

Cell Phone Plans & SIM Cards

Brock International Services Tip Sheet

A few initial tips for buying a cell phone plan:

- Learn about how cell phone plans work in Canada before you arrive by [clicking here](#). Some helpful topics include:
 - The general cost of Canadian plans
 - Pre-paid vs. Contract
 - Bringing your own device vs. buy through a provider
- Consider adding an international plan before departing for Canada so you can use your cell phone upon arrival. Alternatively, you can sign up for a pay-as-you-go (prepaid) plan or get a SIM card at the airport.
 - Toronto Pearson Airport has a cell provider booth, [Chatr Mobile](#), that you can visit and buy a local SIM card or phone, during business hours.

Canada's Cell Phone Providers

Mobile phone companies offer many different packages and plans for students. Most companies offer a pay-as-you go option and an annual contract option. In Ontario, there are a number of companies to choose from:



To learn all about these different providers, please check out [Moving2Canada's cell phone provider article](#).

SIM Cards & Temporary Phone Numbers

Once you arrive in Canada, one option is to purchase a temporary SIM card that you can use until you decide which cell phone plan you want to purchase.

- Other than purchasing a SIM card from Chatr at the airport, you also have the option to purchase a temporary SIM card/prepaid plan online that can then be delivered to your place of quarantine and/or residence.
 - [Amazon.ca](https://www.amazon.ca)
 - [Bell - Prepaid plan](#)
 - [Best Buy - SIM cards](#)
 - [Freedom - Prepaid plan](#)
 - [Rogers - Prepaid plan](#)
- Another option is to obtain a temporary Canadian phone number through some apps. Just be aware that internet connection is required to access these app services:
 - [TextMe](#)
 - [TextNow](#)

Additional Resources

Below are some additional resources from other sources that outline Canadian Cell Phone plans:

- <https://moving2canada.com/prepaid-or-contract-phone-plan-canada/>
- <https://www.remitbee.com/blog/newcomers-guide-to-buying-a-sim-card-and-phone-plan-in-canada>