

Welcome to visit us at

**Victoria Immigrant and
Refugee Centre Society
(VIRCS)**

1004 North Park Street, Victoria,
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BRANCH LOCATIONS
(by appointment only)

Greater Victoria Public Library

Saanich Centennial Branch
3110 Tillicum Rd, Victoria, BC V9A 6T2

Juan de Fuca Branch
1759 Island Hwy. Victoria, BC V9B 1J1

Vancouver Island Regional Library

Sooke Branch
6671 Wadams Way, Sooke, BC V9Z 0A4

Sidney Branch
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 Monday to Friday
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM



BC Newcomer Services Program (BCNSP)



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All BCNSP services are free of charge and delivered with cultural sensitivity and confidentiality

BCNSP program is to support the social and economic integration of newcomers to the BC province who are not eligible for federally funded settlement services. The program aims to help clients achieve their best possible settlement outcomes.



BC NSP Services

Immigration and Settlement Services:

- 1:1 Orientation, information and referrals to community resources and government services;
- Assistance with non-immigration forms
- Assistance to navigate immigration-related applications and information through **Law Clinic**;
- Community connections and
- Short-term non-clinical counselling.

Labour Market Services:

- Labour market information, networking, resume/cover letter review, workplace culture, job search resources
- Short-term pre-employment training
- Supported access to provincial/federal employment programs and
- Supports related to workplace issues.

English Language Training:

- Formal English Language Training
- Informal language practice (Grammar & conversation workshops)



Eligibility

Eligible clients include those who are:

- Work Permit Holders
- Study Permit Holders*
- Naturalized Canadian Citizens
- Refugee Claimants**
- Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) visa holders
- BC Provincial Nominees or BCPNP Entrepreneur Immigration candidates.

*International post-secondary students with valid study permit who cannot access similar services at their Post-Secondary Institution.

**Individuals who have submitted their refugee claim and have received any of the following documents: Confirmation of Referral letter (CoRL), Acknowledgement of Claim (AOC), Refugee Protection Claim Document (RPCD) or Client Application Summary (after submitting a claim via IRCC's online).

Learn more about BCNSP program:

<https://www.vircs.bc.ca/>