



JUST MOVED!

Your Penticton Checklist

Congratulations on your decision to move to Penticton. Welcome home! Use this checklist to help make your transition go as smoothly and quickly as possible.

Step 1 - Find a Place to Live

You might need a short-term place to stay before finding the right home. Search [visitpenticton.com](https://www.visitpenticton.com) for an online inventory of B&Bs, motels, vacation rentals, hostels and campsites.

Rent a Home

Looking for a place to rent? You'll find classified ads and listings on:

- [castanet.net](https://www.castanet.net)
- [craigslist.org](https://www.craigslist.org)
- [kijiji.ca](https://www.kijiji.ca)
- [skaha.ca](https://www.skaha.ca)
- Facebook group [Penticton and area house / apartment rentals](#)

Some local property rental companies include:

- [Chase Valley Rentals](#)
- [Pacific Cove Properties](#)
- [Broadstreet Properties](#)

At the [Rise on Nanaimo](#) and [Backstreet Boulevard](#), you'll find affordable rates geared toward your income.

Buy a Home

You can scan the MLS listings of homes for sale on listing services such as [realtor.ca](https://www.realtor.ca). If you're looking for a realtor, the [South Okanagan Real Estate Board](#) can help.

Step 2 - Set Up Your City Accounts

❑ Electricity & Water

To set up a [utilities account](#), you'll need two pieces of ID with your signature, and if you're renting, a copy of your rental agreement. You can [download the form](#) at penticton.ca/utilities-accounts and return it to City Hall by email or drop off at 171 Main Street during office hours.

❑ Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste

The City of Penticton posts the residential [garbage collection schedule](#) online. You can also call 250-490-3888 for details or visit the [City website](#). *Important:* If you live outside the City of Penticton, your residential waste collection may be handled by the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS).

After your move, here are some ways to get rid of packing materials and other household items.

- Once a year, large items such as furniture or appliances are picked up curbside.
- Yard waste and recycling is collected on alternating weeks.
- You can purchase stickers for additional garbage (over the 2 bag limit) at City Hall.

Other waste such as glass, plastic wrap, beverage containers or paint can be taken to [J&C Bottle Depot](#) (200 Rosetown Ave). You can also return many items, including cardboard boxes, old appliances and household hazardous waste, to the [Campbell Mountain Landfill](#) (1765 Reservoir Road).

Step 3 - Change Your Address

- ❑ Contact **FortisBC** to transfer or set up a natural gas account. Calling at least two days prior to your move-in is recommended. Ph: 1-888-224-2710.
- ❑ Transfer your telephone, internet and/or cable. If you require a new account, you'll find several telecommunications companies in Penticton, including **Shaw, Bell, Telus, Rogers** and the local service provider, **ABC Communications**.
- ❑ Visit any Autoplan Agency to update your auto insurance.
- ❑ Visit Service Canada at 386 Ellis Street to update your passport or to discuss issues including your EI, CPP, Disability Benefits or Foreign Credentials Referral.
- ❑ Visit Service BC at 40 Calgary Avenue to:
 - update the address on your B.C. driver's licence or to switch to a B.C. driver's licence from another province or country.
 - update or enrol in the provincial healthcare program (Medical Services Plan), which is required for B.C. residents. You can also **apply online**.
 - update or register to vote provincially.

Step 4 - Healthcare

Penticton Regional Hospital, at 550 Carmi Avenue, is a full-service facility offering 24-hour emergency services. The **Penticton Health Centre**, at 740 Carmi Avenue, also offers a range of health services including immunizations (Ph: 250-770-3434).

- ❑ **Find a family doctor:** Add your name to the centralized waitlist at divisionsbc.ca/sos. You can also check the **find-a-physician tool** maintained by the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons or call around local doctors' offices to add your name to specific waiting lists.
- ❑ **Walk-in medical clinics:** While waiting for a doctor, you can visit a walk-in clinic. These include:
 - Apple Plaza Walk-In: 1848 Main Street
 - Peach City Medical & Urgent Care: Cherry Lane Mall

Step 5 - Looking for Work

Find a Job

Try the virtual job boards such as Indeed.com, set up job alerts on your LinkedIn.com account, and check out the classified job listings on Castanet.com. You'll also find jobs posted on local Facebook groups, including the 'Hiring Penticton' group. For more, visit penticton.ca/jobs.

You can also register with the local **WorkBC Employment Services Centre**, which provides information, services, programs and support during your job search.



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Learn more about what it's like to live and work here!

- See local stories about others who have made the move.
- Get tips to help you settle in.
- Find out about fun things to see and do.
- Be inspired about opening a business or working remotely.

StartHerePenticton.com and follow their social media channels [@StartHerePenticton](https://twitter.com/StartHerePenticton).

Start a Business

Do you have a business idea? Or are you looking to relocate to Penticton? Check out StartHerePenticton.com, our Business Resources page and visit our interactive pentictonbiztoolkit.com for local market statistics. Need a business licence? Go to penticton.ca/businesslicences for everything you need to know. Penticton's **Economic Development Office** can provide advice and answer your questions (250-276-2165, economic.development@penticton.ca).

Be a Virtual Worker

Penticton is becoming a hub for these independent workers who value an active lifestyle with more flexibility. Find out more at penticton.ca/remoteworking.

Why Penticton?

- no time wasted in traffic
- a close-knit community that celebrates sports, arts, the natural environment, local food and beverages
- high-speed fibre optic internet options
- Local airport with direct flights to Vancouver and Calgary



Step 6 - Finding Your People

Penticton is a welcoming community with many opportunities for social and business networking.

Here are some to get started, with more business options listed on the City's [Business Resources](#) page and social groups in the latest [Recreation Guide](#).

- **South Okanagan Immigrant & Community Services:** offer language and settlement support for newcomers to Canada
- **100 Women Who Care & 100 Men Who Care:** networking & charitable giving
- **Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce**
- **Community Futures Okanagan Similkameen:** builds entrepreneurial capacity through business loans, support and advisory services
- Two Rotary clubs: **Penticton Okanagan Rotary** and the **Rotary Club of Penticton**
- **Penticton Women in Business**
- **Junior Chamber International** for young professionals (**JCI Penticton**)
- **Accelerate Okanagan:** mentorship and coaching for tech companies
- **South Okanagan Tech Professionals:** monthly **#TechBrew**
- **Penticton meetup groups**

- **Cowork Penticton** and **E-Office Okanagan:** coworking office spaces
- **Penticton Newcomers Club:** meet on the third Monday of the month
- **Foundry Penticton:** youth resource and gathering centre
- **Seniors Drop-in Centre**
- **South Okanagan Tabletop Board Games** group: all ages and skill levels welcome

Upcoming Events

You're moving to a region filled with festivals and events for every interest. Check out visitpenticton.com, downtownpenticton.org and penticton.ca/events to see what's coming up.

Get Involved

Volunteering is a great way to meet others and feel engaged with your community. Scope out the volunteer opportunities at:

- volunteercentre.info
- **Penticton Community Centre**
- **RCMP**
- **Penticton Museum & Archives**



Step 7 - Family Life

☐ Find Childcare

Visit the City's Child Care webpage for the latest information on how to start your search. You can request a referral online from [Penticton Child Care Resource and Referral \(CCRR\)](#), which provides information involving childcare options. Also check out the Facebook group [Penticton Childcare](#), which is a great place to post questions, and the [Penticton Moms Supporting Moms](#) Facebook page, where you can get connected with other local parents.

☐ Other Family Support

From special needs assistance to counselling and childcare referrals, [OneSky Community Resources](#) is well acquainted with Penticton services and can help you find what you need. They can also help you apply for childcare subsidies.

☐ Register for School

Penticton's public schools belong to School District 67: Okanagan Skaha. For a full listing of your options (including French immersion and alternative learning programs), visit [sd67.bc.ca](#). Other options in Penticton include a French language public school and numerous private schools. Another big draw for many families is the [Okanagan Hockey Academy](#).

Your post-secondary options include [Okanagan College](#), [Sprott Shaw College](#) and two flight training schools: [Topflight](#) and [BP Aviation](#).

☐ Fun Things to Do

From beaches and lakes to mountain biking and ski trails, Penticton is a four-season playground. Our community also has fantastic amenities including a modern Community Centre complete with two pools, library, museum and the Penticton Art Gallery. For more info on these, visit [pentiction.ca/thingstodo](#)

Also bookmark the following pages for event information: [visitpentiction.com](#), [pentiction.ca/events](#) and [downtownpentiction.org](#).

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Step 8 - Getting Around

One of the greatest things about living in Penticton is the fact that you can drive from one side of the city to the other within 10 minutes. Your other options to get around include cycling, walking, taxis and public transit.

The new Lake to Lake Bike Route is now partly completed, providing a dedicated bike route between Okanagan Lake and throughout the downtown area, with plans to connect it to Skaha Lake. For maps and more information, For more information, visit [pentiction.ca/cycling](#) and [pentiction.ca/transportation](#).

Local bus service is provided by [BC Transit](#). You can view route information and current schedules online or download the [Rider Guide](#) for reference. Other bus services include a [handyDART](#) service for those with disabilities and regional bus services to neighbouring communities including a \$5 fare for the route to Kelowna. Local transit information is also available at [pentiction.ca/transit](#)

Key Contacts

Penticton's Economic Development Office can provide advice and answer your questions! Ph: 250-276-2165, economic.development@pentiction.ca

Here are some other key contacts:

Penticton City Hall: 171 Main Street, General Switchboard: 250-490-2400. Hours of operation: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (closed for all statutory holidays)

Business Licences: 250-490-2488, businesslicences@pentiction.ca

Bylaws: 250-490-2440, bylaw@pentiction.ca

Missed your waste collection? Phone: 250-490-3888

Taxes: 250-490-2485, taxclk@pentiction.ca

Utilities Billing (Electric & Water): 250-490-2489, utilities@pentiction.ca

Penticton RCMP: 250-492-4300

Penticton Fire Department: 250-490-2300

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