

Pre-arrival Information

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Canadian Visa/Study Permit:

Find out if you need a visa or eTA: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

- How to apply for study permit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/apply.html>
- Find out if you need biometrics: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/biometrics.asp>
- Check application processing time: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/check-processing-times.html>
- Any questions or updates regarding Canadian visa/study permit, please check out [IRCC site](#)

Note: CMTN staff cannot represent you or provide you with legal advice, but we can help you navigate the Citizenship and Immigration Canada Website. Section 91 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act states that only a bona fide Immigration Consultant or a lawyer can aid with your immigration application or proceedings.

What's next after my Visa/Study Permit is approved?

You may register for courses available at this point, ideally registering prior to your arrival in Canada!

In order to register for courses, you will need to email us a scanned copy of your immigration visa, which is also known as your Temporary Resident Visa (TRV). TRV is a sticker-like Canadian immigration document pasted on your passport page.

Please email a scanned copy of your TRV (visa) to jlim@coastmountaincollege.ca, **include your CMTN student number and date of birth in the email subject title to avoid delay** and allow 3-4 working days to process. To better assist you, do not send us the same email inquiry more than once.

If you have not received a copy of your TRV at this point, our Registrar's Office is **unable** to register for you. Please email us a scanned copy of your TRV as soon as you received it (include your student number and Date of Birth in the email).

All course sections are based on first-come first served basis. Please contact your local Educational Advisor, Lori Knorr or our international student advisor, Jieni Lim for more details

- Lori Knorr T: 1.877.277.2288 Extension: 5824 E: lnorr@coastmountaincollege.ca
- Jieni Lim T: 1877.277.2288 Extension: 5741 E: jlim@coastmountaincollege.ca

Important notice: Students are required to physically attend and show up in all the registered sections by **May 12, 2019**. Students who arrive later than May 12, 2019 will be STRICTLY withdrawn from registered classes.

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Accommodations

Coast Mountain College Student Housing

You must complete and submit a Smithers Campus Housing Application Form and include the non-refundable application fee of \$25.00. For more information visit our website:

<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/accommodation/housing/apply>

Please note that the space is **limited** and it is on a **first-come first-serve** basis. **The move-in date for May 2019 term will be on April 29, 2019.** Students arriving earlier than will need to find other accommodation at their own cost. *There is no bedding provided in the student housing, you will need to provide your bed linens, pillows, blankets or quilt.*

- Contact Richard Joseph T: 1.877.277.2288 Extension: 5814
- Contact Veronica Chinchilla T: 1.877.277.2288 Extension: 5266
| E: residence@coastmountaincollege.ca

Other housing options:

KIJJI: <https://www.kijiji.ca/b-real-estate/smithers/smithers/k0c34l1700311>

Join Facebook group: "Smithers and Area Accommodations"

Varagesale: <https://www.varagesale.com/smithers-bc-buy-and-sell/c/more-categories/real-estate/for-rent>

Math Assessment (if applicable)

It is **mandatory** for some students to write for a Math Assessment upon arrival. **Please refer to your acceptance letter to see if you need to write it.** If you are required to write for one, you **MUST** schedule a math assessment upon arrival in Smithers campus. **The assessment must be written no later than May 09, 2019.** Assessments can be scheduled through the front office, you are advised to schedule it as soon as possible. Missing the deadline will cause course deferral.

You have a maximum of two times to write the assessment. Students who are unsuccessful on the assessment must register in MATH 0401/0402. There is an additional fee for Math 0401/0402, approximately CND \$1600- \$1700 per term plus material fees. If you are not able to complete or pass the course in one term, you may be required to extend for another term which will cost additional course fees.

For more information regarding Math assessment and upgrading, please contact our Learning Assistance Specialist on the Smithers Campus, Rich De Rooy

- Contact Rich De Rooy T: 1.877.277.2288 Ext. 5845 E: rderooy@coastmountaincollege.ca

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Airport Arrival

Please make sure your final destination is Smithers Regional Airport (Airport code: YYD). You may transit or layover in Vancouver International Airport (YVR) but do not land in YVR as your final destination. YVR is located 1407 kilometers away from Smithers will take 13-14 hour drive. **Please ensure you arrive in the correct airport; plan ahead and accordingly.**

Check the baggage policy in advance, you might need to pay extra fees for checked baggage. Will suggest bringing some Canadian Dollars cash before you come or you can get money exchange at Vancouver Airport (YVR) if needed.

On arrival at YYD (Smithers airport), you can call a taxi service to get you to Downtown. It takes approximately 10 mins to get to Downtown and costs around \$18 - \$20.00 per trip. Bring some Canadian Dollars cash with you to pay for taxi or you may pay with your valid credit card (visa/Mastercard).

Ideally, you can call in advance to book a taxi one or two days before your arrival to ensure the pick-up. You may provide your arrival time and flight number during taxi booking.

Smithers local taxi (BV Taxi Service) – Phone number: +1 250.847.2306

May 2019 New Student Orientation

Save the date! Orientation will be on **Friday, May 3, 2019** at the Smithers campus. Students are required to attend orientation sessions. We will introduce you to other students and faculty, and help you navigate and understand how things work at the College.

There is an *International Information Session* which primarily focuses to provide important information for international students regarding medical insurance, study permits, work on-/off campus, campus life and much more.

Smithers Campus Address PO Box 3606 3966 2nd Avenue Smithers BC V0J 2N0

When's my program start date and when should I arrive in Smithers?

Our Business Administration program (both Business Administration Diploma and Post Degree Business Diploma) for May 2019 starts on Monday May 06, 2019 at the Smithers Campus. The best time to arrive in Smithers is approximately one week before the program starts. As the new student orientation will be on May 03, 2019 and the international health insurance (Guard.me) coverage will come into effect on April 29 2019. Arriving earlier than that, you are responsible to purchase for your own insurance coverage.

Plus, if you are applying to stay at Smithers student housing, the move-in date is on April 29, 2019. Arriving earlier than that, you will need to look for temporary housing at your own cost.

Thus, **the best time to arrive in Smithers is one week before the start of the program, which is between April 29, 2019 and May 03, 2019.**

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Library/Bookstore information

Campus library

- List of Library resources and services: <https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/campus-facilities/library>
- Bookstore hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
- Library hours:

Monday	9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday	9:30 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesday	9:30 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday	9:30 am - 4:00 pm

CMTN's Bike Share Program: There are two bikes and helmets available on the Smithers campus. All you need is a CMTN library card and you can check out a bicycle. Visit the Library for more information.

Smithers Public Library

Hours of Operations:

- Monday and Wednesday 12:00 pm–5:00pm
 - Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 pm –9:00pm
 - Friday 12:00pm –5:00pm
 - Saturday 10:30–5:00pm
 - Sunday closed
- Website: <https://smithers.bc.libraries.coop/>

Local bus transit

Most of the places in Smithers are walking distance.

Smithers BC Transit On-Request

On-Request offers pick-up and drop-off service as an extension of a fixed-route. Any location within your transit system qualifies. All customers are eligible to use this service.

On-Request service is limited to two per trip. Priority is given to the first to call and people with mobility challenges.

Pick-up: Call 24 hours ahead to book. Bookings received less than 24 hours ahead will be subject to availability.

Drop-off: Ask the driver when you board.

On-Request Contact Call 250-847-4993 | Monday to Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Hours of Operation Monday to Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm | Saturday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

- Check out schedules and routes: <https://www.bctransit.com/smithers/schedules-and-maps>
- Bus fares: <https://bctransit.com/smithers/fares>
- Smithers rider's guides: <https://bctransit.com/smithers/schedules-and-maps/riders-guide>

[Information may subject to change, please refer to [Smithers BC transit site](#) for more updates]

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Leisure/ Activities/ Local Events

- Check out Tourism Smithers: <http://www.tourismsmithers.com/>

Medical Insurance (**Guard.me and MSP**)

All international students will need to apply for MSP (Medical Service Plan) as soon as you arrive in Canada as MSP processing time might take up to three months.

Designed to coincide with the waiting period for MSP, all new international students are covered for 100 days in BC by Guard.me international insurance. **Your Guard.me fee would be included in your program fee when you register for your first term. The Guard.me coverage begins up to 7 calendar days before the start of your program.**

If you plan to arrive more than 7 days before the start of the program, you are responsible for additional health insurance coverage.

What is MSP?

MSP is BC's provincial health insurance plan. Anyone who is living in BC for six months or longer (including international students) is required by law to enroll in MSP and pay the plan's premiums. Monthly premiums determined by BC government and billed directly to students. Check out the monthly rates:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents/premiums>

Why do I need MSP?

MSP covers the cost of basic medical care within Canada, including most physicians and hospital services. In most cases, you will not have to pay at the time you seek medical care when you show your BC Services Card. MSP does not cover dental care, prescription drugs, routine vision care (such as eye examinations or corrective lenses), or travel.

When should I apply and how?

You will need to apply for MSP as soon as you arrive in Canada. You can apply for MSP online, in person or by mail when you arrive in Canada. Use the option that works best for you. Application options: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents/eligibility-and-enrolment/how-to-enrol#applyonline>

CMTN will set up an MSP application section during the new student orientation day. So, you may also apply during the new student orientation day (May 03, 2019), bring your study permit with you for MSP application!

Contact Us:

International Student Services & Advising

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