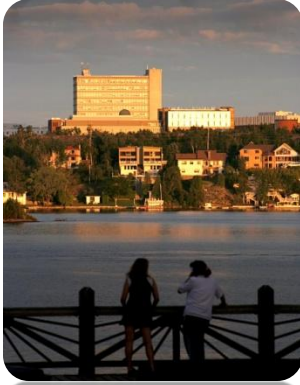














Moving to Greater Sudbury: Checklist








To ensure you are well prepared for your move, stay, and first few months in Greater Sudbury, use the following checklist to track important tasks.

The mysudbury [Newcomers portal](#) is full of useful links and information to help you check off the items on this list.
















Before You Arrive:

-  Make sure you have a valid travel document, a [Canadian Immigrant Visa](#) and confirmation of [Permanent Residence](#) for you and each family member coming with you. Leave photocopies with someone at home that can send them to you in case yours are misplaced.
-  Check the [Citizenship and Immigration Canada](#) website for a list of other necessary travel documents for your move.
-  Check the [Citizenship and Immigration Canada](#) website for a list of items that you cannot bring into Canada.
-  It is recommended that you save enough money to cover living expenses for up to six months. This includes, rent, food, etc.
-  Pack clothes suitable for all weather; cold, cool, warm, hot and wet.
-  Book a few nights in a [hotel or motel](#) somewhere in town before you arrive.
-  Review jobs in the area and try to arrange interviews with potential employers.
-  Try to have your foreign educational and work credentials [recognized in Canada](#). Bring all educational and work credentials with you.
-  Have your resume, cover letter, diplomas, degrees, records and letters of recommendation translated to both official languages: English and French.
-  Learn as much French and English as you can. Focus on the basics for now.
-  Exchange some money for Canadian currency to assist you when you arrive.
-  Notify your bank that you will be using your credit and bank cards in Canada so they do not suspect fraud when your cards are used in another country.

When You Arrive:

-  Contact the [Sudbury Multicultural Folk Arts Association](#), 196 Van Horne Street, Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 1E5, 1-877-444-0414. Research [other services](#) that may help you. There are many groups and organizations in the Greater Sudbury area that are eager to help you to settle into life in the City. Whether you need help finding your way around, getting your affairs in order or just want to meet new people, there's a group for you!
-  Exchange your money for Canadian currency at a [bank](#).
-  Apply for Ontario's publicly funded basic health care, the [Ontario Health Insurance Plan \(OHIP\)](#). This process may take a few weeks so make sure to apply right away.
-  Apply for the [Interim Federal Health \(IFH\) Program](#), a health insurance program that will cover you until you are approved by OHIP. This may take a few weeks and should be filed right away.
-  Apply for a [Social Insurance Number \(SIN\)](#), a requirement to work in Canada. This process may take a few weeks so it's important to get it filed right away.

Your First Month:

-  Obtain a map of Greater Sudbury to familiarize yourself with the different areas of the City.
-  Consider taking our public bus service called [Sudbury Transit](#), which runs throughout Greater Sudbury.
-  Open a bank account at a local branch.
-  Look for permanent accommodations.
-  Set up essential services such as telephone, and vehicle, tenant, life, and other insurances.
-  Register your children in school as soon as possible.
-  Find a family doctor and dentist.
-  Apply for the [Canada Child Tax Benefit](#), a tax-free government monthly payment to help with the cost of raising a child under the age of 18.
-  Apply for an [Ontario Driver's Licence](#).
-  If you have or buy a vehicle, make sure to get it insured and get a [valid registration](#).
-  Visit the [Greater Sudbury Public Library](#) and learn about the programs offered. You may also find material in several languages or find English and French language educational materials. You can also use the public computers and Internet.
-  Keep looking for a job.
-  Register for a French or English Language course. Call 705-675-8405 for information on FREE [Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada](#).
-  [Volunteer](#) to gain Canadian work experience.
-  Attend [community events](#) to meet people and get a feel for the City.

Good luck on your journey!