



Moving to australia checklist



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First steps

What to do

- Plan a visit to investigate your new country. If this isn't possible, do as much research ahead of your move as you can
- Investigate **housing options**
- Tell your friends and family
- Assess your finances and plan how you can best repay debt/save for the move
- Contact an **immigration consultant** to determine which visa/s your family will need. A good place start is this **free evaluation tool**
- Attend an **Opportunities Expo**
- Check your passports to make sure they are valid for at least another two years
- Make a folder with all your personal documents, including driver's licences, birth, marriage and adoption certificates, references for employment, evidence of qualifications, etc
- Research the requirements for **moving your pet**

When to do it* ✓

- 18 months to go
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- 18 months to go
- 12 months to go
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Almost there

What to do

- Book temporary accommodation in Australia
- Register your children at their new schools in Australia
- Book your pet's kennel accommodation in Australia
- Give notice to your landlord
- Hire a car for your first weeks in Australia
- Start packing any non-essential items
- Give a forwarding address to all your contacts, including your bank, passport office, DVLA and accountants
- Cancel accounts for TV, internet, phone and insurance
- Pay off any outstanding debts
- Arrange for your post to be redirected
- **Transfer your funds** with a foreign exchange specialist
- Confirm bookings with travel agents and international removals or freight companies
- Cancel direct debits coming from your account
- Ask for a copy of your no claims bonus form from your insurance company

When to do it* ✓

- 2 months to go
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Phase two

What to do

- Start your **visa application** process
- Start **job hunting** and contacting companies in Australia
- Put your house on the market
- Inform schools that your children will be moving
- Book your flights to Australia
- Decide whether to transfer your **pension** to Australia
- Get quotes from **freight companies** for moving your belongings
- Go for your medicals and apply for police checks for visas
- Research **health**, travel and pet insurance options in Australia
- Research **schools** in Australia
- Open a Australian **bank account**
- Request credit references from your bank
- Research cost of living and taxes in Australia
- Sell any unwanted furniture or belongings
- Give formal notice to your current employer

When to do it* ✓

- 10 months to go
- 8 months to go
- 8 months to go
- 6 months to go
- 6 months to go
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- 6 months to go
- 4 months to go
- 4 months to go
- 4 months to go
- 3 months to go
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Final tasks

What to do

- Sell your car
- Wind down the goodbye parties to give you breathing space
- Finalise packing
- Organise transport to the airport
- Cancel your car insurance and newspaper delivery
- Change money into Australian Dollars
- Arrange little treats for your children to keep them entertained on the flight
- Confirm transport to the airport
- Double check your hand luggage has everything you need, including your travel documents

When to do it* ✓

- 2 weeks to go
- 1 week to go
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- 1 week to go
- 2 days to go
- 1 day to go



* The timeframe should only be used as a reference and will likely vary according to your personal circumstances