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## How to Apply for BC Medical Services Plan (MSP)

All eligible residents who are living in British Columbia for 6 months or longer, including international students, are required to enroll in the BC MSP Plan. You are recommended to enroll as soon as you arrive in BC.

The BC MSP Plan is effective on the fourth month of a newcomer's arrival in BC. To cover the MSP waiting period, international students must obtain private medical insurance for the first three months of their arrival in Canada. At VCC, we enroll new international students in the ~~gib~~ ~~gib~~ They are both parts of the basic medical insurance, covering most hospital-required services while you live in BC.

There are three ways to apply for BC MSP:

### Online

You can apply for BC MSP online on their website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/ahdc>

Before you apply, you need to ensure you have the following information:



6. On the white envelope (~~envelope~~) :
  - a. paste a domestic postage stamp on the top right hand corner
  - b. write your return mailing address on the top left hand corner
  - c. write the MSP mailing address in the center of the envelope
  - d. seal the envelope
  - e. put the envelope in a Canada Post mailbox or to a post office

Mail the completed form to:  
Health Insurance BC  
Medical Services Plan/Fair PharmaCare  
PO Box 9678 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria BC V8W 9P7

How to address an envelope:

Once you submit your MSP application



VCC International  
[ieservices@vcc.ca](mailto:ieservices@vcc.ca)  
[vcc.ca/international](http://vcc.ca/international)

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Mailing Address: Medical Services Plan  
P.O. Box 9035 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E3