



# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

NSCAD University is committed to forging a relationship based on reciprocity as we move forward together in a good way, based on the foundational aspirations in our collective treaty dating back to 1725. In Nova Scotia, we recognize we are all Treaty People.

Going forth in this document, both NSCAD University and the Mi'kmaq will be referred to by their traditional names.

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# STAFF INFORMATION

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# NEW STUDENT PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

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By now you should have received an email from Admissions and Recruitment that contains instructions on your NSCAD user  
password. The information on the [5 \( & 3 . 1](#)

For international students, IRCC sends compliance reports to the University each semester for updates on international student status. You must remain in full-time status to not violate your agreement with the Government of Canada. Therefore, remember to send a copy of your current valid study permit to [studypermit@univ.ns.ca](mailto:studypermit@univ.ns.ca) or take a copy of your study permit to the Office of Student Experience before September 30.

Please login to Self Service to complete your student profile by submitting your address and emergency contacts. We'll need your most current Halifax Regional Municipality address as we will use this address should we need to contact you by post.

We also require contact information for two safe people we can connect with in case of an emergency.

- This can be a friend, roommate, coworker, residence staff, etc.
- Can be anyone that you would like us to contact in case of emergency, within or outside of Canada.

## LEGAL & PRE-ARRIVAL GUIDE





# CANADIAN CULTURE

- Canada is considered to be a “Cultural Mosaic” a multicultural society that celebrates and promotes the coexistence of various identities, languages, and cultures within a single country.
- Generally, Canadians tend to be informal and friendly people, however, politeness is still considered very important.
- Like in the movies, Canadians do tend to sa

# PLANNING FOR CANADA OVERVIEW

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If you have a valid license from your home country, you may be able to use this for a short period of time after arrival.
  - If you are from one of the countries below, you may be able to get a Reciprocal Drivers License.
- Regular Class 5 driver's licence.  
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To do this, you must:

- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Take a vision screening test.
- Disclose all medical conditions or physical disabilities that may affect your ability to safely drive a motor vehicle.
- Provide an English translation of your license.
- Surrender your driver's license at the time of exchange.
- Pay normal fees for the issuance of a licence.

Depending on the licence class from your originating jurisdiction or how long you have held a Nova Scotia Driver's License, you may

# HOUSING + ACCOMMODATIONS

Please be reminded that it is your responsibility to secure accommodations in Halifax. Consider the best type of accommodation for you by researching costs, locations, roommates, and other important factors!

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You will find more information from NSCAD Admission email with subject "NSCAD Housing Information" or check [4 2 \(- & / & . \\$](#)

If you have any 0 4 \$ 2 3 ( . - " 2 - ! \$ 1 - 2 about finding accommodations, please contact [4 2 \(- & Ô - 2 " . # . "](#)

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Beyond what is available here at NSCAD, there are a variety of community resources for you available in and around K'jipuktuk ± + ( [Call 7 211](#) or visiting their [6 \\$ ! 2 \( 3 \\$](#) can connect you with services in your community.

NSCAD University has created a comprehensive overview of available services and resources that can be found [' \\$ 1 . \\$](#)

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the % % . ( % \$ / . 1 3 4 - ( 3 8 \$ + # - & if you want more information on community resources.

# BANKING

If you are planning to stay in Canada for a longer period of time, it may be a good idea to open a bank account. Each bank will have different fees, transaction limits, card options, etc. associated with the account you open.

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- (Bank of Montréal)
- (Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce)
- (Royal Bank of Canada)
- (Toronto-Dominion Bank)
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# PHONE PLANS

Cell phone plans in Canada tend to be extremely expensive compared to the same types of plans in other countries. It is recommended to explore as many different options as possible and find the cheapest one. Sometimes there are discounted bundle options available if you are purchasing internet and other services from the same provider.

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# UNIVERSITY HEALTH INSURANCE

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# LIVING IN MI'KMA'KI/NOVA SCOTIA

Mi'kma'ki ± . 5 " . 3 ( ² is located on the East coast of Canada. The province has more than 7,400 kilometres of coastline, sandy beaches at which you can swim! The highest tides in the world are in Mi'kma'ki ± . 5 " . 3 ( ²! The land has been indigenous peoples for over 13,000 years, more information about the Mi'kmaq people can be found

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## IMPORTANT + COMMEMORATIVE OCCASIONS

Canada celebrates and commemorates a variety of significant heritage months, weeks, and days. These special occasions can range from days of remembrance or celebration to days set aside for learning and action. It is very important to understand the importance of these occasions. The full list of important and commemorative days can be found [' \\$ 1 \\$](#).



- The 101 provides a limited-stop service within the urban core to get you to work on time.
- The 101 or 102 can give information about when your next bus will come or if there are any unexpected delays.
- The 101 has two routes between downtown K'jipuktuk and Dartmouth. The ferry is wheelchair accessible and connects to the bus and Access-A-Bus systems.
- You can find the taxi service in Halifax.

As a short-distance transportation, e-scooter is a nice eco-friendly within the district. There are two companies e-scooters in Halifax: Lime and Bird. When you are e-scooter riding, please follow the safety.

Uber is a ride-hailing company that you can use to submit a trip request automatically sent to an Uber driver near you, alerting them to your location. The accepting Uber driver will then come and pick you up and drive you to your requested destination. To check out availability in the downtown area.

Short-term transportation helps you move around the city, enjoy the view, or help your apartment move. See the list of car rental companies and their websites. is a cheaper alternative to traditional car rental services. They offer short-term rentals ranging from minutes, hours, days and longer!

## SHOPPING

The main grocery stores located in K'jipuktuk and Dartmouth. Each one has several locations, so be sure to find out which one is closest to where you will be living!

41-341-3123 are the main grocery stores in K'jipuktuk and Dartmouth.

## EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES

- Kayak, Canoe, or Paddle Board at the [Halifax Harbour](#).
- Explore the [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#).
- Spend an afternoon at the [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#). AD students have free access!
- Browse the Halifax [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#).
- Explore a wide variety of local cafés.
- Discover wonders of Nova Scotia at the [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#).
- Take a walk in [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#).
- Skate on the [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#).
- Catch a play at [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#).
- Explore the [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#).
- Play some games and grab some food at the [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#).
- Check out some books at the [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#).
- Learn about the ongoing story of Immigration at the [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#).
- Go thrifting! There are many boutiques and vintage stores around the city!

## NIGHTLIFE

K'jipuktuk is home to live music, summer patios, historic pubs, and chic cocktail bars. You will likely come across [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#) also known as "Kitchen Parties", they are a unique part of Nova Scotian culture that traditionally consists of music, step dancing and telling stories!

Popular spots in K'jipuktuk include:

- [Halifax Harbour](#) and [Halifax Harbour](#)

