



British Columbia Medical Services Plan (BCMSP) Applying Online

Students staying in BC for 6 months or longer are required to enroll in the British Columbia Medical Services Plan (BCMSP). You are required to apply for MSP online, by mail or in person at a ServiceBC location once you have arrived in BC.

Online application instructions

Step 1 Visit <https://my.gov.bc.ca/msp/application/prepare> and check your eligibility.

Please note: if you will be employed as a Teaching Assistant (TA) or Tutor Marker (TM) at SFU, you should enroll in SFU's MSP Group Plan. Please see <http://www.sfu.ca/human-resources/tssu.html> for more information. If you are a Research Assistant (RA) at SFU, please check with your grant holder to see if MSP is included.

Your Information

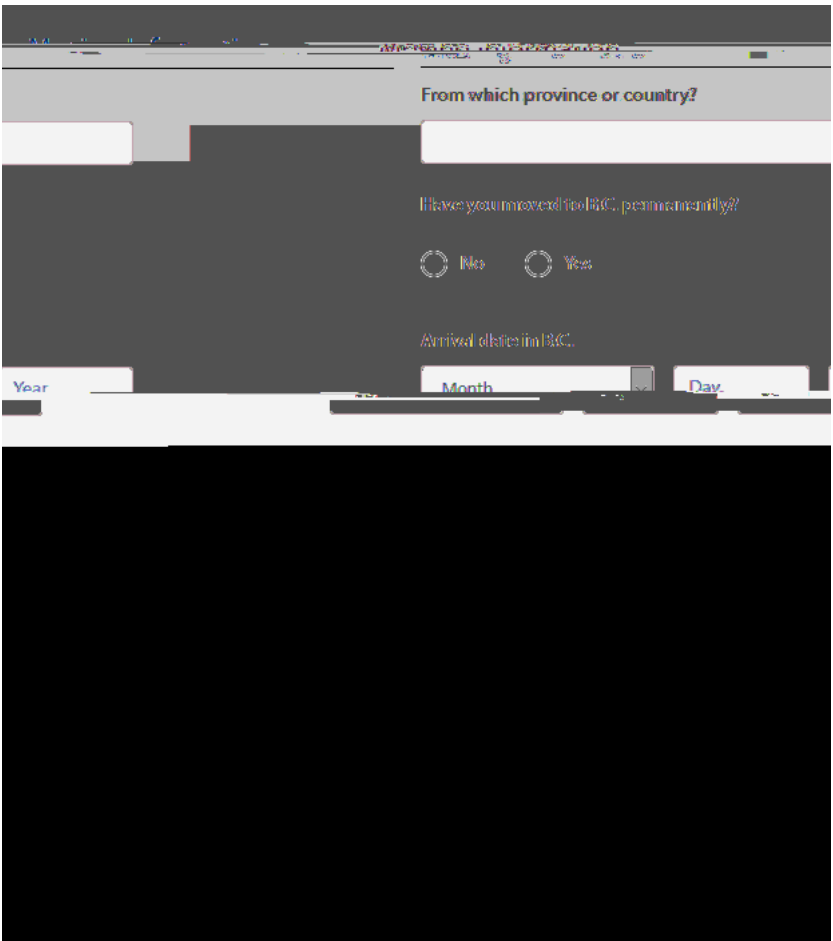
Enter your legal name, birthdate and gender.

First name

Middle name (optional)

Last name

Birthdate



Once you have completed the 'Personal Info' section of the form, you may add your spouse or common-law partner and dependent children to your application. If you are not adding a spouse, common-law partner or children to your application, click [Continue](#)

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When will my MSP coverage become active?

New BC residents must complete a wait period consisting of the balance of the month in which they arrived in BC plus two additional months before their coverage will become active. Please visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents/eligibility-and-enrolment/how-to-enrol/coverage-wait-period> for more information.

How long will my MSP be valid?

Your MSP coverage will be valid until the expiration date of your primary immigration document (i.e. your study permit if you are a student or work permit if you are in Canada as a worker).

What is the cost of MSP?

Please visit the MSP website for more information: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents>

What happens after I apply?

Once your application has been processed, MSP will send you a welcome letter at the mailing address indicated on your application for enrollment confirming your active coverage. Please allow 2-4 weeks for processing.