

SIN number

To work in Canada international student must have Social Security Number (SIN). Co-op or any part-time jobs require students to have SIN; therefore, it is of paramount importance for you to apply for SIN as soon as possible. You need your proof of identity (most likely passport), proof of address, and Study Permit while you are applying.

Below you can find more information and the link to apply for SIN number.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin.html>

After you apply, if all of your documents are complete you will receive an email, mentioning your application has been processed. Then after 15-20 business days you will receive your SIN. Note that previously SIN was printed on cards, but recently it is just a paper.

MSP

When you first enter Canada SFU provides you with a one-semester insurance, which is called guard me. Guard Me is only for one semester given that you will access to MSP, but the process of getting registered for MSP takes up to 4 months, so you must apply for it (BC medical insurance) as soon as you enter Canada. Note that you may receive your card 21 business days after you apply online.

Below you can find more information on how to apply for MSP.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp/bc-residents/eligibility-and-enrolment/how-to-enrol>

CO-OP Work permit

SFU engineering demands students to have at least 3 co-op semesters (1 year) in order to graduate. Consequently, international students need to apply for Co-op work permit as soon as they can.

Applying for Co-op work permit is similar to applying for study permit, but as you have had given your biometrics before, you do not need to give biometrics again. You need to fill out some forms as well as submitting your proof of identity, study permit and a photo of yourself.

From November 15, 2022, to December 31, 2023, you may not need to apply for a co-op work permit. You don't need a co-op work permit to complete your co-op placement due to a newly-enacted legislation.

Below you can find more information of how to apply for your co-op work permit.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/intern.html>