

# **How To Get Job within short time after landing in CANADA**

There are various ways to search for jobs in Canada, such as:

- 1) Research companies where you want to work by checking the career section on their website for jobs they post, contact employers directly or visit the company to ask if they are hiring.
- 2) Job fairs in Canada are very frequent therefore check your city or town for where you can go for job fairs.
- 3) Employ the use an employment agency by calling or visiting the one near you. Check this links for employment agencies near you: <https://clutch.co/ca/hr/recruiting>, <https://www.jobseem.com/top-recruitment-agencies-in-canada-job-consultancy/>
- 4) Networking can help you search for jobs in Canada's hidden job market.
- 5) Volunteer to help build your CV/resume. Volunteering means you perform a service willingly and without expecting pay. Working as a volunteer can help you get Canadian work experience, build your network of contacts, and find a reference. Do visit the Volunteer Canada website or contact an immigrant-serving organization
- 6) Create a compelling professional profile on Indeed.ca, glassdor.ca and monster.ca with your location. Hiring managers will contact you from searching these platforms for potential fit staying around the job location.
- 7) Consider temporary transition/ alternative/Survival jobs. Do your research on the kind of sector you want to work in and find out if you are qualified, if not you can do a temporary transition job like working in customer service, sales attendant, retail representative while

you learn about your dream profession or industry in Canada. I see some new immigrant with their arrogance and entitled mindset about not wanting to do survival jobs. At least for the first year I believe an immigrant should be in hustle mode . There is nothing shameful in working survival job. Just don't let your work hours prevent you from going for proper interviews and lectures. You can learn to drive forklift in 1 day for about 160 Cad. You can apply to 7-11 stores etc. thereafter

8) Get someone who is willing to be your mentor. Many Canadian professionals and business people are willing to give free advice and training to newcomers who are settling in Canada. You can get a mentor through organizations like:

Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS)  
Calgary Region Immigrant Employment Council (CRIEC)  
Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council (TRIEC)  
Edmonton Region Immigrant Employment Council (ERIEC)  
Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization (OCISO).

9) Start the Job Hunt. Browse job search websites and newspapers classified sections to see who is hiring. There are various job portals that have thousands of job postings online for you to choose from, such as:

- i) Indeed Canada - <https://ca.indeed.com/>
- ii) Google for Jobs Canada
- iii) Glassdoor - <https://www.glassdoor.ca/>
- iv) Eluta - <https://www.eluta.ca/>
- v) Workopolis - <https://www.workopolis.com/en/>
- vi) Job Bank - <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/home>
- vii) WOW Jobs - <https://m.wowjobs.ca/>
- viii) Monster - <https://www.monster.ca/>
- ix) Career Builder - <https://www.careerbuilder.ca/>
- x) working.com <http://www.working.com/>

## **IMPORTANT RESOURCE LINK:**

i) What You Need To Know To Secure A JOB OFFER From Outside Or Within Canada:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgCHbt7Jhws&t=6388s>

ii) How to Win Job Interviews From an Interview Expert and Author:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUx6L1Xf9E0>

iii) Employment agencies: <https://clutch.co/ca/hr/recruiting>, <https://www.jobseem.com/top-recruitment-agencies-in-canada-job-consultancy/>

# How To Settle Down Into Your Apartment in Canada

1) **Start searching before your arrival:** look out for temporary accommodation (AirBnB) before you land in Canada as it could take weeks to find a suitable apartment. You need to consider some factors which will be discussed before going for a suitable/permanent apartment. I recommend (AirBnB: <https://www.airbnb.ca/>) for your temporary apartment. I have used it several times when visiting a new country because I find cheap deals compared to a hotel room.

Watch this practical video on Temporary accommodation for new Immigrants in Canada:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpBU\\_2aZZqk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpBU_2aZZqk)

2) If you arrive with a family, check for high schools for your kid(s) within the district. Catholic schools always come to mind for recommendation because of zero tolerance on bullying, some form of religion will be incorporated and their curriculums were more robust. Catholic schools typically give preference to people of catholic faith (mom, dad or child's baptism card as proof) but kids of other religion are considered as far as you agree to abide by their doctrine

3) Look out the proximity to the bus stations, Church/Mosque, Grocery stores, Malls and your school due to Winter period and if you have a Car, ask the landlord to show you as some times the houses don't have parking space for the amount of tenants they take in.

4) Use any or all of the websites listed below to search for yourself as they enable you to be able to get a place according to your budget for various kinds of accommodation in any Canadian province

<https://4rent.ca/>

<https://www.rentfaster.ca/>

<https://www.trovit.ca/>

<https://www.kijiji.ca/>

<https://www.craigslist.ca/about/sites>

<http://www.apartmate.ca/>

<https://www.padmapper.com/apartments/>

<http://www.viewit.ca/>

<https://bunz.com/>

<https://www.rentcompass.com/>

<https://condos.ca/>

<http://www.rentseeker.ca/>

<https://niceplacetoronto.tumblr.com/>

5) Lookout for if your room or apartment is furnished or unfurnished: If you're just getting a room it could be furnished or unfurnished. Ask about the heating system as some of the don't work but they would tell you.

6) Ask about the rules and exceptions as some of them don't allow visitors let alone guests.

7) Know your rights as a tenant. Become familiar with tenancy law in the province you plan on moving to by checking your provincial websites'

Provincial Official Websites (specifically for newcomers)

1) British Columbia <http://www.welcomebc.ca/>

2) Alberta <http://www.albertacanada.com/immigration>

3) Saskatchewan <http://www.saskimmigrationcanada.ca/>

- 4) Manitoba <http://www.immigratemanitoba.com/>
- 5) Ontario <http://www.ontarioimmigration.ca/>
- 6) Quebec <http://www.immigrationquebec.gouv.qc.ca/>
- 7) Prince Edward Island <http://www.gov.pe.ca/immigration>
- 8) New Brunswick <http://www.welcomenb.ca/>
- 9) Nova Scotia <http://www.novascotiaimmigration.com/>
- 10) Newfoundland and Labrador <http://www.nlimmigration.ca/>
- 11) Yukon <http://www.immigration.gov.yk.ca/>
- 12) Northwest Territories <http://www.gov.nt.ca/>
- 13) Nunavut <http://www.gov.nu.ca/>

8) Landlords will usually request information about your ability to pay rent before offering you a lease. Documents that may be requested include: · Proof of Income letter that indicates your annual income. · Request for proof that you can pay for your first and last month rent · Picture of your current passport bio data page · Bank statement(s) that show you have enough savings to cover rent for a few months.

9) Signing a lease: A lease usually begins at the beginning of each month and is legally binding. Avoiding signing a lease for longer than you plan to stay in the property.

Watch this practical video on how to search for apartment by yourself:

i) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lIBXdaystMU>

ii) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cgi0DdpQU7s>

# Items you can bring into Canada

Check this link for full details: <https://www.inspection.gc.ca/food-safety-for-industry/information-for-consumers/travellers/eng/1389630031549/1389630282362>

My Experience as a Nigerian traveller:

Robb/Aboniki

Ori – Shea butter

Thread & Needle

Elubo – Yam, Plaintain, Wheat powder for making 'Amala'

Omo orogun – Wooden Spatula/Turner

Igbako - Swallow packer

Iru - Locust beans

Garri

Yam

Beans- picked & dried (you can put in oven for few minutes to kill all the pest)

Lots of Seasoning - knorr, maggi star or any you like. Better crushed, it'll harden up in the cold

Poundo yam

Palm oil

Frozen Ogi (if you or baby likes it)

Golden morn ( if the kids eat it)

Cray fish, stock fish, smoked cat fish

Ogbono

Egusi

Pepper soup spice

Beans powder

Broom

Pack of blades

Wig for hair

Wig cap

Slippers

Under wears

Things you will buy easily in your country for little money i.e. nail paint/cotton wool etc.

Drugs like Paracetamol, cough syrup etc if you take them consistently

**NOTE:** All this are available here in Canada but advisable to bring them here as a newcomer to save you from spending your savings and start to earn the ‘Dollars’ before buying it because it’ll be pricey here

## **Food item that’s not allowed.**

**Skin hide:** If you Cargo POMO or have POMO in your luggage when coming into Canada, you’ll be required to DECLARE it. If you declare it at the point of entry or at their office when seeking Customs clearance for your goods, they will simply add your name to their violators list and you don't get to pay fine.

If you don't DECLARE it at this point, you will be issued a Notice of Violation which will contain a fine of \$1,300. You will be allowed to pay \$650 (granted 50% discount) if you pay same day otherwise you pay the full amount.

In both scenarios, your name goes into their violators’ record and they will continue to add to this record the number of times you violated this laws. Lastly, there is Pomo here in some stores so no need to bring it.



**QUESTION:** A friend of mine is going to Canada on visit visa and needs a "Genuine" company who deals on shipping foodstuffs to enable them carry foodstuffs to the people hosting them while on visit. Kindly advice.

**ANSWER: Shipping Company?** Please carry it yourself. You are entitled to 46 KG allowance. If that will not suffice, pay for excess luggage. It is about 150 - 180 dollars per 23kg depending on the carrier. Egypt air is 150 USD, British Airways is 180 USD. But it could be lower if you prepay for the excess luggage.

Just package your food very well. You can buy cling film and wrap your food well. Flying from Lagos, you need to get to the airport early to obtain some food clearance certificate as stipulated in their new mode of operations but Abuja Airport, they are no longer authorized to be checking your bag. Once, it has gone through the scanning machine upon entry and the machine did not raise alarm, you are good to go.

23kg of food for host will be perfect. What makes a bag weigh much is usually Pounded yam, Garri and Beans. Another trick is that you can carry that pounded yam in your hand luggage (if they don't become witches and want to weigh your hand luggage).

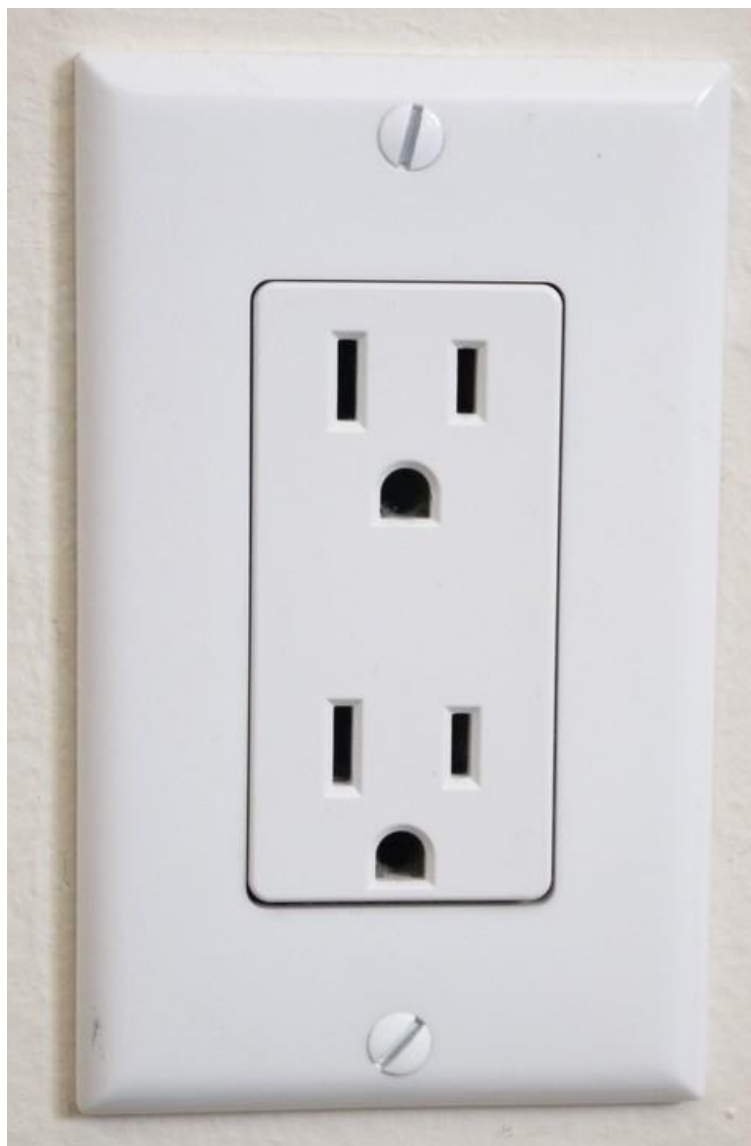
**ELECTRONICS:** Chargers and step down transformers

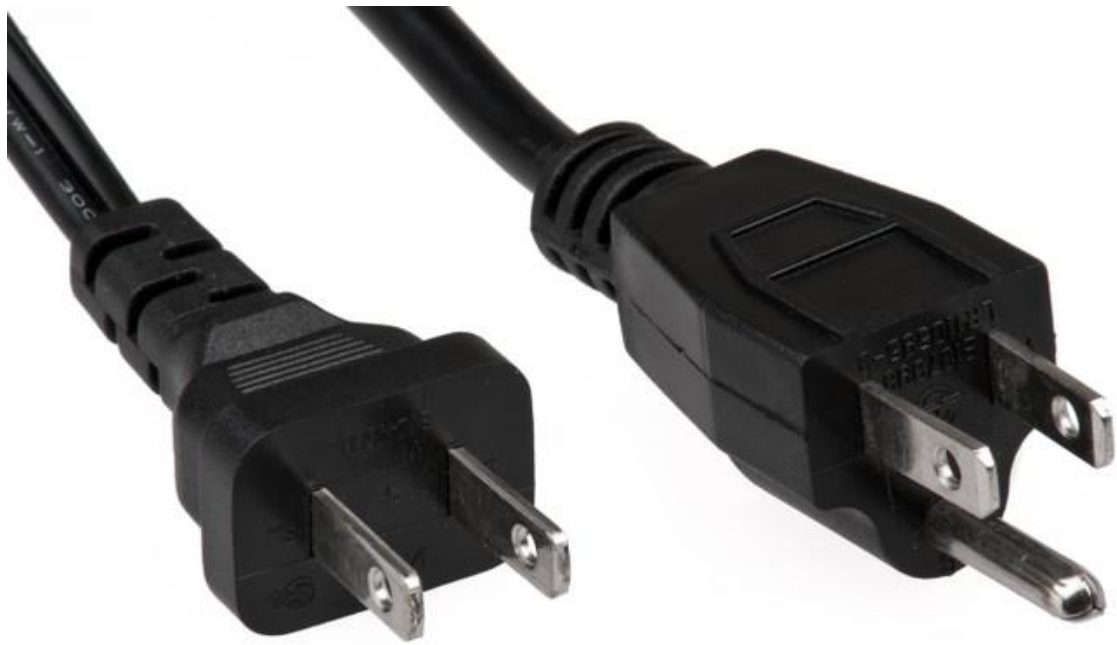
For those in Nigeria, Ghana and rest of Africa who is considering buying a step down transformer to use with their appliances when you land, you may want to read this before you invest your money into one. If all you care for is to be able to charge your laptop and phone, you don't need a step down. Firstly, you should know Canada and U.S uses 110v while Nigeria uses 220v. Phones, laptops and some electronics usually have an input rating of "110v - 220v", meaning they would work unaided in both Canada and Nigeria. So before you buy a step down, make sure to check the input of the appliance you hope to use it with.

For appliances that you bought in Nigeria that has an input rating of 110V -220V, the only challenge you may have in using it in Canada is that the plug may not fit in the sockets here. To solve this, you could buy a travel adapter to use here. If it's a mobile device like a laptop or phone, it can be an inconvenience to have to always move around with a travel adapter. So, I'd advise you rather change the charger cord/plugs if you can. I bought a laptop cord that has an American plug few days before my trip. I am thankful I bought it in Nigeria; over here it cost as much as \$20 for the same one I got for N500 at computer village.

Another issue is that a step down transformer doesn't guarantee that a device with a power input of 220V would work optimally or work at all in Canada. This is especially the case with motorized appliances like clippers, blenders etc. This is because electrical motors care particularly for frequency rating in addition to voltage specs. So if your clipper is rated 50 Hz, you would need to make sure your step down's output is 50 Hz too.

I have attached two pictures, the first is what the socket here looks like and the second is a picture of the compatible plugs. As you can see from the second picture, it doesn't matter if your plug has just 2 legs as the third is only just an earth connection.





## What kind of skills can I learn before relocating to Canada?

I will strongly advice that whatever vocation you chose to learn, ensure you are certified, particularly by an internationally recognized entity. This is crucial though for government regulated trade professions. You'll need to be licensed to practice or possess trade test certificate.

From experience, I always recommend City and Guilds of London Institute certification. It has certification programs covering all vocational skill you can think about and have been in existence for about 140 years. To know more about them, visit their website [www.cityandguilds.com](http://www.cityandguilds.com). This includes Welding and fabrication, Electrician, Plumbing, Home Building, Air Conditioning and Heating, Mechanic, carpentry, electrical wiring.

Hot Skills that you can learn monetize and practice without regulation in Canada. These skills are very profitable and include:

Tailoring

Fluency in French language and many other international languages

Saloon (Barbing, Hairdressing, Nail fixing and others)

Shoemaking

Gadget repairs (phones, computers etc.)

Beauty Therapy

Cooking

**You'll Testify**

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