

SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE BC NEWCOMER SERVICES PROGRAM (BCNSP)

Information Sheet on Supports for Naturalized Canadian Citizens



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A Naturalized Canadian Citizen is a person who has become a Canadian citizen through a formal naturalization process.

SETTLEMENT SERVICES

- Settlement services are programs and services that can help newcomers to Canada.
- The Province of BC funds settlement services through the BC Newcomer Services Program (BCNSP).
- BCNSP is offered by community service providers across the province.
- Settlement workers at these organizations can often provide help in a newcomer's first language in addition to English and/or French.
- Settlement services offered through BCNSP are free.

BCNSP OVERVIEW

- BCNSP helps Naturalized Canadian Citizens adjust to life and work in Canada.
- Naturalized Canadian Citizens can receive supports such as help with settling in Canada, learning English, and finding a job.
- Services may vary by organization, but often include one-to-one information, workshops, and referral to other services as needed.
- External providers supporting Naturalized Canadian Citizens in need of settlement services are encouraged to refer their clients to a local BCNSP service provider.

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SERVICES AVAILABLE

GENERAL SETTLEMENT SERVICES

- Information about life in their new community and support connecting with community members
- Immigration application information and help completing non-immigration related forms
- Short-term non-clinical counseling
- Referrals to other services as needed

LABOUR MARKET SERVICES

- Information about the local job market and workplace culture
- Short-term pre-employment training and help accessing external employment programs
- Help with job search and career planning
- Information on workplace rights and safety
- Support if an employer is not following workplace safety or employment standards

LANGUAGE SERVICES

- Informal language practice
- Formal English language training for those who meet all the following criteria:
 - a) live outside of Metro Vancouver
 - b) are actively seeking employment
 - c) English Language training through public post-secondary institutions is not available or does not meet their needs

Available services may vary by location.

Contact your local BCNSP service provider for more information

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DIRECTORY OF SERVICE PROVIDERS

To access services near you, check out this Provincial Directory of BCNSP service providers.

Reach out to your local community service provider to schedule an appointment or to obtain more information and resources.



SCAN FOR DIRECTORY OR GO TO:
<https://www.welcomebc.ca/Start-Your-Life-in-BC/Settlement-Services#ServicesForTRs>

ELIGIBILITY

- Naturalized Canadian Citizens with language barriers can receive settlement services through BCNSP.
- Spouse and/or dependent family members of any immigration status can also receive settlement services through BCNSP.

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