Leaving Canada after your studies: tax and money checklist

What CRA asks of someone who moves away: your departure date, who to tell, the last return and what happens to a TFSA. Residency after you leave is decided by your ties, so read CRA's page first.

NAME _____ DATE _____

MY DATES

- [ ] Date I leave Canada: [date]
- [ ] Date I become a resident of the country I move to: [date]
- [ ] Spouse, partner or dependants leaving on: [date or not applicable]
- [ ] My likely non-residency date, using CRA's rule: [date]

WHO I TELL

- [ ] My bank(s), that I am no longer a resident: [bank, date told]
- [ ] Each employer or payer still paying me: [name, date told]
- [ ] CRA, my departure date (even if I do not file): [date told, how]
- [ ] School and student union, for fees, U-Pass and health plan refunds: [date]
- [ ] Provincial health plan, if I had one: [date]

MY LAST RETURN

- [ ] Tax year I leave: [year] · province I lived in on my departure date: [province]
- [ ] Departure date entered on page 1 of the return: [yes or no]
- [ ] Slips still to arrive by mail or online (T4, tuition slip, interest): [list]
- [ ] Mailing address or online account where I will get CRA mail: [address or CRA My Account]
- [ ] Benefit payments I should stop: [list]

ACCOUNTS I KEEP

- [ ] TFSA: keep or close · I stop contributing once I am a non-resident: [noted]
- [ ] Property worth more than the T1161 threshold on CRA's page: [yes or no]
- [ ] Canadian bank account I keep open, if any, and why: [notes]
- [ ] Phone number I keep or port: [notes]

Replace every [bracket] with your own words.

SOURCES (CHECKED 2026-11-26)

Check current details on the official page.
https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/international-non-residents/individuals-leaving-entering-canada-non-residents/leaving-canada-emigrants.html (checked 2026-11-26)