If you are the holder of a study permit or a work permit, select ‘Temporary permit holder or diplomat’ and indicate your main activity in Canada.

Since you are currently in Canada as a temporary resident, you may select ‘NO’.

If this is your first time applying for MSP, select ‘NO’.

If you plan to remain in BC following completion of your studies, select ‘YES’. If you do not, select ‘NO’.

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Once you have completed the 'Personal Info' section of the form, you may add your spouse or common-law partner and dependent children to your application. If you are not adding a spouse, common-law partner or children to your application, click "Continue".

Enter your residential address (i.e. the address you live at in BC) in the 'Your Address' section of the online form. If you have a separate mailing address, select 'I want to provide a mailing address that is different from the residential address above' and indicate your mailing address.

Review your application information for accuracy before submitting. Complete authorization of your application and click 'Submit Application'.

Step 3 You will be redirected to a confirmation page once your application has been submitted. Please print this page for your records.

- Your application has been submitted.
  REFERENCE #: 18504
  This is your application reference number.

What happens next:
- Important: Keep your reference number – write it down, or print this page for your records
- Allow 21 business days for your application to be processed
- Once your application is processed, you will get a letter that says whether you’re eligible for MSP. You may have a wait period
- Once you receive your first bill, you can get your BC Services Card. Visit ICBC CF or Service BC to get one

If you have questions about your application, please contact BC MSP directly. Contact information can be found at:
http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents-contact-us

When will my MSP coverage become active?
New BC residents must complete a wait period consisting of the balance of the month in which they arrived in BC plus two additional months before their coverage will become active.

How long will my MSP be valid?
Your MSP coverage will be valid until the expiration date of your study permit or work permit.

What happens after I apply?
Once your application has been processed, MSP will send you a welcome letter at the mailing address indicated on your application for enrollment confirming your active coverage. Shortly thereafter you will be mailed an invoice. You will receive an invoice each month for the MSP premiums you owe for the next month. Following this, you will be mailed your BC Services Card which you will need to show when you visit a doctor.

Can I add my family members (spouse, common-law partner or dependent children) to my MSP plan?
If you and your family members arrive in BC together, you may include them in your initial MSP application by completing the second page of the MSP application for enrollment (if applying by mail) or by adding them when you complete the online application process. If your family members arrive in BC at a later date, you may add them to your MSP account. You can find information about adding family members to your account by visiting http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents/managing-your-msp-account/adding-and-removing-dependents

Can I extend my MSP coverage?
Your MSP coverage expires with your study permit or work permit. After you have received your study or work permit you should apply to extend your MSP coverage. You may apply to extend your coverage online or by mail. You are required to upload a copy of your new permit in the online application. You should apply to extend your MSP before it expires.

Your MSP coverage will no longer be active if you have implied status. If your MSP has expired and you are waiting for your new study or work permit to arrive, please ensure that you purchase short-term primary medical insurance to cover you in the interim. You may purchase guard.me insurance in the short term directly from the guard.me/SFU website. When you have received your new study or work permit, you can apply to renew your coverage online on the BC MSP website. If you have questions, please contact an International Student Advisor.

How can I contact BC MSP?
If you have questions related to your MSP coverage, please contact BC MSP directly. Please visit http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents-contact-us for telephone and mail contact information.

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