

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

YOUR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY AT **CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY** IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.  
HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO SET YOU UP FOR SUCCESS FROM DAY ONE.

- **Set Up Your Student Accounts** - You will receive an email from IT Services ([helpdesk@cbu.ca](mailto:helpdesk@cbu.ca)) several days after your acceptance, outlining your new CBU email information. As soon as you receive this information, it's very important that you log in and check this email frequently. All future communication from CBU will be sent to your CBU email address and not to the email you used to apply.

Use your CBU email credentials received from IT Services to log in into your [COMPASS](#) student account to become familiar with the self-serve options and other features that will help you during your time at CBU.

- **Download Your Proof Of Payment & Apply For Your Visa** - Your proof of payment will be available for download through your [COMPASS](#) student account within 5-7 business days approximately after your payment is made.

Now that you have all the required documents from CBU, apply for your visa. For more information on this process, click [here](#).

- **Connect With An Academic Advisor** - You will be able to connect with an Academic Advisor before you register for courses and after you have been issued your CBU email address. Instructions on when to connect with an academic advisor and how to access advising can be found at [CBU.ca/advising](#).

- **Register for courses** - Once you've been advised, you can register for your courses. Browse the [COMPASS](#) student system and watch the [How-to-CBU YouTube series](#) to ensure your registration goes as planned. Once advised, we encourage you to register as soon as possible, as courses are limited.

- **Review Tuition & Fees** - Review CBU's tuition and fees to help guide your financial planning for the upcoming year, and familiarize yourself with CBU's [payment deadlines](#) and accepted [payment options](#) at [CBU.ca/tuition-fees](#).

- **Meet Your Classmates** - Join the [CBU Student Facebook Group](#) to meet your classmates, stay up-to-date on important dates and exciting upcoming events.

- **Plan Accommodations - On Campus Housing**

If you require housing, our on campus residence will be a big part of your university experience. It's true when they say, CBU residence will be your new home away from home. You can apply for on-campus housing once you have been issued your CBU email address by visiting [CBU.ca/residence](#). Please note, once you receive an offer of accommodation letter, you must submit a confirmation deposit of \$700.

## **Off Campus Housing**

**Housing is limited. Please start your search for housing accommodations early.**

CBU is surrounded by close-knit communities that offer amenities like grocery stores, fitness centres, urgent care and pharmacies. These communities are home to local residents, and international students like yourself. Visit [CBU.ca/off-campus-living](#) to learn more about housing options.

- **Bookmark CBU's Important Dates Calendar & Prepare for Week of Welcome** - Visit [CBU.ca/important-dates](#) to ensure you are informed about important deadlines regarding registration, finances and more.

Week of welcome (WOW) is held at the beginning of each semester. New students are strongly encouraged to get involved and attend WOW events. Keep an eye on your CBU email account so you don't miss important information about this fun filled week or visit [CBU.ca/wow](#).

- **Need To Defer Your Start Date?** - International students can defer their admission to any of the dates listed under Alternate Start Dates, on their Notice of Acceptance. If the date to which you wish to defer is not listed on your letter, please contact [internationaladmissions@cbu.ca](mailto:internationaladmissions@cbu.ca) for more information.

To request a deferral, international students must complete the [International Deferral Request form](#). You can email this form to [internationaladmissions@cbu.ca](mailto:internationaladmissions@cbu.ca).

*Please note that this process can take up to two weeks and that deferrals may not be granted (for either Canadian or International students) for programs with limited seats.*

You can read more information about deferrals at [CBU.ca/deferrals](#).

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