

CANADIAN RELOCATION SYSTEMS, "MOVING TIMES" JUNE 2006

SHOULD YOU TIP YOUR MOVERS OR NOT?

Movers are different than other service industries. For example, A taxi driver or waitress expects a tip. It's the customary thing to do. But movers don't expect it. It's nice if they get it but okay if they don't.

If you'd like to tip your movers go ahead. They'll really like it. Think about it, they work harder for you than any other service provider who gets tips (waiter, valet parking, etc.).The standard in the industry is about \$20.00 per mover for a full day of work (8hrs), and \$10.00 for 1/2 a day work (4hrs).

Using a percentage of the move costs (like you do for a restaurant tip) isn't practical because moving costs can vary so much depending on what's included in the estimate.

Tipping is completely optional. Don't feel under any obligation to tip your movers. You're paying enough for the moving service, and they are getting paid to do your move at the quoted price which everyone agreed upon, so nothing else is expected From you. Don't give a tip if you'd rather not.

Here's an idea. Offer to buy the guys lunch. They really like that too. Ask what they want for lunch and then go get it or have it delivered. You might find that they've had too much pizza lately so maybe Subway sandwiches sounds better to them. Also, have bottled water available during the day, and ask if they'd like hot beverages or cold drinks. It's a small investment to keep them going strong and feeling good during the day. Food and drinks instead of a tip is totally fine.

PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Public education is run by the provinces and territories and is paid for through taxes.

Public education is free and available to every child in Canada.

Children begin their education in elementary school. Elementary school starts with kindergarten for young children, and runs through to grade 6 or 8. This is

followed by secondary school, or high school. In some provinces, high school is divided into junior high or middle school (grades 7 to 8 or 9) and senior high (grades 9 or 10 to 12). Students must complete high school to be admitted to college or university.

In some provinces, there are separate public school boards. These boards manage education in another language, or education that is based on a specific religion.

Generally, the language of instruction in Canada is either English or French. If a student has difficulty, language training is usually available. In Quebec, almost all newcomers must attend French-language schools. Boys and girls share classrooms and are taught together in most public schools.

Teachers in all provinces must be qualified and licensed. All academic teachers have at least one university degree and special training in education.

Most children in Canada attend public schools. About eight percent of students go to private schools, which charge school fees. Find out more about Private Schools and Colleges here:

<http://relocatecanada.com/privateschools.html>

HOW TO ENROLL YOUR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL!

Parents must register children at the local school or school board office. School boards are listed in each of our cities under the "Schools & Education" category.

When you register your child, you must bring your child's:

Permanent Resident Card, Record of Landing (IMM 1000) or Confirmation of Permanent Residence (IMM 5292);
birth certificate; and vaccination certificate
You should also bring your child's previous school records.

Your child's language and mathematical skills might be tested before being assigned to a class. Once the testing is complete, your child will be placed in the program the school thinks is best for him or her. If you think that your child has not been placed at the right level, talk to the teacher, guidance counselor or school principal.