International Student Settlement Checklist

Immediately After You Arrive (First three weeks)

☐ Confirm your registration, pay tuition fees
  ☐ Refer to our Academic Calendar for a comprehensive list
☐ Apply for the BC Medical Service Plan (MSP) (mandatory)
  ☐ Please also see our Health Insurance for International Students Page
☐ Complete BC’s Vaccine Registration processes.
  ☐ Please review our FAQ response for further instructions
☐ Apply for your Social Insurance Number (SIN). Please review our SIN Application Guide
☐ Fill in the Third-Party Authorization Section in SSC (if needed)
☐ Fill in the Immigration Documents Reminder System in SSC
☐ Open a bank account (Refer to pg. 2)
☐ Get a cell phone plan (Refer to pg. 2)
☐ Sign onto UBC’s wireless network (UBC Secure)
☐ Get your Student ID (UNC 214)
☐ Get your U-PASS (bus pass): Bring your student ID card to the Student Union Office (UNC133) to get your U-PASS sticker
☐ Download the Transit App for live updates on bus scheduling, routes, and navigating around Kelowna
☐ Memorize the emergency number (911) for police, ambulance and fire
☐ Memorize the Campus Security number (250 807 8111), or program it into your cell phone
☐ Enroll your children in school (if applicable -- Refer to pg. 2)
☐ Photocopy all important documents with digital backups of all files and images

First Two Months in Canada

☐ Get your Canadian driver’s licence if you plan to drive in Canada or apply for a valid student exception to drive in Canada (Refer to pg. 2)
☐ Get a BC ID card
☐ Apply for Canada Child Tax Benefit (if you have a dependent under 18 years old)
☐ Have your children immunized (Refer to pg. 2)
☐ Know locations of walk-in clinics and the Kelowna General Hospital
☐ Become familiar with the Off-Campus Housing Guide
- Banks in Kelowna: Scotiabank; RBC Royal Bank; HSBC; CIBC; TD; BMO; Valley First Credit Union; Etc. *RBC has a branch on-campus

- Phone companies: Telus; Shaw; Fido; Bell; Koodo; Virgin; Rogers; Chatr
  - Compare plans with RateHub

- Internet companies: Telus; Shaw
  - Compare plans with RateHub

- Enroll Children in School: School District 23 website

- Child Tax Benefit Application

- Canadian Driver’s Licence or BC ID: review ICBC’s website
  - Address: 1720 Springfield Rd, Kelowna, BC V1Y 7W

- Children’s Immunization: Interior Health – Review UBC’s Community & Family Resources website

- Student Settlement Guide