IDENTIFICATION CARDS

UVic ONECard
This is the official identification card for the UVic community. It is your library card, your access to the Student Wellness Centre, the required proof of identification for exams, and your universal bus pass (U-Pass).* You can also add money and use it as a debit card at many points on campus.

New cards are available from the ONECard office in the Jamie Cassels Centre. Your first ONECard is free, but the cost for a replacement card is $20.

* Exchange students and research students do not automatically receive U-Pass privileges but can opt in by purchasing a University of Victoria Student Society (UVSS) or Graduate Student Society (GSS) membership package.

Provincial Identification Cards

BC Services Card
If you intend to stay in British Columbia (BC) for more than six months, you must enrol in the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP). After submitting an application for enrolment, you will receive in the mail a Non-Photo BC Services Card with a personal health number (PHN) which will allow you to access required medical services. Please note that international students are not eligible for a Photo BC Services Card.

BC Identification (BCID) Card
If you intend to stay in British Columbia (BC) for more than six months and you want government-issued photo identification, consider getting a BCID card. The card will not replace your passport, but it will allow you to keep your passport in a safe place instead of carrying it with you at all times.

BC Driver’s Licence
If you do not have a driver’s licence, you must get one before you can drive a vehicle in British Columbia (BC).

If you are a full-time international student and have a valid foreign driver’s licence, you might not need a BC driver’s licence to drive a vehicle in BC. However, if your foreign driver’s licence is not in English, and you do not also have an international driving permit (IDP), you will need to get a translation of your foreign driver’s license from an approved translator.

If you want to drive a vehicle in British Columbia (BC), visit the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia website for information about insurance, registration, driving rules, and road safety.

International Student Identity Card (ISIC)
You might wish to get an ISIC so you can take advantage of student discounts and benefits in 120 countries.