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## Guide Social Insurance Number (SIN) Newfoundland and Labrador

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Your Social Insurance Number (SIN) is a unique identifier required to work in Canada, access government programs, and file taxes. Below, we provide key steps and tips to help you understand what the SIN is, the documents you need, how to apply, and important precautions when handling your information.

This guide was prepared in 2025 and is intended to give you a general overview. **Please always verify the information on official Government of Canada websites**, as specific requirements may apply to your situation, and procedures may change over time.

### 1. What is a Social Insurance Number

It is a 9-digit number that you need to work in Canada and/or to access government programs and benefits. It is very important and can be equivalent to what in some Latin American countries is the number of the identity document, a social security card or other similar ones.

There is no fee to obtain it, and you can do it online, in person or by mail. You must renew it before the expiration date. You must have a valid work or study permit or have a diplomatic passport. If you change from temporary to permanent resident or if you obtain citizenship, you will have to report it and you will probably get a new social security number and more benefits. Read the website of the [Government of Canada - Social Insurance Number](#) to corroborate the information and if you have any questions.

## 2. Documentation

Depending on your immigration status, you will be asked for different documentation that proves that you can work legally in the country and that it has been issued by the IRCC; You will also need to show secondary documentation that corroborates your legal name and date of birth, such as a passport.

Any documentation must be legal, legible, original and not expired.

- **Temporary residents:** Work permits are issued by IRCC, and/or study permits issued by IRCC, along with your university's employment contract.

In addition, you will need to show your passport, or any other documentation issued by the Canadian provincial or federal government that contains your legal full name and date of birth.

- **Permanent residents** Your permanent resident card issued by IRCC, confirmation of your permanent residence issued by IRCC, your landing record if it was issued by CIC before June 28, 2002 (for more information read [Requirement Documents](#)).

In addition, you will need to show your passport, or any other documentation issued by the Canadian provincial or federal government that contains your legal full name and date of birth.

## 3. Applications

You'll need to fill out a form online, by mail, or in person. The procedure is not very complicated. If you have questions about how to do it online, go to the nearest Service Canada office to complete the process in person. More Information read [Apply, update or obtain a SIN confirmation](#)

There they will provide you with all the necessary help. To apply Online Read this information and then register for the [My Service Canada \(MSCA\)](#). Digital copies must be clear, legible and show the documentation in its entirety (including the edges and its back if there is information there).

**To apply by mail:** Read this [information](#) first and then download Form GC-NAS2120. Please note that Service Canada is not responsible if documentation



is lost.

**You must send it to this address:**

Service Canada Social Insurance Registration  
Office PO Box 7000 Bathurst NB E2A 4T1  
Canada

**Carefully review** all the documentation and data you filled out on the form.  
You can call 1-866-274-6627 (toll-free from Canada) for help completing it.

**To apply in person:** You can find a Service Canada office closest to your address in this official search engine. There you can ask someone to help you fill out the form. Bring all the original documentation or you will have to come back another day.

## 4. Very Important

**Who can apply for the SIN?** Only your employer (when you have signed a contract), your bank to take out an account or take out a loan, or Canadian government agencies can request it.

**How to protect it?** Always keep the original confirmation letter and keep it in a safe place.

**Beware of scams:** Do not share your SIN number with anyone over the phone or online. [Service Canada](#) or any government agency will never ask you.

Be wary of calls from anonymous phones or dubious names telling you that you committed fraud or another crime or that Service Canada is going to deport you and then ask for this number or agencies that offer to find you a job.

## 5. Official Information

Read the official SIN information on the [Service Canada website](#) Or call toll-free from Canada: 1-800-206-7218.

**We hope this information is helpful in your process of coming to live in Newfoundland and Labrador!**