

About Canadian Immigration

Canada is known for being a cultural mosaic because it welcomes immigrants into the country for all over the world and the cultural diversity that is present reflects this. Its immigration history started well before Confederation and is a very interesting read that may shed some light on today's immigration law and recent changes that we have seen. The recommended reads about Canada's immigration history are:

Strangers at our gates: Canadian immigration and immigration policy, 1540-2006

This book is authored by Valerie Knowles and revised in 2007 to reflect changes made in immigration since 1997 including the new Immigration Act and Regulations.

The Making of a Mosaic: A History of Canadian Immigration Policy, Second Edition.

This book is authored by Ninette Kelley and is a widely recognized authoritative work. It focused on Canada's history that has led to today's cultural mosaic and explores the judicial and political facets that shaped immigration history.

Immigration and Canada. (2010)

This book is authored by Alan B. Simmons and focuses in part on the historical roots of immigration and how that has shaped today's policies, trends and socio/cultural/economic impacts.

There are also some books available for kids to read that focus on Canadian immigration and settling in Canada.

The Kids Book of Canadian Immigration (2006). Ages 8-11

This book is authored by Deborah Hodge and tells the stories of various ethnic groups and provides profiles, maps and first person account of previous immigrants.

Coming to Canada: Building a Life in a New Land (2005). Ages 10-15

This book is authored by Susan Hughes and provides a timeline of immigration and how it has shaped Canada. It also includes the personal stories of immigrants and their experiences in Canada.

Wow Canada! Series Ages 10 and under

This series of books is written by Vivien Bowers and focuses on telling kids all about Canada. Books include "Crazy about Canada," "That's very Canadian," and "Only in Canada."

Other publications that you may be interested in are:

Canadian Immigrant Magazine.

This magazine is a monthly publications and includes topics such as immigrant stories, settling in Canada, careers and culture.

Ajuus Magazine.

This is a Dutch publication about immigration to any country in the world. It provides sources for moving companies, language courses, latest news and statistics, immigrant stories and immigration fairs.

History of Canada

Canada is a relatively young country but has a rich cultural history. There are many publications available about the history of Canada but there is one that particularly stands out as it is authored by Trevor W. Harrison, a University of Lethbridge professor. The work is titled “Canadian Society in the Twenty-First Century” and explores Canada’s history with the British and French and explains some significant historical and political events including the various wars fought and the Oka Crisis. This book is highly recommended because it helps explain how Canada’s history has shaped today’s government and treaties.

Exploring Alberta

When you are thinking about visiting or immigrating to Alberta, you are coming to a province that is worth exploring. There are many sites to see in our province including provincial and national parks, historic sites and cultural events. There must be a must-have item for travelling in Alberta is an updated road map. The Rand McNally series Alberta Map is a trustworthy source and can be obtained throughout the province at gas stations and even at the airports. To help you explore some of the things that Alberta has to offer, we have compiled a list of published books as well as some travel websites.

Published Books

Alberta History Along The Highway

This book is authored by Ted Stone and is available in trade paperback and can be purchased online at www.amazon.com and www.chapters.indigo.ca. This work was published in 2002 but is still a valid source of information because it is a guide that outlines some interesting facts and incidents that have occurred in the province. It also outlines some of the legends in Alberta’s past.

Best Of Alberta: Day Trips From Calgary: Revised Edition

This book is authored by Bill Corbett and is available in trade paperback and can be purchased online at www.amazon.com and www.chapters.indigo.ca. We are recommending this book because it focuses on destinations that are within a two hour drive of Calgary with some destinations in Southern Alberta.

Excellent Cycling Adventures in Southern Alberta

This book is authored by Marg Archibald and is available in trade paperback. This book is recommended because many of our visitors and immigrants are from European backgrounds where bicycling is a common activity in everyday life. Our cities and towns are not built specifically with the cyclist in mind compared to some European countries and this book will provide you with some cycling routes with minimized traffic and beautiful landscapes.

Explore Southern Alberta with Joanne Elves: Attractions, Secrets, Drives, Picnics, Walks

This book is authored by Joanne Elves and focuses specifically on destinations in Southern Alberta, including the South West corner of our provinces. Destinations include the Crowsnest Pass and Waterton National Park.

Links of Interest

About Alberta and Immigration

Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program – full information about the Alberta provincial nominee program including requirements and steps to follow

Service Alberta – information about living and working in Alberta

Employment and Immigration Alberta – information about employment in Alberta with focus on worker's rights and responsibilities

Government of Alberta – information about Alberta, its government and the programs and services available to residents

Alberta Learning Information Service – information about education in Alberta, job search tips and finding employment

Alberta Health Services – information about health coverage available in the province

About Canada and Immigration

Citizenship and Immigration Canada – information about immigration to Canada and the programs and applications available to foreign nationals

Human Resources and Skills Development of Canada – provides services to Canadians such as income security, social development, learning and skills and employment (e.g. LMO applications)

Service Canada – information about obtaining a SIN, employment, housing, immigration and various life events such as retirement planning and starting a business

Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants – the regulating body of immigration consultant professionals

National Occupational Classification System – the system used by Citizenship and Immigration Canada to assess applicants' occupations against program criteria

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms – outlines the rights and freedoms enjoyed by citizens and residents in Canada, adopted in 1982

Canadian Information Centre for International Credential – provides assistance with foreign credential recognition and the assessment of diplomas, degrees and other qualifications in Canada