Language Learning

Learning and communicating in English and/or French are important steps in settling into life in Canada. In Simcoe County, newcomers can access a variety of language learning options, including formal classes offered during the day or evening, virtual learning opportunities, and informal opportunities such as conversation circles.

Many local libraries also offer conversation circles where you can practice speaking in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

Before starting English classes, learners complete a language assessment to help determine the most appropriate level of instruction.

Local service providers offer a range of supports to help newcomers build language skills and strengthen English or French proficiency.

Bradford Immigrant & Community Services
11 Holland Street East,
Bradford, ON L3Z 2B8
(905) 775-3343
inquiries@bradfordimmigrant.ca
bradfordimmigrant.ca

Collège Boréal
(Offers French Services)
136 Bayfield Street, Suite 100,
Barrie, ON L4M 3B1
705-737-9088
imm.barrie@collegeboreal.ca

La Clé
(Offers French Services)
63 Main Street,
Penetanguishene, ON L9M2G3
705-725-9755
Immigration@lacle.ca
cledelacollectivite.ca

Simcoe County District School Board - Newcomer Welcome Centre
320 Bayfield Street,
Barrie, ON L4M 3C1
(705) 725-8360 ext. 45151
nwc@scdsb.on.ca
thelearningcentres.com

YMCA of Simcoe/ Muskoka Immigrant Services
320 Bayfield Street,
Barrie, ON L4M 3C1
(705) 241-2501
communityprograms@sm.ymca.ca
ymcaofsimcoemuskoka.ca/programs-services/immigrant-services

sclip@simcoe.ca
Immigration.simcoe.ca

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A Settlement Guide for New Canadians

Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada

Community Connections

Settlement services can help you learn about important resources in your community.

A settlement worker can provide referrals for housing and employment and assist you in finding health care services, enrolling your children in school, accessing mental health supports, and connecting you with many other services to help you settle comfortably into your new community.

Connecting with a settlement worker is simple. You can access support through the agencies listed below, your child's school, or a local library.

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Canadian Mental Health Association York Region and South Simcoe
1101 Nicholson Road Unit 5,
Newmarket, ON L3Y 9C3
1 (866) 345-0183
yorkregion@cmha-yr.on.ca
cmha-yr.on.ca

CFS Counselling + Wellbeing
20 Anne Street South,
Barrie, ON L4N 2C6
1 (888) 726-2503
info@cfssc.ca | cfssc.ca

Spark'd
705-230-6172
sparkd@cfssc.ca

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Welcome Centre Immigrant Services - Mobile Unit
mobileunit@welcomecentre.ca
(289) 841-3045
welcomecentre.ca

Finding Work

Finding a job in Canada can be a new experience, and there are many services available to help you get started.

Local employment service providers can support you with job search preparation, building your resume, exploring career pathways, connecting with employers, and accessing training or skills development opportunities.
They can also guide you through accreditation and qualifications support, helping you understand the steps needed to work in your field in Canada.

You can explore local job opportunities at:
workinsimcoecounty.ca

Employment Ontario
ontario.ca/page/employment-ontario

Georgian College Job Finding Club for Immigrants
One Georgian Drive, B Building,
Barrie, ON L4M 1E9
(705) 722-1505
jfci@georgiancollege.ca
georgiancollege.ca/jfci

Welcome Centre Immigrant Services Accreditation and Qualification Information Services
1 (877) 761-1155
acceditation@welcomecentre.ca
welcomecentre.ca

Services francophones
Francophone Services

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