



## Checklist 2 - (From months 4-12 in Canada)

Your personal second level checklist as a new immigrant to Canada. Recommend time to complete is 6-9 months. Complete and check your progress then move to the next level.

Total percentage 100%

Did you...	No	50%	Yes	Notes
Collect your health card	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Decide on job possibilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Update resume make each relevant for the role	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Send out resumes to many companies (important)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Interview and land a job (practice before & keep trying)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Establish a saving target for your (1st year of work)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Begin exploring possible locations for you to settle (highly recommended)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Develop business ideas, learn the process and start a business (highly recommended if possible)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Open an investment account if not done already (At this point you need one, invest to grow)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Open a Tax free saving account (TFSA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Open a Register Retirement Saving Plan (RRSP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Begin classes or study (anything you are interested in)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If not completed. Take road test to get your G2/ G licenses. (Please learn the correct and proper way to drive in Canada)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Get involved in additional events (charity, volunteering, mentoring)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Explore financial options to purchase a home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Explore new places, continue networking and meeting new people (recommended for future decisions and assistance)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Explore immigrant benefit programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Master one language. At this point you would need it for work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reach the basic level on your second language (e.g. English or French not native language)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Keep updated on current activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Learn basics about Canadian history. (You will need this for the future)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Tips - Checklist 2

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**Job possibilities.** You may not be able to land the exact same job type you held in your place of origin. This is why it was important for you to be exploring in the first three months to get a grasp of possibilities. Think about whatever you maybe interested in doing including alternatives.

**Learning both languages:** There are jobs that require you to be bilingual, if you start learning the second language of Canada you have the future possibility of being able to fill one of these roles.

**Resume.** Take sufficient time designing your resume to match the advertised roles you are applying for. A generic resume may not work for all positions.

**Job application.** It is important you design your application process strategically. The market is competitive so the wider you cast your net the better the chances of landing something to start with.

**Health card.** This arrives in the mail after the first three months not before. You should have already applied.

**Get involved.** This is part of networking and building friendships. This can be done through charity, church events, social events, etc.

**Investments.** After the first three months you should be more mindful of your money and you need to open an investment account at this point. You are in this for the long run, so early investment pays off later on your journey.

**Tax free saving account.** This is as it states tax free, up to a certain limit is allowed each year so be wise and enjoy tax free savings.

**Driver's license.** You should already have the G1. If you haven't gotten the G2 as yet please take the time now to get it. You will need the G2 or G to purchase your car in the future. The G is the full licenses and allows you to drive on all roads including the highway.

**Registered retirement saving plan:** You need to start investing for your retirement and you need to start now. The earlier you start the better and being wise financially as an immigrant is something that you have to do. You are build a future for your children who would be Canadian so put away something now so you can enjoy retirement later.

**Language:** Entering the working environment you are going to have to communicate with people. Because of this it is extremely important you work on mastering your first Canadian language (English or French) in order to communicate clearly on the job and in everyday life.