

Applying for a Social Insurance Number (SIN)

What is a Social Insurance Number?

A SIN is a 9 digit number unique to you that the Canadian government requires you to have for taxation purposes if you are a worker. Without a SIN, you cannot get paid. You are required to give your employer your SIN at the time that you start working.

You are responsible for protecting your SIN. Ensure that you store documents containing your SIN and personal information in a safe place. For more information about protecting your SIN, please visit https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin/reports/shared-responsibility.html

NOTE: A valid SIN alone does not automatically make you eligible to work on or off campus. You must still meet the eligibility Please visit:

https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/t1261.html

You can apply for a SIN online or by mail (recommended). You can also apply in person at a Service Canada office if you are unable to apply online or by mail.

1. Apply online

Please visit the Service Canada website at: https://sin-nas.canada.ca/en/Sin/ to apply online for a SIN. To apply online you will need to complete an online application form and upload copies of at least 3 different documents:

a valid primary document that proves your identity and legal status in Canada (e.g. study permit, work permit), and

3. Apply in person

Service Canada Centres are gradually reopening to help serve most Canadians within 100km of where they live and to support clients who are unable to apply online or by mail. To request an appointment, please use the online service request form which you can find at: https://eservices.canada.ca/en/service/

Find out if your local Service Canada Centre is open by visiting: http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/tbsc-fsco/sc-hme.jsp?lang=eng

How can I request an amendment to my study permit so that I can obtain a SIN?

Visit https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/application-forms-guides/request-amend-record-landing-confirmation-permanent-residence-valid-temporary-resident-documents.html