

Your Pre-Departure & Settling-In Checklist

1. Before you leave for Australia

Check your passport validity and keep a copy of your visa grant notice.
 Confirm that your flight booking uses the same name as your passport.
 Keep copies of employment documents, professional registration documents and any offer letters.
 Check biosecurity and customs rules beforehand. If unsure whether an item must be declared, declare it on arrival or do not bring it. (agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/travelling)
 Arrange international shipping for personal belongings if required, and confirm delivery timeframes so you can plan what to bring for the first few weeks.
 Research temporary accommodation for your arrival period.
 Note that shipped personal and household goods may be subject to biosecurity assessment and inspection (agriculture.gov.au/travelling/moving-immigrating)
 If travelling with pets, check import permit requirements, health documentation and quarantine rules well in advance, the process can take several months to prepare. (agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/cats-dogs)
 Check what documents may be needed for banking, employment, school enrolment, healthcare and driver licensing.
 If you plan to drive, check whether you need an International Driving Permit before leaving your home country.
 Pack power adapters, essential medication, basic toiletries and practical items for the first few days.
 Keep important documents secure in your hand luggage and store digital copies securely.

2. When you arrive

Confirm your transport from the airport and check in to your temporary accommodation.
 Ensure you can access funds for immediate expenses, noting that bank accounts and payment methods may not be fully active straight away.
 Buy or activate a mobile phone plan so you can receive calls, verification codes and service updates.
 Open or activate an Australian bank account.
 Apply for a Tax File Number after arrival if you have work rights and will be working in Australia.
 Provide your TFN to your employer and bank once it is received.
 Choose or confirm your superannuation arrangements when starting work.
 Enrol in Medicare if you are eligible.
 Arrange private health insurance or overseas visitor health cover if required.
 Find a local GP or medical clinic before there is an urgent need.
 Begin your longer-term rental search if you are not already in permanent accommodation.

3. During the first few weeks

Set up utilities, internet and household basics once you secure accommodation.
 Learn your local public transport system, travel card or ticketing app.
 Check overseas licence rules, licence transfer requirements and vehicle registration rules in your state or territory.
 Finalise school or childcare arrangements if relevant.
 Locate nearby supermarkets, pharmacies, medical clinics and emergency services.
 Update your address with your employer, bank, insurer, school, health provider and any relevant government services.
 Keep a simple contact list for your employer, landlord or property manager, GP, school, insurer and emergency contacts.

4. Settling into your new routine

Review your household budget after the first month and adjust it against actual costs.
 Review ongoing household expenses and adjust subscriptions, utilities or services as needed.
 Confirm your regular commute, school, childcare, shopping and healthcare routines.
 Confirm ongoing arrangements with a regular GP or medical clinic, including access to repeat prescriptions and test results.
 Save key local contacts, including your GP, school, property manager, employer, insurer and emergency contacts.
 Learn local council services such as bins, recycling, libraries, parks and community facilities.
 Join relevant community, school, sport, cultural, faith or professional networks.
 Check whether any licence, registration, insurance, employment or visa-related deadlines are coming up.
 Keep important documents updated and stored securely.

Next steps

If you need support along the way, our experienced team is here to guide you every step of the journey.
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This checklist is a general guide only and does not constitute migration advice. Requirements vary by visa subclass, state/territory and personal circumstances always confirm current rules with the relevant Australian government department or a registered migration agent.