

How to open a bank account

Step 1. Gather the following documents:

- Your Study Permit (IMM 1442), Temporary Resident Visa (TRV)
- One additional piece of government photo ID such as a passport or Canadian driver's license **and** Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Proof of enrollment from your Canadian educational Institution such as your student ID card or your course timetable

Step 2. Book an appointment with a bank representative by visiting or calling your respective bank branch to open an account.

- Scotia Bank: 1 (800) 472-6842
- Royal Bank of Canada: 1 (800) 769-2511
- ICI Bank: 1-888-424-2422
- CIBC: 1 (800) 465-2422

Step 3. Choose your account type(s)

When you meet your bank representative, discuss the account types, credit card, debit card, and advantages of the account type and how to build a credit score.

Set up one or more accounts. Most people have both chequing and savings accounts.

Note: Financial institutions are usually open during the day, Monday to Friday, and closed on holidays. Some branches are open in the evenings and on weekends.

Questions? Email: Samantha.Parchment-Andrews@norquest.ca or [book an appointment](#) with a settlement advisor to discuss your options.