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**OHIP & SIN**

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# Social Insurance Number Required

- Every person working in Canada must have a SIN
- Temporary residents (refugee claimants, TFWs or foreign students) are issued SINs beginning with the number “9”
- Temporary SINs have an expiry date, once the SIN expires it is no longer valid
- However, if the SIN/work permit has expired and the TFW has applied to extend their status they can continue working under “implied status” using their previous SIN number
- Once the TFW receives their new work permit, they must update Service Canada in order to extend their SIN
- After a PR has landed, they should update Service Canada with their new status and obtain a new permanent SIN (wait 24 hrs for system to update with new status)
- More information about the SIN application: [http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/ei/employers\\_sin.page](http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/ei/employers_sin.page)

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# Ontario Health Insurance Plan

## “OHIP”

- TFW/PR should register for OHIP as soon as they arrive in Ontario
- TFW/PR must wait for 3 months after arrival in Ontario for OHIP coverage to begin
- To apply must provide work permit and proof of full-time employment offer for a period of at least 6 months:
  - Family members should bring proof of relationship to TFW and immigration documents
- TFW/PR dependent family members are eligible for OHIP provided they are legally entitled to stay in Canada

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# OHIP Eligibility

- Applicant must be present in Ontario for 153 days of the first 183 days immediately following the date residence is established in Ontario (you cannot be absent for more than 30 days during the first 6 months of residence);
- Applicant must be physically present in Ontario for at least 153 days in any 12-month period

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# Who Qualifies for OHIP

- In-land applicants for spousal sponsorship qualify for OHIP once they have been given first stage approval and they have the mandatory requirement of 3 month residency in Canada
- Outside of Canada Applicants in other categories are eligible for OHIP once their application has been approved in principle and they have been determined to be an Applicant for Permanent Residence
  - OHIP may have to contact CIC to determine the status of application to determine eligibility - may have to appeal an OHIP denial to make this happen

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# OHIP Exemption from Waiting Period

- Those exempt from the 3 month waiting period include:
  - Newborn babies born in Ontario;
  - OHIP-eligible adopted children under the age of 16;
  - Protected persons (Convention Refugees and Persons in need of Protection);
- The waiting period begins on the date you establish or re-establish residence in Ontario.
- The waiting period ends after 3 calendar months

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