

First Few Weeks Checklist

ORIENTATIONS:

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

REGISTRATIONS:

- SIN – (if not received at airport)
- School registration for children
- ESL assessment, then classes
- Get cell phone(s)
- Get library card(s)
- Recreation subsidy (e.g., Toronto Welcome Policy)
- Transit subsidy (e.g., TTC Fair Pass)
- Ontario Photo Card or Driver's Licenses
- Provide binders etc. and make copies of important documents
- Request address and income confirmation letters from AURA if not already provided

FINANCES:

- Open bank account
- Explain sponsorship funds/budget
- Set up online banking
- Provide AURA/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

HEALTH:

- Apply for OHIP at Service Ontario. Make sure you have all the required documents (Proof of PR status, Identity, Residency)
- Arrange a family doctor
- Arrange a dentist
- Apply for Healthy Smiles (children)
- Explain IFHP coverage & duration
- Explain walk-in clinics/emergency room

OTHER (Add your own):

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