

# Studying in Australia Checklist

The following suggestions may assist in making your move to Australia easier:  
(This is a guide only, individual circumstances may differ.)

## 6 Weeks Before You Depart

### Banking

- Contact International Customer Services to organise your banking needs.  
**[www.commbank.com.au/movingtoaustralia](http://www.commbank.com.au/movingtoaustralia)**
- Monitor the exchange rate to consider when the best time may be to transfer your money to your new account.

### Immigration

- Check that you have a valid passport and that it will still be valid for at least five years after your arrival in Australia.

### Insurance

- Make enquiries with insurance companies about getting cover for your trip. This may include life, health and travel insurance.

### Travel

- Organise your airline tickets.
- If a driver's licence is required, you may need to consider organising an International Driver's Permit.  
**[www.austroads.com.au](http://www.austroads.com.au)**
- Organise your transportation to the airport.

### Internet

- Consider setting up an Australian email address prior to your arrival in Australia. For example, Yahoo, Ozemail, Bigpond and Optus.

### Employment

- If you are going to be looking to secure employment whilst studying in Australia, you may wish to update your resume/curriculum vitae.

### House Matters

- Take the time to consider what sort of accommodation suits your needs. Temporary or permanent accommodation listings can be found at either:
  - **[www.realestate.com.au](http://www.realestate.com.au)**
  - **[www.domain.com.au](http://www.domain.com.au)**

### Taxation

- It may be beneficial to contact the Australian Taxation Office and obtain any relevant documents that may need to be completed before you arrive in Australia.  
**[www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)**

# 3 Weeks Before You Depart

## Banking

- Ensure that you have received your account number and the SWIFT details from International Customer Services.  
**[www.commbank.com.au/movingtoaustralia](http://www.commbank.com.au/movingtoaustralia)**
- You may like to transfer funds to your new account.
- It might be a good idea to change some cash into Australian dollars prior to arrival in Australia.

## House Matters

- Tell all relevant organisations, family and friends when you are leaving and what your new address will be in Australia.

## Travel

- Contact your chosen airline and confirm luggage allowances.
- Begin packing your main suitcase.
- Confirm all airport transfer arrangements.

## Documentation

- You may want to make copies of all your important documents, including:
  - Passport
  - Birth certificate
  - Visa
  - Vaccination records
  - Driver's licence and International Driver's Permit
  - Airline tickets and itinerary
- You may find it beneficial to obtain extra passport size photographs.

## Medication

- Make sure that all your prescription medication is up to date. It may be important to check if your prescription medication can be brought into Australia and you may need to obtain a letter from your doctor to accompany it.

# 1 Week Before

## Travel

- Finish packing and weigh all luggage to ensure that they meet the airlines luggage allowance limit.
- Pack carry-on luggage. Consider what items can and cannot be brought into Australia.  
**[www.smarttraveller.gov.au](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au)**
- Pack all of your valuables separately from your main luggage. Be sure to include any original documentation that you do not require for travel with these items.

# Upon your arrival in Australia

- Contact family and friends back home and let them know that you have arrived safely in Australia.
- Visit your nominated Commonwealth Bank of Australia branch to be identified and activate your account.
- Visit the Student Services office at your chosen university for campus information.
- Visit your State's nearest roads authority office to obtain a driver's licence if required.
- Explore your local area.

## Notes

