

Your Ultimate Canadian Study Journey Checklist

12-9 Months Before Departure:

- Research and shortlist programs
- Check program requirements and deadlines
- Register for IELTS/TOEFL exam
- Start saving or arrange funding
- Prepare academic documents for translation
- Create a budget plan

8-6 Months Before:

- Take IELTS/TOEFL exam
- Get academic documents translated
- Apply to chosen institutions (3-5 recommended)
- Prepare Statement of Purpose
- Request recommendation letters
- Start gathering financial documents

5-4 Months Before:

- Receive and accept offer letter
- Pay tuition deposit
- Apply for study permit
- Arrange for GIC (if required)
- Get medical examination
- Apply for housing

3-2 Months Before:

- Book flights
- Get travel insurance
- Arrange airport pickup
- Join student groups
- Pack according to Canadian weather

1 Month Before:

- Exchange currency
- Get international driving permit
- Make copies of all documents
- Inform bank of travel
- Pack essential items

Required Documents Checklist:

Academic Documents:

- HSC certificate and marksheet
- SSC certificate and marksheet
- All college/university transcripts
- School leaving certificates

Identity Documents:

- Valid passport
- Birth certificate
- National ID card
- Driver's license (if applicable)

Financial Documents:

- Bank statements (6 months)
- GIC confirmation
- Scholarship letter (if applicable)
- Education loan documents
- Sponsor documents (if applicable)

Study Permit Documents:

- Letter of acceptance
- Study permit application
- Passport photos
- Police clearance certificate
- Medical examination results
- Proof of funds
- Letter of explanation

Travel Documents:

- Valid passport
- Study permit
- Travel insurance
- Flight tickets
- Accommodation details
- Airport pickup confirmation

Essential Items to Pack:

Documents Folder:

- All original documents
- Multiple photocopies
- Passport photos
- Emergency contacts

Clothing:

- Winter jacket
- Thermal wear
- Warm socks
- Winter boots
- Business casual attire
- Traditional Bengali clothing

Electronics:

- Laptop/tablet
- Power adapters
- Phone
- Chargers

Medical:

- Prescription medicines
- Medical records
- Eyeglasses/contacts
- First aid kit

Budget Planning:**Initial Expenses:**

- Flight tickets: \$1,500-2,000 CAD
- Housing deposit: \$500-1,000 CAD
- First month's rent: \$800-1,500 CAD
- Basic furniture: \$500-1,000 CAD
- Winter clothing: \$500-800 CAD
- Phone setup: \$50-100 CAD
- Internet setup: \$100-150 CAD
- Emergency fund: \$2,000 CAD

Monthly Budget:

- Rent: \$800-1,500 CAD
- Utilities: \$100-200 CAD
- Food: \$400-600 CAD
- Transportation: \$100-150 CAD
- Phone/Internet: \$100-150 CAD
- Entertainment: \$100-200 CAD
- Books/Supplies: \$100-200 CAD

Important Contacts:

- YouCanada Immigration: +1-800-555-0199
- University/College international office
- Local Bangladesh consulate
- Emergency contacts in Canada
- Emergency contacts in Bangladesh
- Local Bengali community groups

Pre-Departure To-Do:

- Join university/college social media groups
- Connect with current students
- Research local Bengali communities
- Learn basic French (if applicable)
- Understand Canadian banking system
- Research part-time job opportunities
- Learn about Canadian culture and customs

First Week in Canada:

- Get SIN (Social Insurance Number)
- Open bank account
- Get phone plan
- Attend orientation
- Meet international student advisor
- Register for classes
- Buy textbooks
- Explore campus
- Learn public transportation
- Join student clubs

Remember:

- Keep digital copies of all documents
- Follow application deadlines strictly
- Stay in touch with YouCanada Immigration
- Join pre-departure orientations
- Network with other students
- Research Canadian weather
- Learn about student rights
- Understand healthcare coverage