



Student Refugee Program post-arrival checklist

The purpose of this checklist is to ensure Local Committees are aware of and are covering the important aspects of the SRP student's initial settlement needs. This is a comprehensive list that should guide the focus of information that is covered in the **first two weeks** after the student arrives in Canada.

Arrival and Communication

- Was the SRP student welcomed at the airport and have you confirmed with WUSC the student has arrived?
- Has the SRP student been able to reach any family/loved ones overseas or in Canada?
- Did the SRP student have or receive a phone and do they know how to contact WUSC and the Local Committee?
- Did the SRP student have access to petty cash upon arrival and have a basic knowledge of banknotes, cost of living, and where to buy food/all other necessities?

Housing and Clothing

- Does the SRP student have adequate temporary or permanent housing?
- If the SRP student is in temporary housing, is there a clear and realistic plan to transition them to permanent housing?
- Does the SRP student have adequate clothing and access to food?
- Does the SRP student have linens, kitchen equipment and furniture (as appropriate)?

Documents and Applications

- Has the SRP student applied for a SIN?
- Have you helped the SRP student open a bank account?
- Have you helped the SRP student with any other required applications or documents?

Sponsorship

- Does the SRP student know how to and feel comfortable contacting WUSC and/or the Local Committee when they have questions?
- Is the SRP student aware of the length of the sponsorship period?
- Is the SRP student aware of their rights and responsibilities in Canada?
- Have the SRP student and the Local Committee each signed the Roles and Responsibilities Tripartite Agreement?

Transportation

- Does the SRP student know how to use public transit, if available?

Budgeting and Finance

- Has the Local Committee talked about budgeting with the SRP student?
- Does the SRP student have their own bank account?
- Does the SRP student understand taxes in Canada (\$9.99 is not the actual price)?
- Does the SRP student know how much money they will receive, when, and from whom?
- Does the SRP student know where to find food that they are familiar with at reasonable prices?
- Does the SRP student know where to find clothing and household goods at reasonable prices?

Health

- Has the SRP student signed up for provincial health coverage?
- Does the SRP student know the details of their health coverage (IFHP, provincial health care, insurance provided by your institution)?
- Have you made an appointment with a family doctor for a general check-up for the SRP student?
- Have you made appointments with a dentist and eye doctor for the SRP student?
- Does the SRP student have relevant information on vaccinations?
- Does the SRP student know how to contact emergency services if needed?
- Does the SRP student know that counselling and mental health support is available and covered under IFHP for the duration of the sponsorship period?
- Does the SRP student need assistance getting to appointments and, if so, do they know who will be helping them?

For more information on how to deliver a community and academic orientation, as well as other important information to communicate to SRP students upon arrival, read the SRP Guide for Local Committees page 61.