



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

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>