



# KNOW HASSLES

MAKING TRANSITION EASIER!

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## KnowHassles' Services and Their Role in every Service

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### ❖ Accommodation

#### How are students finding accommodation currently ?

- They rely heavily on their friends and family members to get a decent accommodation for them.
- They browse kijiji and which is a classified advertisement portal that shows outdated or occupied accommodations.
- Plus, images put up on kijiji aren't the exact images because no one checks the credibility of the owner.
- There's no contract in such apartment and which halts student getting tax benefits in long run from government. Students generally stay with a group and because there's no contract. There's no obligation on students to stay together for a specific time. Students move out soon keeping the one who's signed the contract in the accommodation and he becomes liable to pay whole rent by himself.
- In that situation, student concentrates on getting new roommate to share the rent and misses out the train which takes him towards his ultimate goal of getting good grades and great job.
- All the accommodations aren't visible for visitors as they are pre booked by the rental agents and when students rent apartments from them, these rental agents charge 50-75 months extra every month which students are unaware of. So in a year student pays 700-900 dollars more than the actual rent.
- Students prefer staying in some temporary accommodation for initial two weeks or so and end up paying whole month's rent in that which KnowHassles don't want.

- Also when students are not indulged in a contract of an accommodation, if things go wrong, they'll be asked to leave the accommodation without prior notice. Moving the stuff from one place to another is way more difficult than it seems right now by just thinking over it.

### **Why majority of Students can't book accommodation on their own?**

- Inadequate knowledge about city.
- No Credit score [please google the term if not clear]
- No Reference provided.
- No Guarantor.
- Landlords usually do not trust without proper reference.

### **How do KnowHassles help to change the current situation:?**

- KnowHassles know that how it feels to be a student in a foreign country and gives utmost attention to each and every student's needs.
- KnowHassles will book the accommodation before students' land in Toronto giving students few choices which fit in their budget and which are close to college where he studies. This saves the money and time both on a temporary accommodation.
- KnowHassles have well known tie ups where credible accommodations are listed and rental agents are monitored closely to avoid any false charges.
- KnowHassles take full responsibility of every student and care about their preferences and budget. All the formalities would be done as early as possible and students would get latest and trustworthy pics of accommodation and a short video that hides nothing about the accommodation students are going to stay in.
- KnowHassles act as guarantor and initiate the talks with Landlords.
- Every detail would be provided about the property.

## ❖ Air tickets:

- Students generally book tickets by themselves on traveling websites where they get tickets on less prices but has no liability when the connecting flight schedule changes and student has to suffer because of that.
- These websites find cheap flights considering your destination and layover time and suggests option which fits in that criteria but if a flight is delayed or gets cancelled, traveling websites show no responsibility to resolve the issue.
- Also transit visa details aren't provided on their web page and students has to pay heavy price for that. Also students cannot fly via United States unless they have valid visa.

### **KnowHassles role:**

- KnowHassles get cheap air ticket for students and promotional offers which includes additional baggage (depends on airline to airline)
- KnowHassles provide in depth information about transit visa requirement. Flights would be chosen as comfortable as one could expect them to be. Full liability if flight schedule changes and will look to resolve the issue before students leave India.
- KnowHassles promote tickets by keeping themselves at students' position and hence best choice would be given which has short layover and minimum stops.

## ❖ Airport pick up:

What students do when they land in Toronto? They look for their friends who are crazy busy in their life and asks for favor. Depend solely on relatives.

### **Cons:**

- New city doesn't treat you as guest at first place. There are people who target new comers to rob them by overcharging cab fares.

- They sometimes take you to wrong place taking advantage of your unawareness of the city routes.
- Some agents meet students at the airport and trick students to change the college showing them carrot of quick permanent residency status.
- Being new to city , Students do not have Canadian credit cards or international sim card hence they cannot book UBER which is fairly decent and cheaper option comparatively.

### **KnowHassles role:**

- KnowHassles team picks students individually from the airport and takes them straight to the accommodation which is previously been booked in a cab.
- This avoids any frauds taking place in a cab facility and students don't have to worry if friend or family member reaches at the airport in time.
- KnowHassles pay utmost attention in every student's arrival schedule. Airport pick up is the essential thing to have and seems easy at times on your own but isn't so.
- KnowHassles book Uber cabs from their own credit cards and make it easier for students.
- Cab / Uber fares vary timely and without prior notice.
- Cab Fares to be paid by student in cash.

### **❖ Tiffin services:**

#### **Current situation:**

- Students initially need time to be stable in new country and eating healthy food is the last thing students pay attention to.
- They eat outside eatables which are very very expensive and not enough to survive on them.

- Students don't know where to get grocery from and they prefer Walmart because that's the most known brand but isn't the most inexpensive in Canada.
- Students end up spending money on unnecessary grocery items just because of the SALE label put up on them.

### **Why tiffin service is important:**

- Major part of grocery shopping is no more in your shopping list.
- Don't have to carry loads of grocery items in public transport and in chilly weather.
- Healthy food is delivered daily in a budget price and enough for a day.
- Cooking issue is solved and time can be saved to focus on study and project work.

### **KnowHassles role:**

- Tiffin service is arranged at the modest price.
- Close monitoring of quality of food and quantity.
- Tiffin service can be started immediately after arrival helping students enough time to settle down and overcome jet lag factor.

### **❖ GIC ACTIVATION:**

#### **Current situation:**

- Students deposit money in Scotia bank account.
- They have no clue how to activate the account after arrival. Which documents to carry?
- They delay the activation because they're solely dependent on friends and family and their schedule.
- They spend the additional money they've brought with them.

#### **KnowHassles role:**

- GIC account would be set up on the very next day. Documents would be arranged.
- KnowHassles member would accompany students and guide them in entire process.

## ❖ SIN:

### **Importance of SIN no:**

- SIN is acronym of Social Insurance Number which every person in Canada gets.
- It's similar to PAN card in India and can be a valid ID proof.
- It gives students privilege to have minimum wages decided by government of Ontario that's 11.25/hr.

### **Current situation:**

- Students don't know where to go to get SIN no. Which documents to carry.
- The importance of SIN no and hence the ignorance to get it done soon.

### **KnowHassles role:**

- Help students get SIN no on the second day itself so that he can start applying for part time jobs.
- Arrange documents on behalf of student and accompany them to service Canada offices to get SIN no immediately.

## ❖ Ontario photo ID:

### **Importance:**

- A valid Canadian photo ID accepted in all processes.

### **Current situation:**

- Students carry passport as a valid ID or they do not carry anything with them to protect the passport loss.
- Not advisable because when students gets in to tedious situation he needs to have valid ID with him to prove his identity.
- If passport is lost, students have to pay heavy price to get a new passport and then the visa. Meanwhile student's status in Canada gets jeopardized because of no valid ID.
- In that case he can't get Ontario photo ID also or he can't initiate any of the process and that's the chicken or egg thing
- Losing passport is the last thing students prefer in foreign lands.

#### **KnowHassles role:**

- All the documentation would be done. Photo id would be taken on the second day itself.
- KnowHassles member would take student to service Ontario offices to get it done.

#### **❖ SIM card and Internet:**

##### **Current situation:**

- Students go for expensive network providers like Rogers and Bell for SIM cards.
- They buy a cell phone in contract for 2 years minimum and end up spending nearly twice the phone's actual cost at the end of second year.
- Internet problem is always there in any country and service is not free like India.
- SIM and Internet has to be chosen wisely to avoid bill horror stories.

##### **KnowHassles role:**

- Will help to get inexpensive phone plan and internet plan.
- Arrange all the documentation required.



## ❖ Metro pass and Photo Id:

### **Current Situation:**

- Metro pass is a monthly pass required by passengers to carry while using public transport. The monthly metro pass costs around \$142.
- This pass is valid from 1<sup>st</sup> day of particular month to last day of that month. So even if one takes metro pass on 10<sup>th</sup> day or 20<sup>th</sup> day of month still it will be valid till last day of that month.
- Being an international student is an advantage as students gets the pass only for \$112 thus reducing the monthly expense.
- But to avail this student must have “Post-secondary” photo id which is different than Ontario Photo Id. Photo id is made at ‘Sherbourne’ subway station.

### **KnowHassles role:**

- Will help for documentation required.
- KnowHassles team member will go with the student to make the photo id as well as help them to get the monthly pass so student can explore new city from 2<sup>nd</sup> day onwards.

## ❖ Part-time job assistance:

### **Current Situation:**

- Toronto is very expensive city to survive in.
- International students use GIC amount monthly expense but the amount will not last more than 1 year.
- To lighten the burden on the pocket, one needs to have part-time job.
- As per new CIC rules an international student can work part-time from 1<sup>st</sup> day of college.

- It is advisable to student to get part-time job as soon as possible.

### **KnowHassles role:**

- KnowHassles will assist in finding part-time jobs as we have tie-up with well-known marketing companies and employment agencies where student may appear for interview if there is opening.
- KnowHassles will help students to build Resume and Cover-Letter as per Canadian standards, help to set-up LinkedIn account (important in North America to get a job).
- Share the readymade contacts of the employers / agencies.
- Teach how to get jobs on job portals.
- Mock Interview sessions.

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- 1. Limited seats available and filling fast.**
- 2. First come first serve basis.**
- 3. Registration is must to proceed.**
- 4. Read terms and conditions carefully at the time of registration.**
- 5. Last minute entries would cost higher than actual prices.**