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Worked example: First-week timeline

One way to order the week, and the official facts behind the order. Your week may look different.

1. **Day 1 or 2: SIN**
   Service Canada: you need a SIN to work in Canada; temporary residents' SINs start with 9 and expire with their immigration documents. Source [1]

2. **Day 2: bank account**
   FCAC: the bank must confirm your identity and you must provide original identification, not copies. Source [2]

3. **Day 1: health coverage application**
   Ontario: no waiting period for OHIP, apply as soon as you arrive. BC: apply for MSP as soon as you arrive. Source [3], [4]

4. **Day 1: cover any gap**
   BC: coverage may start three months after your arrival; get private health insurance while you wait. Source [4]

5. **Day 1: copies of documents**
   Do this before you carry originals around to appointments.

6. **Day 3: student ID and timetable**
   Often needed for campus services and transit discounts.

7. **Day 2: phone plan**
   A local number helps with bank, SIN and landlord contact.

8. **Day 6 or 7: practice route**
   A weekend ride, at the time your classes start, shows you how long it takes.

A SAMPLE WEEK

Day 1: 3, 4, 5	**Day 2: 1, 2, 7**
Day 3: 6	**Day 4: catch-up**
Day 5: catch-up	**Day 6: 8**
Day 7: rest	**Later: follow up on health card**

Notes and questions

HOW WE CHECKED THESE ANSWERS

Facts come from Service Canada, FCAC, Ontario and BC pages read on 2026-11-28. The order is a suggestion, not a rule.

Sources (official pages, read on 2026-11-28): [1] Service Canada, Social Insurance Number: https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin.html (checked 2026-11-28). **[2]** FCAC, Opening a bank account: https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/services/banking/opening-bank-account.html (checked 2026-11-28). **[3]** Ontario, Apply for OHIP and get a health card: https://www.ontario.ca/page/apply-ohip-and-get-health-card (checked 2026-11-28). **[4]** BC, How to enrol in MSP: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents/eligibility-and-enrolment/how-to-enrol (checked 2026-11-28).