

Social Insurance Number: SIN



The Social Insurance Number (SIN) is a nine-digit number that you need to work in Canada or to have access to government programs and benefits.

How to Apply

Gather all the required original proof-of-identity documents and take them to the nearest Service Canada point of service.

<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/cgi-bin/sc-srch.cgi?ln=eng>

If everything is in order, you will get your Social Insurance Number at the time of your visit.

Document Information:

Temporary residents:

You must provide **one** of the following primary documents:

Work permit issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC).

OR

Study permit issued by CIC and a **contract of employment** from the learning institution or employer on campus where you obtained authorization to study by CIC (this contract must show the start and end date of employment and these dates must fall within the study permit dates).

AND

Your passport

For more Information please see:
<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/sin/>

How to obtain a new SIN after obtaining Permanent Residency status

1) Go to your nearest Service Canada Centre:

<http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/tbsc-fsco/sc-hme.jsp?lang=eng>

2) Bring your PR card, or if you have not received this yet, then bring along your proof of PR document and a **government issued** photo ID from the province in which you live (**OR YOUR PASSPORT AND PROOF OF PR**).

3) You will be issued with a new Social insurance Number upon this visit

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