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
- 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
- Review our Student Settlement Guide for helpful tips in navigating your new community.
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
  ○ Eligibility: If you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, you will only be able to apply after you have lived in Canada for 18 months on a study or work permit (Government of Canada, Canada Child Benefit, Who can apply, retrieved on February 2nd, 2023).

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

Seasonal Guides

Summer Guide

Fall Guide
Winter Guide