

Principal Client Name:	Needs Assessment Session Date:
Principal Client email:	Intake Counsellor:
Eligibility Documents:	Intake Counsellor email:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Job Offer Form Confirmation of Designation 	<div>Yes</div> <div>No</div> <div>Yes</div> <div>No</div>
Employer Business Name:	Intake Counsellor phone:
Contact person:	

Employer

Settlement Orientation:
General Information
<p>Useful Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directory of Agencies, etc.: http://valleytourism.ca/ • Information & Referrals Nova Scotia: http://www.ns.211.ca/ • First Steps: https://liveinnovascotia.com/ • Social Insurance Number: https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/sin.html • Temporary Accommodation: http://www.booking.com/region/ca/nova-scotia.html • Taxis (Cabs): https://downtownhalifax.ca/transit-taxis • Canada Post Offices: https://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/home.page • Nova Scotia News: https://novascotia.ca/ • General information about NS: https://beta.novascotia.ca/ • Nova Scotia Government website: https://novascotia.ca/government/
Additional Support Specifically for Immigrants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YMCA: https://www.yishfx.ca/
Transportation
<p>Car Rentals-Halifax International Airport: https://halifaxstanfield.ca/parking-transport/rental-cars/</p> <p>Taxis companies- Halifax: https://downtownhalifax.ca/transit-taxis</p> <p>Taxi rates and services to various areas in NS: https://www.taxifarefinder.com/main.php?city=Halifax</p> <p>Access Nova Scotia (Driving License and registration): https://novascotia.ca/driving-and-road-safety/</p>
Health
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Service Insurance(MSI): http://novascotia.ca/dhw/MSI/ • Family Pharmacare Program: https://novascotia.ca/dhw/pharmacare/contact.asp • General Information about Canadian Healthcare System: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/topics/health-care-systems.html • To find a Family Physician : https://novascotia.ca/dhw/physicians/ <p>Until you find your own physician, you can...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YourHealthNS: https://www.yourhealthns.ca/services • Access 24 hours registered nurse line, phone# 811 http://811.novascotia.ca/ • Access Walk in Clinics: https://ns.skipthewaitingroom.com/ • Nova Scotia Hospitals: https://www.nshealth.ca/locations-and-facilities <p>Kings County Walk-in Clinics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Kings Memorial Community Health Centre 23 Earnscliffe Avenue, Wolfville, NS Tel: (902) 542-0528

- **Western Kings Memorial Health Centre**
121 Orchard Street, RR3, P.O. Box 490 Berwick,
NS, B0P 1E0
Tel: (902) 538-3111

Government & Finance

- Revenue Canada: Income Tax, HST Credit, Canada Child Benefit: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>
- Exchange Foreign Money: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/after-money.asp>

Bank Account:

List of banks and credit unions in Canada: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_banks_and_credit_unions_in_Canada

There are five large Canadian chartered banks:

- Scotiabank - www.scotiabank.com
- The Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) - www.rbc.com
- Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) - www.cibc.com
- TD Canada Trust - www.tdcanadatrust.com
- Bank of Montreal (BMO) - www.bmo.com

There are also foreign banks, credit unions and savings banks.

- Credit Unions: <https://www.ccu.com>

Insurance

- Get Auto Insurance Quotes in Nova Scotia <https://www.surex.com/Insurance/auto-car/halifax>
- Insurance Brokers Association Of Nova Scotia: <http://www.ibans.com/brokersmap.html>

Housing & Accommodations

- Housing for Newcomers- Buying and Renting: <https://housing.novascotia.ca/>
- Residential Tenancies Act- Nova Scotia: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/programs-and-services/residential-tenancies-program>
- Renting a home in Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/new-immigrants/new-life-canada/housing/renting.html>

Accommodations:

- Home away vacation rentals - Houses , cottages and more: <https://www.vrbo.com/en-ca/>
- Places to Stay: <http://www.novascotia.com/places-to-stay/accommodations>
- Trip Advisor Canada (Across Canada-hotels, motels, restaurants and more): <http://www.tripadvisor.ca/>

Where to search for permanent housing:

- The Saltwire - <https://www.saltwire.com/nova-scotia/>
- Kijiji (Across Canada)-renting and buying: <http://www.kijiji.ca/b-apartments-condos/nova-scotia/c3719002>
- Universal Reality Group (Halifax, NS)- rental: <https://universalgroup.ca/commercial/spring-garden-place?BonshawCPC>

Utilities - Nova Scotia Power: <http://www.nspower.ca/en/home/default.aspx>

Childcare, Primary & Secondary Education

- Guide to Nova Scotia Schools: <https://novascotiainmigration.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Newcomers-Guide.pdf>
- NS Child Care Directory : <http://www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/families/>
- Child Care Subsidy: <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/families/childcaresubsidy.shtml>
- The public school boards in your region are:
 - **West Hants, Kings, Annapolis Counties** – Annapolis Valley Regional School Board - www.avrsb.ca
 - **East Hants County** - Chignecto-Central Regional School Board - www.ccrsb.ca
 - **Digby County** - Tri-County School Board - www.tcrsb.ca

Recreation & Community Resources

Communities:

- Annapolis Valley Nova Scotia: <http://www.valleytourism.ca/>
- Digby Nova Scotia: <http://www.digby.ca/>

Libraries:

- Kings, West Hants, Annapolis Counties – Annapolis Valley Public Library - www.valleylibrary.ca, locations: Annapolis Royal, Berwick, Bridgetown, Hantsport, Kentville, Kingston, Lawrencetown, Middleton, Port Williams, Wolfville and Windsor
- East Hants County - Colchester–East Hants Public Library - <http://cehlibrary.ednet.ns.ca>, locations: Elmsdale, Mount Uniacke
- Digby County – Western Counties Regional Libraries - www.westerncounties.ca, locations: Digby, Westport, Weymouth, Meteghan (Clare)

Recreation:

- Canada Travel Guide-Things to do for fun: https://www.novascotia.com/trip-ideas/itineraries?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI4_zljPw9QIVy8mUCR1QlwR0EAAAYASAAEgJKt_D_BwE
- Visit Nova Scotia and Explore: <https://www.novascotia.com/trip-ideas>
- Parks in Nova Scotia: <https://parks.novascotia.ca/content/parks-by-region>
- Gardens in Nova Scotia: http://www.gardenvisit.com/gardens/in/canada/nova_scotia
- Beaches in Nova Scotia: <http://nsbeaches.com/>

The Law

- Nova Scotia Legal Aid Services: <https://www.nslegalaid.ca/contact-us/>
- Legal Information Society of NS: <https://www.legalinfo.org/i-have-a-legal-question/lawyers-legal-help/#free-and-low-cost-legal-help-in-nova-scotia>

Employment & Career Supports:

Language Assessment

- Language Assessment Services of Nova Scotia: <https://www.learnenglishns.org/>

English Language Training

- Find a language school in your area: <http://www.languagescanada.ca/en>

Post-Secondary Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live and Study in Nova Scotia: http://studynovascotia.ca • School Boards and Public Schools- Nova Scotia: https://www.ednet.ns.ca/contact/schools.shtml • Directory of Canadian colleges and universities: https://univcan.ca/universities/member-universities/
Job Search & Job Maintenance Supports
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding a Job: “Work Here” info and job-search portals: https://liveinnovascotia.com/finding-job • National Occupational Classification https://noc.esdc.gc.ca/Structure/Noc2021 • Regulated and Non-Regulated Occupations https://www.cicic.ca/928/find_out_if_your_occupation_is_regulated_or_not.canada
Service Providing Organizations in Nova Scotia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antigonish Women’s Resource Centre & Sexual Assault Service Association Program Name: Antigonish Guysborough Immigrant Support Program (AGISP) 219 Main Street Antigonish, NS, B2G 1V8 Services available in Antigonish and Guysborough counties Telephone #: 902-318-3985 Email: jubanti@awrcsasa.ca Website: www.awrcsasa.ca Services provided: Advertising on the AIP Partnership with Government organization working directly with employers such as the Chamber of Commerce, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency etc. Information & Support with navigating the NSOI website Referrals to the right services as per the expressed need Information sessions for community, potential candidates, employers and students.

- [Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse \(FANE\)](#)

54 Queen St

Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 1G3

Services available in Atlantic Canada

Telephone #: 902-433-0065

Email: avantarrivee@immigrationfrancophonene.ca

Website: <https://www.acadiene.ca/>

Services provided:

Settlement

- Needs assessment and settlement plan
- Information and orientation sessions
- Referrals and individual pre-arrival follow-up

Community connections

- Community services discovery
- Mentorship and support programs
- Information on Atlantic Acadian and Francophone communities

Support in seeking employment

- Employment needs assessment
- Information on the Canadian labour market
- Workshops on tools and strategies for employment search
- Individual pre-arrival follow-up

- [Cape Breton Island Centre for Immigration \(CBICI\)](#)

319 Charlotte St

Sydney, NS, B1P 1E1

Services available in Cape Breton Island

Telephone #: 902-270-5772

Email: nparuch@newdawn.ca

Website: <https://cbici.ca/>

Services provided:

Needs Assessments

Case Management

Referrals: language classes, license, health services, employment readiness (connections and support) community services/organizations

Orientation to public services: school, hospitals, public transportation

Workshops and information sessions

Community outreach and education

- [YMCA Centre for Immigrant Programs](#)

104-7071 Bayers Road
Halifax, NS, B3L 2C2

Services available in HRM and province wide in NS

Telephone #: 902-457-9622
Email: ysis@halifax.ymca.ca
Website: <https://ymcahfx.ca/>

Services provided:

Intake and Needs Assessment AIP
AIP Settlement Plans
Settlement Services
On-site School Settlement
Academic Support
Language Learning
Active Living
Youth Outreach
Community Connections
Day trips and Outings
Employment and Education consulting
Provincial Wide Settlement Services
Yreach program—**settlement and language services** to newcomers outside of HRM

- [Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia](#)

6960 Mumford Road, Suite 2120
Halifax, NS, B3L 4P1

Services available in HRM and province wide in NS

Telephone #: 902-423-3607
Email: intake@isans.ca
Website: <http://www.isans.ca/>

Services provided:

Intake and Needs Assessment AIP
Settlement Plans
English Language Training
Employment Support (Pre-arrival and Post-arrival)
Business Support (Pre-arrival and Post-arrival)
Employer Support Services
Community Integration Services