact your local school board or centre for education.





If applicable, apply for the Canada Child Benefit

 Create a Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) account using the Social Insurance Number (SIN) and email address. Once the account is created, you can apply directly online.



Sign-up for Need a Family Practice Registry (MSI number required)



Waiting List Registry Signup

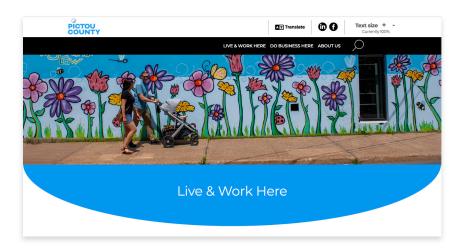
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Connect and explore your new community! Pictou County is a welcoming community that is looking forward to meeting you.

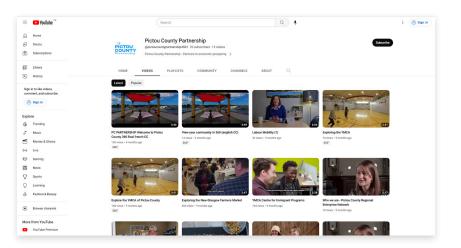
View the 'Live & Work Here' section of our website for links to resources to help





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View settlement videos and learn more about Pictou County Partnership's projects:





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