Let’s apply for MSP together

What do you need?

1. A scanned copy or a digital photo of your study permit
2. A computer, preferred, or a cellphone

Where should you start?

1. Apply online at my.gov.bc.ca/msp/application/prepare
Step One

Apply for MSP

1 Check Eligibility

If you already have Medical Services Plan services, you do not have to submit a new Application for MSP Card.

See if you qualify for plan.

Do you currently live in British Columbia?

Yes  No

Continue

Information collection notice

Keep your personal information secure – especially when using a shared device like a computer at a library, school or cafe. To delete any information that was entered, either complete the application and submit it or, if you don’t finish, close the web browser.

Need to take a break and come back later? The data you enter on this form is saved locally to the computer or device you are using until you close the web browser or submit your application.

Information in this application is collected by the Ministry of Health under section 26(a), (c) and (e) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to determine eligibility for provincial health care benefits in BC and administer Premium Assistance. Should you have any questions about the collection of this personal information please contact Health Insurance BC.

I have read and understand this information

Continue

← Check the box and click continue
Step Two

Apply for MSP

1 Check Eligibility 2 Personal Info 3 Contact Info 4 Review & Submit

If you already have Medical Services Plan (MSP) coverage and received a letter notifying you to renew your BC Services Card, you do not have to submit a new Application for MSP Enrolment; you only need to renew your BC Services Card. Follow the instructions on the letter to renew your card.

See if you qualify for public health care in B.C.

Do you currently live in British Columbia (i.e. Do you have an address here)?

Yes  No

Will you or anyone in your immediate family (included on this application) be away from B.C. for more than 30 days in total over the next six months?

Yes  No

Is anyone you’re applying for

- A student returning to your home province at the end of a course or program; or
- A minor (under the age of 16) who needs to have their own individual account; or
- Seeking refugee status and is not approved yet

Yes  No

[Continue]
Step Three

Apply for MSP

Tell us about who is applying and upload official documents

Main Applicant (Account Holder)

Your Status in Canada
- Canadian citizen
- Permanent resident
- Temporary permit holder or diplomat
  - Working in B.C.
  - Studying in B.C.
  - Religious worker
- Diplomat

Your ID requirements
- You need to include one of the following with your application:
  - Study permit [Open sample]
- Has your name changed since your ID was issued due to marriage or a legal name change? If so, include one or more of the following:
  - Marriage Certificate [Open sample]
  - Legal Name Change Certificate [Open sample]

Upload your documents
- Scan the document, or take a photo of it. Make sure that it's:
  - The entire document, from corner to corner
  - At least 1000 pixels wide x 1500 pixels tall
  - Rotated correctly (not upside down or sideways)
  - In focus and easy to read
  - A JPG, PNG, GIF or BMP file (not a PDF)

Select a file

Please upload required ID documents

You can upload more than one document [if applicable]
Step Three

You can add other family members [if applicable]

Answer “Yes” here to ensure your application is processed as a resident of BC

Answer “No” here because this triggers another set of questions which you will not be able to answer accurately

Answer “Yes” here because at this time you may not be sure of your future residency plans
Step Four

Check the box as your MSP card and monthly invoices will be mailed to this address.
Step Five

Review your application

Applicant info

- Name: Jane Doe
- Gender: Female
- Birthdate: September 17th, 1981
- Status in Canada: Temporary permit holder or diplomat > Studying in B.C.
- Date arrived in B.C.: July 23rd, 2019
- Date arrived in Canada: July 23rd, 2019
- Moved from country: Ireland
- Full-time student: Yes
- Will you reside in B.C. upon completion of your studies: Yes
- Released from Canadian Armed Forces or an institution: No
Step Five

Contact info

Residential address: 2E Lake Street
Vancouver, British Columbia, V5M 4R5
Canada

Phone number: 604-555-5555

Authorize your application

I have received information about MSP and agree to abide by its terms and conditions. I understand the information I have given is collected under the authority of the Medicare Protection Act and may be used to assess eligibility for other Ministry of Health programs, and that practitioners who provide service(s) under MSP are required under the Medicare Protection Act to release information relative to those services to MSP to support claims for benefits.

I declare that all information provided is true and I understand that the Ministry of Health and/or Health Insurance BC may verify this information with immigration authorities, law enforcement authorities and other public authorities, agencies and persons, as appropriate.

I agree to keep my address up to date with Health Insurance BC, notifying them of any changes within 10 days of moving. I declare that all persons listed are residents of British Columbia. Resident means a person who is a citizen of Canada or is lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence, who makes his or her home in British Columbia, and is physically present in British Columbia for at least six months in a calendar year, or a shorter prescribed period, and includes a person who is deemed under the regulations to be a resident, but does not include a tourist or visitor to British Columbia.

Jane Doe, do you agree?

[ ] Yes, I agree

✓ Correct, you can submit your application now.

Submit Application