

MOVING TO AUSTRALIA? WE CAN MAKE THE JOURNEY EASIER.

Moving checklist

Here are some tips to help make your move a little bit easier.*

THREE MONTHS BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Banking

- Open an Australian bank account – simply contact International Premier and Retail Banking at iprb@cba.com.au or visit commbank.com.au/movingtoaustralia While you're there you can also organise any other banking needs.
- Monitor exchange rates and consider the best time to transfer money – you'll need a SWIFT number to transfer money to your new account (you can get this from Migrant Financial Services).

Immigration

- Check you have a valid passport.
- Check/apply for any necessary visas – and make note of any restrictions, e.g. you may need to prove access to funds. To find out more, visit border.gov.au

Insurance

- Organise cover for your trip, including travel, life and health insurance.

Travel

- Apply for an International Driver's Permit if you need one – to find out more, visit www.australia.gov.au/content/drivers-licence-application

Email and Mail

- Set up an email address you can access in Australia – to receive flight confirmations and other information online.
- Keep a list of the companies you get mail from so you can notify them when it comes to updating your address.

Employment

- Starting a business in Australia? To find out more, visit Australia.gov.au/life-events/starting-a-business or austrade.gov.au
- Looking to work while you're studying? Check the visa requirements – there can be restrictions about whether or how much you can work.
- Consider updating your resume/curriculum vitae.

Accommodation

- Research accommodation options in Australia – there are many property websites available listing temporary and permanent accommodation options. Most also have suburb guides to help you choose the right location.

THREE WEEKS BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Banking

- Transfer money into your Australian account, if you haven't done so already.
- Change some cash into Australian dollars before arriving in Australia.

Email and Mail

- Notify contacts of your new postal address.
- Register for email updates – it may be easier to receive some updates by email, e.g. bank statements.

Travel

- Check luggage allowances with your airline.
- Begin packing your main suitcase.
- Confirm all airport transfer arrangements.

Documentation

- Make copies of your important documents (certified copies are best for official documents) including: passport, birth certificate, visa, vaccination records, tax information including any tax identification numbers, driver's licence and international driver's permit, airline tickets and itinerary, handover files from dentists, schools and doctors.
- Get extra passport-sized photographs – these may come in handy at times.

Health

- Check any prescription medication you require is up to date.
- If you intend to take prescription medication with you, check that it can be brought into Australia – you may need to obtain a letter from your doctor.
- Organise private health cover for while you're in Australia, if required.

ONE WEEK BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Travel

- Finish packing and weigh luggage to ensure that they meet the airline's allowance.
- Check what items can and cannot be brought into Australia (quarantine rules are stricter than most other countries for food, plants and animal products) – visit smartraveller.gov.au to find out more.
- Pack valuables in your carry-on luggage – including original documentation and any paperwork you may need to prove you meet the visa requirements, e.g. bank statements to prove your financial position.

Home Matters

- Pay any outstanding bills.
- Redirect your mail.
- Ensure that all goods and belongings being sent to Australia have left or are on their way.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN AUSTRALIA

Banking

- Visit your nominated Commonwealth Bank branch to activate your account – your debit cards should be waiting for you at the branch.

Ensure you bring with you:

Your current passport (original document required)

If you have tax residency outside Australia you'll also need to provide your Tax Identification Number (TIN) for each country of foreign tax residency. If you are not sure what a TIN is visit commbank.com.au/TIN for more information.

Taxation

- Register for a Tax File Number (TFN) – you'll need one if you're planning on working. It can also save you paying too much tax if you open a bank account. You can apply for a TFN at ato.gov.au

Driver's licence

- Visit your nearest roads authority office to obtain a driver's licence if required.

Health

- Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible for free or subsidised healthcare through Medicare – to find out if you're eligible and to register, visit medicareaustralia.gov.au

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Australia	1800 188 888
Canada	1866 547 0817
China	00 800 3368 8866
India	000 800 610 3122
Indonesia	001 803 0612 128
New Zealand	0800 229 888
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