



HOME

- Prepare your current place of residence for sale or rent
- If you are renting, what is the minimum notice period you need to provide?
- Plan when to sell or donate things you don't need in your home country. For example: property, cars, furniture, unwanted household goods etc.
- Arrange quotes for relocation or storage services (if applicable) and pack your belongings
- Arrange for your mail to be redirected or certain mail to be cancelled
- Leave forwarding contact details with the new occupant
- Cancel utility services, insurance, gym memberships, subscription services (pay tv, newspapers etc), credit cards
- Shortlist and finalise areas you would like to live in Australia

MOVING TO AUSTRALIA CHECKLIST

EMPLOYMENT

- Provide formal notice to employer in accordance with workplace laws.
- Obtain employment references, final statement of service or consent from referees to be nominated in the resume/curriculum vitae
- Update and prepare your resume/curriculum vitae for the Australian job market
- Peruse job search or recruitment company websites
- Join networking events

MEDICAL

- Talk to your doctor about any medical conditions, prescriptions or vaccination requirements. Check if the medication can be brought into Australia?
- Arrange adequate health insurance cover. Check if you are eligible for Medicare

LEGAL MATTERS

- Check the expiry dates of all passports and renew where necessary.
- Arrange visa label if applicable
- Understand your visa obligations and key dates
- Understand Australia's custom and quarantine laws, especially if you are planning to bring pets

- Other original documents to bring with you to Australia: (see visa document checklist for more details)
 - Birth certificate
 - Change of name certificate
 - National identity cards
 - Qualifications and academic transcripts
 - Marriage and divorce certificates
 - Copy of your last Will and testament
 - Police check report
 - Insurance policies
 - Financials and investment accounts
 - Company incorporation and trusts documents

- Settle any outstanding legal matters

MIGRATING WITH CHILDREN

- Obtain copies of all relevant documentation such as school reports and immunisation documents.
- Communicate your relocation plans with the school and teacher
- Research schools, availability and prepare the application process for your child
- Pack activities to keep them occupied during the flight

FINANCES

- Pay all bills, cancel subscriptions and stop any automatic direct debit billing (if applicable)
- Pay off any outstanding debts
- Research and book airfares.
- Arrange transport to the airport and the accommodation upon arrival
- Obtain statements from your financial or credit institutions and any pension/superannuation funds
- Arrange adequate insurance cover for you and your family (home, car, life, income protection etc)
- Exchange your currency for Australian dollars
- Set up a bank account in Australia

GETTING AROUND AUSTRALIA

- Consider a rental car for the first few weeks if public transportation is not convenient
- If you are purchasing a car, don't forget to organise insurance and registration
- Understand your local public transport options and timetables

OTHER

- Scan important documents and back up computer files
- Sign up for a mobile phone service (prepaid plan or on a contract basis)
- Apply for a tax file number which is required for employment