

Automotive Training Centre (ATC) – International Student Resources Guide

Preparing for Your Arrival

- Ensure you have a valid study permit, passport, Letter of Acceptance, proof of tuition payment, housing arrangements, and travel insurance.
- Arrive one to two weeks before classes start to adjust and settle comfortably.

Housing and Accommodation

- Short-term options include local hotels, motels, hostels, and temporary rentals.
- Long-term options include homestay, private rentals, or shared apartments.
- Refer to www.gov.bc.ca/landlordtenant for tenancy rights in BC.

Transportation in Surrey

- TransLink operates public transit including buses and SkyTrain (King George and Surrey Central stations).
- Purchase and load Compass Cards online or at SkyTrain stations via www.translink.ca.
- Cycling and walking are accessible, with dedicated bike paths across the city.

Health and Medical Insurance

- Enroll in BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) if studying 6 months or longer. Apply at www.gov.bc.ca/msp.
- There is a 3-month waiting period before coverage starts. Use private insurance (Guard.Me, Allianz, StudyInsured) during this time.

Banking and Finances

- Major banks: RBC, TD, Scotiabank, CIBC, BMO – all located near King George Blvd, Surrey.
- Bring passport, study permit, and ATC enrollment proof to open an account.

Communication and Mobile Services

- Providers: TELUS, Rogers, Bell, Freedom Mobile.
- Wi-Fi available at ATC, libraries, and community centres.

Childcare and Family Support

- Licensed daycare listings at www.surrey.ca.
- BC Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR): 1-888-338-6622 | www.childcarebc.ca.
- Options Community Services: 604-596-4321 | www.options.bc.ca.

Community and Settlement Support

- PICS Society – 205-12725 80 Avenue, Surrey | 604-596-7722 | www.pics.bc.ca.
- Options Community Services – 9815 140 Street, Surrey | 604-596-4321 | www.options.bc.ca.
- Surrey Libraries – 10350 University Drive, Surrey | 604-598-7420 | www.surreylibraries.ca.

Working While Studying

- Students may work up to 20 hours per week during study periods and full-time during breaks, if authorized on their study permit.

Emergency and Safety Information

- In an emergency, call 911. For non-emergencies, call Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502.
- ATC First Aid Room (Second Floor) has a first aid cabinet and Naloxone kit.

ATC Student Services Contact

- Automotive Training Centre – Surrey Campus
- Email: info@autotrainingcentre.com | Phone: 604-635-2222
- Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Address: 12160 88 Avenue, Surrey, BC

Resources to Get You Started in Canada

[Welcome to Canada Info for newcomers](#)

[Settlement Resources for Newcomers in Canada](#)

[EduCanada's pre-departure guide](#)

[BC's Newcomers' Guides \(available in 13 languages\)](#)

[Managing your money](#)

[Open a bank account in Canada](#)

[Driving in BC](#)

[Scams and fraud](#)

This guide supports international students at the Automotive Training Centre (ATC) as they transition to studying and living in Surrey, British Columbia.