

WHAT IT IS AND HOW TO OBTAIN YOUR SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER (SIN) IN CANADA AS A TEMPORARY RESIDENT

WHAT IS THE SIN NUMBER?

It is a unique number that the government provides to keep a record of your taxes, work, and benefits. It is assigned to one person and cannot be used by another one.



HOW DO I GET MY SIN NUMBER?

You can apply online, by mail or in person. Follow these simple steps to complete the process in person, as applying in a different way might take longer to obtain it.

1. GATHER YOUR DOCUMENTS

You need: identification document (passport), work permit issued by IRCC, and TRP if applicable. They must be presented in their original form and must be valid.



2. SERVICE CANADA OFFICE

Find the closest Service Canada office at this link:
<https://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/tbsc-fsco/sc-hme.jsp?lang=eng>

3. GO OR SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Go to the Service Canada office to be assisted on a first-come, first-served basis. In some offices, you can request an appointment through the following link:
<https://eservices.canada.ca/en/service/>



4. GIVE THE DOCUMENTS AND RECEIVE YOUR SIN

Give your documents to the officer, and if everything is in order, they will give you your SIN during your visit.



5. CHECK YOUR SIN

Before leaving the Service Canada office, make sure your information is correct on the document issued by the officer.



6. PROTECT YOUR SIN

Your SIN is confidential, and you should only share it when necessary, such as starting a job or dealing with official matters. NEVER share it over the phone or in text messages, as this is how criminals attempt fraud.

