

Welcome

TO THE MIRAMICHI REGION



Newcomer Guide



This guide was prepared by the Miramichi Regional Multicultural Association (MRMA) to help you with your settlement needs. You may consult this guide for information about steps to take when you arrive to help you adapt and integrate to the Miramichi region.

Miramichi is a place which offers excellent advantages for all who wish to settle in this region of New Brunswick and we want all newcomers to feel welcome, a sense of belonging, and that we value your contribution to the culture, society and economy of the region.

We look forward to welcoming you, and we hope this guide will help you get established, adapt and start your new life herewith ease.

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Note

This document is offered in both official languages of New Brunswick: English & French. However, it is not a direct translation, because the information about certain services, programs, and contacts varies by language.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome,

On behalf of our City Council and the entire community welcome to the Miramichi. We are very happy you have chosen our beautiful city to be your new home, and are very glad to have you!

The city and region of Miramichi are known as Atlantic Canada's Great Outdoors, and as you will soon find out yourself, we offer our citizens the very best quality of life, a low cost of living, and a friendly and welcoming community.

Over the last few years we have seen more and more people from across Canada and around the world choosing Miramichi as their home, making it more diverse than ever, and helping us all renew our shared home together.

Again, welcome to the Miramichi. I look forward to seeing you around town.



Mayor Adam London



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Welcome to New Brunswick

New Brunswick's population is approximately 750,000, including over 28,000 immigrants. It is the only province in Canada that has two official languages - English and French. The province is divided into 15 counties, with Northumberland County being the largest and home to Miramichi. Miramichi and its neighboring towns, such as Baie Ste Anne, Neguac, Rogersville, Doaktown, and Blackville, have a diverse population. Additionally, about 33% of New Brunswick's population speaks French as their primary language.



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Welcome to the Miramichi Region

The Greater Miramichi region covers most of Northumberland County, except for Upper Miramichi, Doaktown, and Blissfield Parish. It includes several communities, such as Miramichi City, Blackville, Neguac, and the Mi'kmaq First Nation communities of Eel Ground, Metepenagiag, and Esgeñoôpetitj. The region's cultural identity is tied to various heritages, including Mi'kmaq, Acadian, English, Scottish, and Irish. The region has also become home to diverse immigrant communities from the Philippines, Africa, the Caribbean, India, and Southeast Asia.



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Welcome to the Miramichi Regional Multicultural Association

The Miramichi Regional Multicultural Association (MRMA) is a non-profit organization that promotes education, understanding, communication, and harmony among all cultures, as well as, attracting and assisting in the settlement of immigrants.

MRMA's Office, is located at 1808 Water Street (Chatham)

Settlement Services

We have professional staff to assist and direct you in your steps to integrate in the region. Settlement Services are FREE and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Orientation
- Support
- Referral services

The Members of the MRMA consist of over 62 different nationalities.

New members and volunteers are always welcome.





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Welcome to the Miramichi Regional Multicultural Association




The MRMA recognizes that newcomers and diversity bring significant social, cultural, and economic benefits to the region.

If you have any questions or concerns you can visit our website at www.mrma.ca

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The MRMA collaborates with various partners who have expertise in different service and support sectors such as entrepreneurship, healthcare, and education.

Things to do upon arriving

- Visit the Miramichi Regional Multicultural Association (MRMA) for useful advice and information
- Find a place to live
- Get a Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Get a Medicare card
- Get your driver's license
- Open a bank account
- Register your children at school or at a daycare
- Find a family doctor, dentist and optometrist
- Visit the Centre Communautaire Beausoleil if you speak French or want to improve your language skills
- Have your documents and diplomas translated to establish your training and skill set
- Find a job



Important Phone Numbers



Police.....	(506)623-2124
NB Power.....	1(800)442-4424
Tele-care	811
Social Development.....	1(866)441-4246
Salvation Army.....	(506)622-7826
Miramichi Emergency Women’s Shelter.....	(506)622-8865
Miramichi Food Bank.....	(506)622-1838
Rogersville Food Bank.....	(506)775-2811
St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen.....	(506)773-7387
Miramichi Housing Solutions.....	(506)624-9909
Taxi-Gormans	(506)773-5501
Bus-Miramichi Transit.....	(506)623-2370
Out of the Cold Shelter	(505)622-5377
Volunteer Miramichi.....	(506)622-6565

211 connects people with the appropriate information and services in their region. Call if you need food, cannot pay your rent or utilities, were recently laid off, cannot find childcare or a doctor, feel stressed, seeking training or employment.



Government Services



Medicare Card

To receive health care in New Brunswick, you must have a health card, called a "Medicare" card; otherwise you will have to pay for the services.



Driver's Licence

You need a driver's license to operate a motor vehicle in Canada. Cost varies.

Service New Brunswick

📍 360 Pleasant Street, Miramichi, NB E1V1X3

☎ 1 (888) 762-8600

🌐 www.gnb.ca

Social Insurance Number

In order for anyone to work in Canada they must have a Social Insurance Number (SIN). Each person has their own number that is also required to receive any government benefits (ie Medicare card); and open a bank account. Your SIN is provided free of charge.

Service Canada

📍 139 Douglastown Blvd, Miramichi, NB E1V 0A4

☎ 1 (800) 622-6232

🌐 www.servicecanada.ca



Canadian Currency

The official currency of Canada is the Canadian dollar (\$). One dollar is worth 100 cents (¢). Coin money has six different values. Each has a distinct color, format, and an image representing Canada on its face.

To get the value of the Canadian dollar in other countries, you can visit www.exchange-rates.org.



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Banking & Finances

There are many financial institutions in the Miramichi Region that can help with all your banking and financial needs.



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Bank Accounts

You should open a bank account as soon as possible. There are two types of accounts; chequing and savings. In order to open an account, you need a social insurance number (optional), and a photo ID (passport or driver's license). You may speak with a bank representative about the kind of account you want.



Banking & Finances

Credit Card

You can also get a credit card at your bank. A credit card allows cardholders to borrow funds to pay for goods and services with merchants that accept cards for payment. Credit cards impose the condition that cardholders pay back the borrowed money, plus any applicable interest, in full by the billing date. The interest on credit cards is very high so be careful how you use your credit card. In order to get a credit card, you will need to provide your bank with personal information.



Credit Check

Your credit report is a summary of your credit history. Your credit report is created when you borrow money or apply for credit for the first time. Lenders send information about your accounts to the credit bureaus, also known as credit reporting agencies.

There are two main credit bureaus in Canada: Equifax and TransUnion.

These are private companies that collect, store and share information about how you use credit. These companies only collect information from creditors about your financial experiences in Canada.



Canada Post

Canada Post delivers your mail at home and ships letters and parcels. In new neighborhoods, the mail may be delivered to community mailboxes along the street.

 Canadapost.ca



Other outlets can be found at pharmacies and grocery stores. In addition to selling stamps and shipping packages, they have passport applications and income tax return documents.

When mailing a letter or package, it must contain:

- Correct postage
- A return address (your home or work)
- The address where you are sending it

*The addresses must also contain postal codes



Official Holidays

Each year there are official days whereupon government offices and many businesses are closed for business. Most of these holidays occur across Canada as well.



New Year's Day	January 1
Family Day	Third Monday in February
Good Friday	Friday before Easter Sunday
Easter	First Sunday after the Paschal full moon
Easter Monday	Monday after Easter Sunday
Victoria Day	Monday before May 25
Canada Day	July 1
New Brunswick Day	First Monday in August
Labour Day	First Monday in September
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.....	September 30
Thanksgiving	Second Monday in October
Remembrance Day	November 11
Christmas Day	December 25
Boxing Day	December 26

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Climate & Seasons

New Brunswick experiences a variety of weather patterns, which are typical of coastal regions and forested areas. The presence of moist air from the Atlantic Ocean results in mild winters and moderate summer temperatures.

To find out the daily weather forecast you may consult local newspapers, listen to the radio, watch TV, or visit www.theweathernetwork.com or Environment Canada at www.weatheroffice.gc.ca

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Seasonal Clothing

The clothing worn in New-Brunswick depends on the season. Light weight clothing is worn in the summer, such as shorts, t-shirts and sandals.

In the spring and fall you will need a light jacket to go outdoors.

Winter brings cold weather and snow, so warm clothing is necessary, such as: winter coat, mittens or gloves, hat, scarf, winter boots, and ski pants. Layering clothes is important in the winter because it helps to trap warm air between the layers, providing better insulation for the body. Additionally, layering allows for better regulation of body heat, as one can remove or add layers depending on the activity level and external temperature.

In the Miramichi region, many stores offer new clothing, but certain stores specialize in used clothing (see page 51, **Second Hand Stores**).

During winter, people of the Miramichi enjoy outdoor sports and activities such as skiing, skating, and sliding. To enjoy these activities, attention to appropriate clothing is necessary.







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Communications

Residential Telephones and Cellular Phones

Telephones are used often in Canada. Most people have a residential telephone or a cellular phone. Before getting your telephone, be sure to understand the fees and rates.

Finding Phone Numbers

Residential telephone numbers – www.canada411.ca

Business phone numbers – www.yellowpages.ca

Internet

Many residents of the region have internet access at home. Several companies provide internet services.

(Note: Internet access is available free of charge to all newcomers at the MRMA office)

Television

If you want many channels, you should get cable, digital, or satellite TV. The companies serving this area are: **Bell Aliant** and **Rogers**

Local channel: Rogers Cable 10 Miramichi

Newspapers

Miramichi Leader (English) Acadie Nouvelle (French)

Radio

Local stations to tune in to:

99.3 FM The River CEJY 101.1 FM CBMT 87.7 FM

95.9 FM Sun FM CBZD 96.9 FM CBAA 97.9 FM



Employment

Looking for Work in the Region

Before you start looking for work, it is a good idea to think about your career goals. Keep in mind that you may not be able to find an ideal job right away, but do not get discouraged. If you are not happy with the job you get, you can always continue to look for better opportunities.

As a new arrival in Canada, you may want to accept a job that is available, even if it is not perfect, as it is important to acquire Canadian work experience. Remember: the first job you get is only a starting point. It has been found that it is easier to find work when you are working. You will be able to get better work as you learn more English and/or French and get more Canadian work experience.

The MRMA has access to employment counsellors to help you with your career planning and acquiring Canadian job search skills.

Where to Look for a Job

There are websites that list jobs within your area. Some of the more popular websites to check are:

- www.kijiji.ca
- www.monster.ca
- www.workopolis.ca
- www.indeed.ca
- www.nbjobs.ca
- www.jobbank.gc.ca
- www.gnb.ca
- www.careerbeacon.com

Applying for a Job

The documents most commonly needed when applying for a job in Canada are:

- Cover letter
- Resume/ curriculum vitae (CV)
- Job application
- References



Employment

Qualifications Recognition

It is important to be able to use the education, training, and work experience you acquired in your country of origin. There are several documents related to your education and experiences that can help Canadian employers understand your international qualifications.

The types of documents that may be required include:

- Degrees, diplomas or certificates from universities, colleges, secondary schools or trade school
- Apprenticeship certificates
- Letters from employers
- Work descriptions for jobs you have done
- Letters of reference

If you need help getting your international credentials recognized in New Brunswick, you can ask for help or visit the following websites:

- www.gnb.ca/immigration
- www.workingincanada.gc.ca
- www.cic.gc.ca

The MRMA can help guide and support you in finding out more information about your qualification recognition.

New Brunswick Employment Standards

New Brunswick's minimum wage as of April 1, 2023 is \$15.30 per hour. All employees paid by salary, commission and for piece work must receive at least minimum wage for every hour worked. To understand the rights and responsibilities of both employer and employee, please visit www.workershelf.ca



Employment

Pre-employment and Employment Services in the Region

WorkingNB services are available to New Brunswick employers and job-seekers looking for support. Any New Brunswick employer, regardless the size, that has human resource challenges, including recruitment, retention and training, can reach out to WorkingNB for support through a workforce consultant.

And any New Brunswicker looking for career or training opportunities can connect with a WorkingNB employment counsellor.

WorkingNB Offices in the Region

WorkingNB Miramichi

152 Pleasant Street
Miramichi, NB E1V 1Y1
Telephone (506) 627-4424
Fax (506) 624-5482

WorkingNB Neguac

430 Principale Street
Neguac, NB E9G 1M9
Telephone (506) 627-4424
Fax (506) 776-3807

WorkingNB Tracadie-Sheila

3514 Principale Street, 2nd Floor
Tracadie-Sheila, NB E1X 1C9
Telephone (506) 394-3809
Fax (506) 394-3813



Business Startup

Starting your own business

The Miramichi Region has a wide array of business services, facilities and infrastructure that make it an ideal destination for business investors and international newcomers.

Municipalities in the region (Blackville, Doaktown, Miramichi, Neguac and Rogersville) each provide confidential and free advisory services to prospective business persons.

Some international newcomers may be interested in buying or partnering in an existing business. To buy an existing business or a new business site, licensed real estate brokers/sales associates (“realtors”) are available to assist you. For commercial real estate information visit the properties and land listings at www.MightyMiramichi.com.

The Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC) and Opportunities NB provide options for business owners and potential buyers to connect at no cost. There are also private consultants who match newcomers with existing businesses.

Community Business Development Corporation – www.cbdc.ca
Opportunities NB – www.onbcanada.ca
Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency – www.acoa-apec.ca
Service New Brunswick – www.snb.ca





Temporary Housing

Finding Temporary Housing in the Region

Should you need temporary housing during your first few weeks in the region while you search for permanent housing, perform a web search or consult the Yellow Pages under: Motels, Hotels & Inns.

www.airbnb.com can also be a good option.

Renting an Apartment or House

Renting an apartment or a house is an affordable option, and is perhaps a better choice when you first arrive in Canada. Also, renting does not take as long to move in and get settled as buying a house. To find a place to rent, check:

- Classified ads in local papers (Example: Miramichi Leader)
- Signs on apartments or homes
- Websites, such as: www.gorent.ca, www.kijiji.ca, etc.
- Contact MRMA

Become familiar with your rights and responsibilities if you rent.

Signing a Lease

A lease is a rental contract between landlord and tenant. In New Brunswick, the landlord and tenant must sign a prescribed form of lease, called the Standard Form of Lease. The lease sets out the rights and responsibilities of both the landlord and tenant. Even if the landlord and tenant did not sign a lease, the Residential Tenancies Act still regulates the relationship. A lease of determined length is automatically over at the end of the specified period. However, a tenant or landlord may end a limited lease earlier by giving written notice. The time frame permitted to cancel such lease varies according to the type of lease. For more information, visit:

www.gnb.ca/renting



Healthcare

Medicare

In Canada, health care is paid for in part with taxes. To obtain healthcare in New Brunswick, you need a Medicare card. The Medicare card permits you to get most healthcare services for free. When you arrive in NB, it is very important to request this card as soon as possible.

You can get an Application for Registration - Medicare at a Service New Brunswick (SNB) office or by phoning: **1-888-762-8600**. You must use a separate form for each person over the age of 19. To make your request, you will need to provide documentation. To see the types of documentation required, go to **www.snb.ca**.

Applications are assessed on an individual basis and other documents may be requested to verify eligibility. If you have moved to New Brunswick, you may be eligible for New Brunswick Medicare coverage on the first day of the third month following the month you have established permanent residence in New Brunswick.

Eligibility

To be eligible for New Brunswick Medicare coverage you must be: A Canadian citizen or be legally entitled to remain in Canada; A resident who makes their permanent and principal home in New Brunswick

Your Medicare card is for you only. Each member of your family needs his-her own card. You cannot exchange your card, nor let another person use your card or you risk: losing your Medicare coverage, facing criminal charges, and/or being asked to leave Canada.

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS KEEP YOUR MEDICARE CARD WITH YOU

Finding a Family Doctor

To get a family doctor, you will be placed on a waiting list. (Ask at the Hospital or Medical Clinic for names & numbers of doctors, or consult the Yellow Pages). While you are on the waiting list, you can get medical services at a walk-in clinic or at the hospital.


Call Tele-health 1-800-244-8353 OR 811 to be placed on the waiting list

Tele-health is a bilingual telephone assistance service offered by the Health Minister of NB. Experienced nurses answer your calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service offers translation in over 100 languages.

The Miramichi hospital serves the region. The numbers for specific departments are listed on the hospital's website.

Miramichi Regional Hospital

 500 Water St, Miramichi, NB E1V 3G5

 (506) 623-3000

 www.horizonnb.ca

Clinics in the Region

Miramichi Health Centre.....	(506)627-7511
Miramichi After-hours Medical Clinic (Chatham).....	(506)778-9942
Miramichi After-hours Medical Clinic (Newcastle).....	(506)622-6562
Miramichi Addictions and Recovery Clinic.....	(506)623-6272
Evergreen Medical Clinic.....	(506)622-6140
Miramichi Hope House.....	(506)778-6111
Neguac Health Centre.....	(506)776-3876
Blackville Health Centre.....	(506)843-2910
Central Miramichi Community Health Centre.....	(506)365-6100

Daycares

Children under the age of 12 should never be left alone. It is the Law. If you must be absent, find a baby-sitter (someone to watch the children at your home) or register your child at a daycare.

CHILDREN SHOULD KNOW:

- ★ Their first & last name and parents' names
- ★ Their address and phone number
- ★ Who to contact and where to go in an emergency
- ★ To NOT speak to strangers
- ★ To always tell you where they are going

The Northumberland County **A Family Place** is a Family Resource Centre offering a variety of programs and activities available to parents and children ages 0 to 6 years in their respective communities. For more information, visit: www.frc-crf.com/





Daycares

Daycares in the Miramichi Region

Chatham Day Care Center Inc Miramichi.....	(506) 773-9779
Chatham Day Care Centre Inc. Too Miramichi.....	(506) 773-0993
Club Connect After School Program Miramichi	(506) 778-2444
Eel Ground Ginaamoi Headstart/Day Care Eel Ground.....	(506) 627-4612
Jane Bell's Pre-School Miramichi.....	(506) 836-2311
Joyce Arbeau's Learning Centre Pre-School Miramichi	(506) 773-7908
Just Kids Day Care Center Inc Miramichi.....	(506) 622-3041
Kacie's Early Learning Childcare Centre Miramichi	(506) 773-5437
Karlie's After School Club Miramichi	(506) 622-2023
Kindertots After School Program Miramichi.....	(506) 778-3936
Kindertots After School Too Miramichi.....	(506) 210-2442
Kindertots Children's Centre Inc. Miramichi.....	(506) 778-3936
L'il Critters Early learning & Care Ctr Miramichi	(506) 622-3200
Little Bits Early Learning and Care Miramichi	(506) 625-0045
O.K. Busy Tots Day Care and Pre-School Blackville.....	(506) 843-0116
Peek-A-Boo Child Care Center Miramichi.....	(506) 622-7070
Tiny Treasures Day Care Burnt Church.....	(506) 738-2766
Beary Special Daycare	(506)623-5966

Daycares providing services in French in the region:

Les Beaux Soleils Miramichi.....	(506) 622-7870
Les Flots Miramichi	(506) 627-4223
Les Mini Michis Miramichi.....	(506)622-7870





Education

In New Brunswick, public schools are offered in English and French. There are five levels in the educational system:

- Elementary: kindergarten to grade 5
- Middle School: grades 6 to 8
- High School: grades 9 to 12
- Community College
- University

Canadian law requires that children aged 6 to 16 attend school, and public schools are free for all residents.

In the Miramichi region there are many public schools, and your child should attend the school closest to your home. The English schools in the Miramichi Region are managed by Anglophone North School District (see: <http://asd-n.nbed.nb.ca> or phone (506) 778-6075) while the French schools are managed by the Francophone District (<http://francophonesud.nbed.nb.ca/> or phone (506) 856-3333)

Registering your Child in School

To register your child in school, make an appointment with the school district office for the school you have chosen. When you go to your appointment, bring the required documents, such as: immigration documents, passports, vaccination certificates, and school record of the child. If you are not sure which school your child should attend, contact the desired school district office.





Education

Schools in the Miramichi Region

Esgenoopetitj School.....	(506) 523-8240
Blackville School.....	(506) 843-2900
Bonar Law Memorial School.....	(506) 523-7160
Max Aitken Academy.....	(506) 627-4086
Dr. Losier Middle School.....	(506) 778-6077
Eleanor W. Graham Middle School.....	(506) 523-7970
Gretna Green Elementary School.....	(506) 778-6099
Harcourt School.....	(506) 785-4006
King Street Elementary School.....	(506) 778-6076
James M. Hill Memorial High School.....	(506) 778-6078
Millerton Elementary & Junior High School.....	(506) 627-4090
Miramichi Rural School.....	(506) 228-2000
Miramichi Valley High School.....	(506) 627-4083
Central New Brunswick Academy.....	(506) 365-2090
Napan Elementary School.....	(506) 778-6080
Nelson Rural School.....	(506) 627-4074
North & South Esk Elementary School.....	(506) 836-7010
North & South Esk Regional High School.....	(506) 836-7000
Tabusintac Community School.....	(506) 779-4120
École Carrefour Beausoleil.....	(506) 627-4135
Centre scolaire communautaire La fontaine.....	(506) 776-3808
École Régionale de Baie-Sainte-Anne.....	(506) 228-2010
Étoile de l'Acadie.....	(506) 775-2060
Metepenagiag School.....	(506) 836-6111
Natoaganeg School.....	(506) 627-4615



Post-Secondary Education

New Brunswick Community College (NBCC)

New Brunswick Community College (NBCC) offers a number of innovative and high demand programs, such as:

- Business Administration
- Applied and Media Arts
- Environmental Technology
- Social and Corrective Services

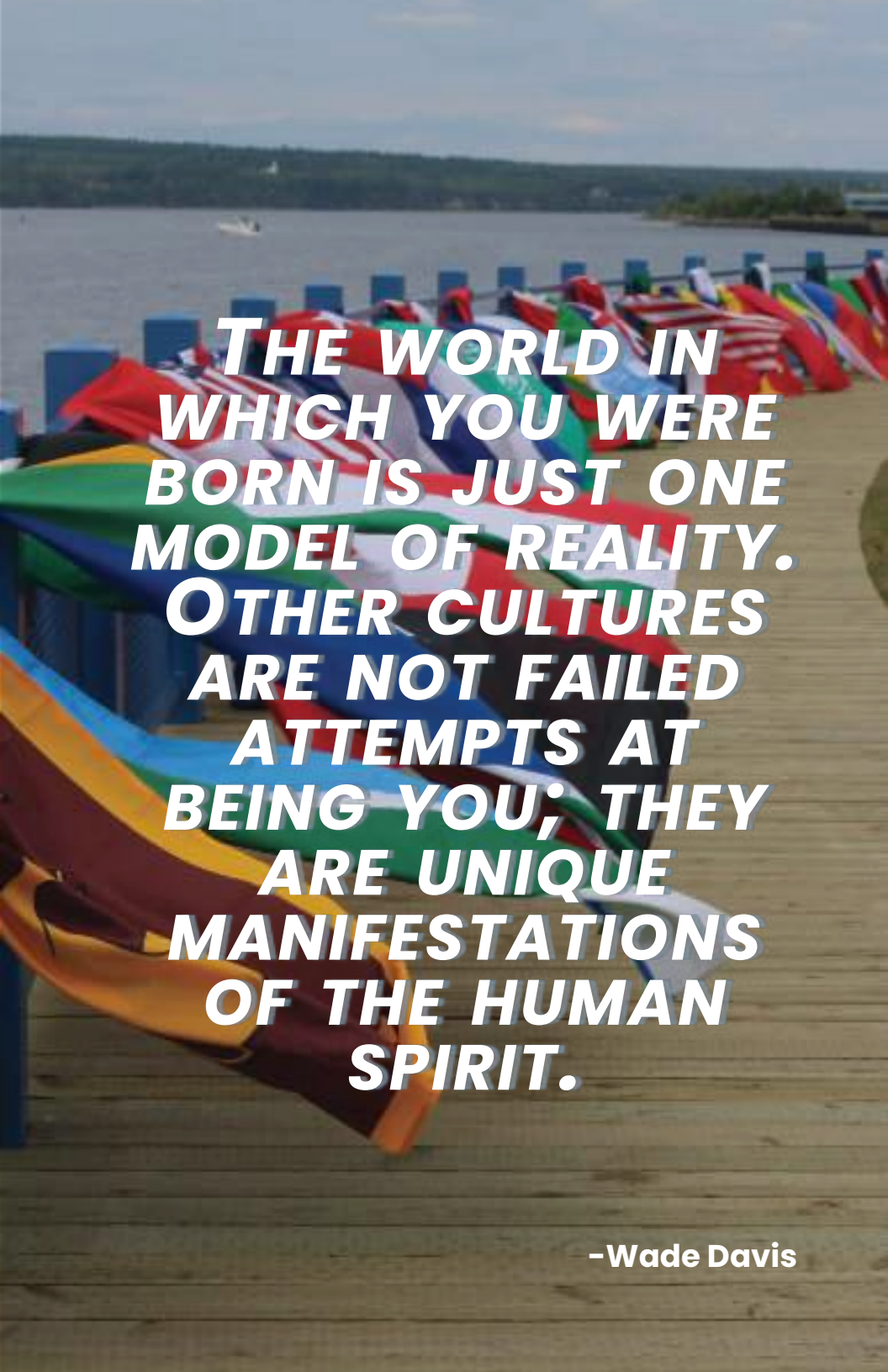
Check out the course offerings at: www.nbcc.ca

Evaluation and Recognition of Foreign Credentials

Consult the Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC) at www.cicic.ca for more information on hiring conditions in specific professions and trades in Canada. Other websites to consult:

- www.welcomenb.ca
- www.cic.gc.ca



A row of colorful flags, including the United States flag, is displayed on a wooden pier. The flags are arranged in a line, and the pier extends into a body of water. In the background, there are hills and a small boat on the water.

**THE WORLD IN
WHICH YOU WERE
BORN IS JUST ONE
MODEL OF REALITY.
OTHER CULTURES
ARE NOT FAILED
ATTEMPTS AT
BEING YOU; THEY
ARE UNIQUE
MANIFESTATIONS
OF THE HUMAN
SPIRIT.**

-Wade Davis





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Purchasing a Home



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For most people in New Brunswick, a home is the largest single purchase or investment they will make. So, it's important to fully understand, and think through, every stage of the purchase decision.

Offered in many languages, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) provides housing information for newcomers. The CMHS website explains renting, buying, and owning a home. To learn more, please visit:

www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca

Who to Ask

- Realtor (consult yellow pages listing: Realtors)
- Homeowners
- Perform a web search

Where to Look

- Classified ads in local papers (Example: Miramichi Leader)
- Signs on homes
- Websites, such as: www.realtor.ca
- Local real-estate websites



Purchasing a Home

Heating

Winter in New Brunswick can be very cold. Starting in autumn, you must heat your home. Buildings can be heated many ways: electricity, heating oil, or a wood or pellet stove.

Apartment

Ask whether the cost of heating is included in the rent.

House

Find out which type of heating is used before buying a house.

Electricity

In Canada, the electrical supply is 110 Volts and 60 Hertz (cycles per second). NB Power is the company which will provide your home with electricity.

For distribution and customer service, call: 1 (800) 663-6272 or visit: www.energienb.com.

Heating with Oil

You may perform a web search or consult the Yellow Pages listing for Oils-Fuel for companies who sell this in the Miramichi area.

Gas

Natural gas is not available in the Miramichi Region. Propane gas is available in tanks/cylinders and is used for cooking and hot water heating. You may perform a web search or consult the Yellow Pages listing for propane providers in the region.





Transportation



Driver's Licence

Any person wishing to operate a motor vehicle in NB must have a Driver's Licence. The law requires you to carry this licence with you each time you drive. Even if you do not plan to drive a motor vehicle, it is good to have a driver's licence as an identification document (ID). Many jobs require a driver's licence.

You may use your international driver's licence or foreign licence for up to three months after you arrive. If you already have a driver's licence, visit Service New Brunswick to either exchange for a New Brunswick one, or if required, be tested for a new one. Service New Brunswick has forms, brochures, information and services for new drivers.

From Other Countries

Non-residents from other countries must take a full driver's licence examination which includes a road test, vision test, and written examination. Exceptions are those from the following countries who may exchange their licence from country of origin for a Class 5 (including a motorcycle endorsement without testing, if applicable) or a class 6 or 6D.

Documentation

A non-resident from any foreign country must provide the following documentation:

- Their original driver's licence
- An English translation of the driver's licence (from a translation agency or an International Driver's Licence)
- Original passport



Transportation

Vehicle Registration

To drive a motor vehicle on NB roads, your vehicle must be registered. The price of registration varies. You can access Vehicle Registration Services at SNB Centers, or by phoning: 1 (888) 762-8600.

Insurance

Every vehicle driven on NB roads must be insured. In order to get auto insurance, you must contact an insurance agent. Consult your Yellow-Pages listings under: Insurance-Agents and Brokers, or perform a web search for names and numbers. Not all insurance agents have experience with newcomers or recognize foreign driving experience.

If you can provide a 'no claims letter' from your foreign insurance agent, you may get a better premium.

Vehicle Inspection

All motor vehicles and registered towing (trailers) must be verified once a year by an authorized mechanic. (Taxis and buses are inspected twice a year.) This inspection must conform to the Motor Vehicle Inspections Act. You must also keep the inspection report in your vehicle.

Consult your Yellow-Pages or website listings under: Automobile Inspection Stations to find a mechanic.





Transportation

Airports

There are two passenger airports accessible to the region:

Greater Moncton Roméo LeBlanc International Airport (162.12 km from Miramichi)

777 Aviation Avenue, Unit 12, Dieppe, N.B.
(506) 856-5444 or www.cyqm.ca

Aéroport de Bathurst (98.3 km from Miramichi)

Route 11, Exit 310, 2929 Route 180, South Tetagouche N.B.
(506) 549-5050 or www.airbathurst.com

Fredericton International Airport (193 km from Miramichi)

2570 NB-102, Lincoln, NB E3B 9G1
(506) 460-0920 or www.yfcfredericton.ca/

Taxis

In Miramichi, taxis are not metered. They charge a fixed fee by zone travelled:

Gorman's Taxi – (506) 773-5501

Very Best Taxi – (506) 717-4488





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Buses

Buses are available to take you around the City of Miramichi, to other communities and connecting to cities in other provinces or to the United States.

Miramichi Transit

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm,
Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Regular Fare: \$3.00

For more details, maps or routes call (506) 623-2370 or visit:
www.miramichitransit.ca

Maritime Bus

The main city-to-city bus line in New Brunswick is Maritime Bus.
For more details, call 1 (800) 575-1807 or visit:
www.maritimebus.com

Trains

Arrivals and Departures: 1 (888) 842-7245

Information and reservations 1 (888) 842-7245

Miramichi Station

251 Station, Miramichi
www.viarail.ca

Rogersville Station

11082 Principale, Rogersville – (506) 775-6782
www.viarail.ca



Entertainment

Things to Do/Places to Visit

There are many activities available to do for fun on the Miramichi. For more information visit:

www.rediscovermiramichi.com



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Entertainment

Mayor's Welcome BBQ

The Mayor's Welcome BBQ is a yearly event that created in 2018 that allows newcomers and existing community members to meet each other in a fun and dynamic welcome event that includes a free barbecue, an information expos, cultural performances, bouncy castles and activities for kids.

The 2018 event was a big success, being named the Largest Welcome Event in New Brunswick's history, having over 400 people attend. The MRMA, along with the Mayor of Miramichi and other community partners, will hold this event every August, and keep making it bigger and better every year. We hope to see you there!



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Elm Park Night Market

Hosted by the Miramichi Regional Multicultural Association, the Elm Park Market is a place to enjoy local and international food, music, local artisans, crafts and many more. The market runs from late June to the end of August at Elm Park in Chatham. For more information on specific dates and times, be sure to “view” and “like” the Elm Park Night Market Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/elmparknightmarket

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Asian Heritage Month is celebrated in May each year and it is a time to reflect on and celebrate the contributions that Canadians of Asian origin continue to make to the growth and prosperity of Canada.



Every February, Canadians are invited to participate in **Black History Month** festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.

Every year, on different First Nations reservations, **Pow Wows** are organized, which serve as a significant cultural, spiritual, and social event for the community. This occasion provides an ideal platform to display the drumming, dancing, and traditional clothing of the First Nation people. It's an excellent opportunity to immerse oneself in the rich culture of the First Nation community.





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Canoo

Canoo membership is available for new Canadian permanent residents within their first five years and new citizens within their first year, provided they are 18 or older. This membership offers free admission for one year to all Parks Canada sites, including national parks, historic sites, and marine conservation areas.

Members can explore Canada's stunning landscapes and historic locations, celebrating their new status in Canada. However, while admission to these sites is free, regular fees apply for activities like camping, guided tours, and special events. For a complete list of included and excluded services, it's recommended to check the specific locations before visiting.

For more information, visit: parks.canada.ca





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Food & Shopping

Supermarkets

Supermarkets and certain food stores sometimes carry specialty items, foods, meats, and spices used in different cultures. Walmart, Sobeys and Atlantic Superstore sometimes will have a section for international products. Other items such as Halal meat can be ordered from Miramichi Meat, located at 1189 King George Highway or call (506)622-3408. Also a larger selection of Caribbean, Asian and African foods can be found in Moncton and Fredericton.

Some grocery stores in the area include:

- Sobeys
- Atlantic Superstore
- Walmart
- Giant Tiger
- Deals 4U
- Dollarama
- Kuya Bob Asian Store
- Bulk Barn

Farmer's Markets

Farmer's Markets in the Miramichi region are the ideal spots to find fresh produce from the area and crafts. A warm, friendly atmosphere and community contacts await you.

Newcastle Farmer's Market

Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
21 Cove Rd
(506) 622-4221

Water Street Farmer's Market

Saturday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
1 Ellis St
(506) 773-7709



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Shopping

The Miramichi Region offers a good range of consumer products and services. To find goods and services, consult the Yellow Pages or refer to the Miramichi and Area Business Directory produced by Mighty Miramichi and available online at www.mightymiramichi.com

Second-hand Stores

These are good places to find clothes for each season and furniture very low cost.

Clothing Traders

2285-3 King George Highway
(506)622-1655

The Hospice Shoppe

16 University Ave
(506)773-3811

Salvation Army

231 Pleasant Street
(506)622-7826

Pharmacies

Besides selling prescriptions and over-the-counter (non-prescription) medication, pharmacies in Canada are known for providing other products and services. In fact, many pharmacies sell cosmetics, other products, and some food items. Perform a web search or consult the Yellow Pages for a list of pharmacies in the Miramichi Region.



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Places to Eat

The Miramichi Region offers a variety of restaurants and eateries.

Discover Miramichi's dining options at:
www.rediscovermiramichi.com/places-to-eat

Try on-demand food delivery services such as, **Doordash**, **Skip the Dishes**, and **Instacart**





Environment

Efficiency NB

The Existing Homes Energy Efficiency Upgrades Program provides New Brunswick homeowners with a grant or an interest-free loan to help make their houses more energy efficient, and save money. For more information, visit:

www.saveenergynb.ca/en/for-home

The first step to becoming Energy Efficient is to understand how your home uses energy and where you could be saving energy and money. Several ways have been developed for you to explore your home's energy costs and see where you might be able to improve.

For more information, visit: www.saveenergynb.ca

Recycle & Compost

The Northumberland region generates approximately 28,156 metric tonnes of waste each year, the majority of which ends up in a sanitary landfill. We must find ways to reduce this amount of waste going to landfills by reducing, reusing, and recycling our waste.

The Greater Miramichi regional Services Commission, Solid Waste Services, has implemented the Residential Curbside Recycling Program.

For collection schedule or more information, visit:

www.greatermiramichirsc.ca





Places of Worship

Freedom of religion is a right in Canada. You have the right to believe and practice religion freely and openly. However, discussion of religion is sensitive and not permitted, unless invited, in nondenominational environments such as schools and service facilities.

Following is a list of some of the places of worship in the region.

Organisation	Location	Telephone
Anglican Church of Canada		
St. Andrews Anglican Church	214 Pleasant St	(506) 622-7614
St. Mark's Anglican Church	376 Sunset Ave	(506) 622-0180
St Mary's Anglican Church	207 Wellington St	(506) 773-7387
Baptist		
Calvary Baptist Church	207 Delano Ave	(506) 622-7388
Full Gospel Chapel	Chaplin Rd	(506) 627-1103
Lower Derby Baptist	5332 Rte 108	(506) 622-3893
Congregational		
Holy Trinity Congregational Christian Church	125 Maher St	(506) 778-2387
Jehovah's Witnesses		
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses	1040 King George Hwy	(506) 622-7186
Non-Denominational		
River of Life Assembly	345 Beaverbrook Rd	(506) 622-2202
Miramichi Christian Council for Reconciliation	233 McArthur St	(506) 622-0377
The Point Church	582 King George Hwy	(506) 622-4540
East Side Church	50 Cunard St	(506) 625-1835
Pentecostal		
Boom Road PAOC	1535 Rte 425 Hwy	(506)836-2609
Family Worship Centre	1148 King George Hwy	(506) 392-1508

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Places of Worship

Organisation	Location	Telephone
Pentecostal (cont.)		
Lyttleton Pentecostal	Lyttleton	(506) 836-1820
Miramichi Lighthouse of Faith	37 Halcomb Rd	(506) 352-0772
New Life United	Blackville	(506) 843-6115
United Pentecostal Personage	146 King St	(506) 773-6964
Presbyterian		
Calvin Presbyterian Church	37 King St	(506) 773-6384
Covenant Presbyterian Church	357 McKenna Ave	(506) 836-7577
Sovereign Community Church	302 Big Ferry Rd	(506) 773-9624
Roman Catholic		
Most Pure Heart of Mary Church	Barnaby	(506) 622-5729
Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Church	306 Water St	(506) 622-2736
St. Andrew's Church	4464 Water St	(506) 773-6548
St. Mary's Church	360 Newcastle Blvd	(506) 622-5720
St. Michael the Archangel Basilica	10 Howard St	(506) 778-5152
St. Patrick's Church	12 St. Patrick's Dr	(506) 622-5733
St. Samuel's Church	33 St. Samuel's St	(506) 778-5159
Salvation Army	231 Pleasant St	(506) 622-7826
Seventh-Day Adventist	290 Dalton Ave	(506) 624-9872
United Church of Canada		
Bethel United Church	2843 Rte 11	(506) 773-6768
Knox United Church	4400 Water St	(506) 773-7161
St. Andrew's United Church	188 Wellington St	(506) 773-9932
St. James & St. John's United Church	555 King George Hwy	(506) 622-1598
St. Mark's United Church	2247 King George Hwy	(506) 773-5252
St. Phillip United	Whitney	

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Places of Worship

Organisation	Location	Telephone
Wesleyan Church		
Miramichi Wesleyan	52 Nelson St	(506) 622-7845 (506) 622-0126
Miramichi Fellowship Center	401 Main St, Blackville	(506) 843-2258
Our Lady of Calvary Trappistine Monastery	Rogersville	(506) 775-2331
Victory Worship	Neguac	(506) 779-6244
Judaism		
Jewish-Congregation Tiferes Israe	6 Steadman St, Moncton	(506) 858-0258
Islam		
Miramichi Islamic Center	514 Water St	(506) 251-8809 (506) 251-8807

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Government

Levels of Government in Canada

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Federal	
<p>In the Canadian Federal Regime, the powers of government are shared between the federal and provincial governments.</p> <p>Service Canada 1 (800) O-Canada 1 (800) 622-6232 www.canada.gc.ca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Affairs • Employment Insurance • Citizenship/Immigration • Defence • Criminal Law • Money and Banking • Census • Commerce Regulation • International Relations • Postal Services • Transportation
Provincial	
<p>Service NB offers more than 200 services to the population</p> <p>ServiceNB 1 (866) 441-4245 www.snb.ca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justice Administration • Social Services • Libraries • Education • Waste Removal • Natural Resources • Health • Ambulance Services • Roads and Highways
Municipal	
<p>Municipal administrations adopt and enforce rules.</p> <p>City Hall (506) 623-2200 www.miramichi.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aqueducts and Sewers • Territory Zoning • Animal Control • Emergency Services • Police & Fire Department • Public Services • Public Transit • Local Parks



Cultural Contacts

Miramichi Afro Connections – MAC

This organisation is currently made up of newcomers of African and Caribbean descent as well as other newcomers to the Miramichi region and members of the local community. Its main purpose is to assist newcomers, particularly those of African and Caribbean descent, in settlement procedures and their integration process in Miramichi.

For more information on MAC, visit their Facebook page [@miramichiafroconnection](https://www.facebook.com/miramichiafroconnection).



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Cultural Contacts

Miramichi Filipino Association - MFA

This group is made up of newcomers from the Philippines to the region. Its purpose is also to integrate newcomers and to help them settle comfortably in their new community.

For more information on the Miramichi Filipino Association, visit their Facebook page [@miramchifilipinoassociation](#).

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Cultural Contacts

Latino Miramichi

This group consists of individuals with Latino heritage who have recently arrived in the Miramichi region, as well as other newcomers and local community members. Its central goal is to aid newcomers, specifically those with Latino background, in navigating settlement procedures and facilitating their seamless integration into the Miramichi community.

For more information on Latino Miramichi, contact latinomiramichi@gmail.com





Cultural Contacts

Other Groups

Conseil communautaire Beausoleil Inc.

www.ccbmiramichi.com

Metepenagiag Heritage Park

www.metpark.ca

Miramichi Mahsabha

WhatsApp chat group

Co-ordinator: Rajesh Malholra cell: 1-647-853-0483

New Brunswick First Nation Directory

www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/aboriginal_affairs/fnc.html

New Brunswick Irish Cultural Association

www.newirelandnb.ca

Scottish Society (Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi)

www.highlandsociety.com

Société des Acadiens et Acadiennes du Nouveau-Brunswick

www.sanb.ca/?Id=702

Miramichi Supports Ukraine

www.facebook.com/miramichisupportsukraine

Eel Ground Health Centre

www.facebook.com/eelgroundhealth

Eel Ground First Nation

natoaganegfirstnation.ca



Help & Resources

Important Contacts

Miramichi Regional Multicultural Association
(506) 773-5272
www.mrma.ca

Carrefour Beausoleil Community Center
(506) 627-4125
www.ccbmiramichi.com

City Hall
(506) 623-2200
www.miramichi.org

Mighty Miramichi
(506) 352-7668
www.mightymiramichi.com

Service New Brunswick
1 (888) 762-8600
www.snb.ca

Human Resources and Development Canada
www.rhdcc.gc.ca/fra/accueil.shtml

Libraries
www.gnb.ca/0003/index-f.asp

Universities and colleges
www.unb.ca
www.nbcc.ca
www.stu.ca
www.mta.ca
www.ccnb.ca

Evaluation and Recognition of Foreign Credentials
www.cicic.ca
www.gnb.ca/immigration
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