



First Few Weeks Checklist

ORIENTATIONS:

- Neighbourhood
- Public transit
- Grocery shopping
- City, town and local area
- Sponsor group – who is who?
- Sponsor roles and responsibilities
- Sponsor's expectations of newcomers
- Duration (end of sponsorship)
- Review important documents

REGISTRATIONS:

- Apply for SIN - (if not received at airport)
- Register children in school
- Register for ESL assessment, then classes
- Get cell phone(s)
- Get library card(s)
- Register for Recreation Subsidy (E.g. Toronto Welcome Policy)
- Apply for Ontario Photo Card or Driver's Licenses at ServiceOntario
- Provide binders etc. and make copies of important documents
- Request address and income confirmation letters from AURA if not already provided
- Other:

FINANCES:

- Open bank account
Request mailed bank statement for OHIP proof of address if they do not have a lease
- Explain sponsorship funds/budget
- Set up online banking
- Provide AURA/the Church with banking details - Ensure disbursements begin
- If there are children:
Apply for Canada Child Benefit (CCB)
- If there are no children:
Apply for HST/GST credit, OTB etc.

HEALTH:

- Apply for OHIP at ServiceOntario
Ensure you have required proof of address
- Arrange Family Doctor
- Arrange Dentist
- Apply for Healthy Smiles Ontario (children)
- Explain IFHP coverage/duration
- Explain walk-in clinics/emergency room

OTHER (ADD YOUR OWN):

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