MOVING TO AUSTRALIA CHECKLIST.

The following suggestions* may assist in making your move to Australia easier.

6 months before you depart:

Banking

- ☐ Contact Commonwealth Bank Migrant Financial Services (China office) to help organise all of your family's banking needs at **commbank.com.au/movingtoaustralia** or by phoning our office in Shanghai on **+86 21 61601626** or our team in Sydney (Australia) on **00 800 3368 8866** (toll free from China).

Logistics

- ☐ If shipping household belongings, consider finding a removal company that can assist.
- ☐ Check that all travellers have valid passports that allow them to travel.
- ☐ Consider what visas may be required for your trip.

Insurance

- ☐ Contact insurance companies regarding coverage for you and those travelling with you. This may include life, health and travel insurance.

Travel

- ☐ Organise airline tickets for all travellers.
- ☐ If a driver's licence is required, you may need to organise an International Driver's Permit. Visit **austroads.com.au**
- ☐ Organise transportation to the airport.

Internet

- ☐ Consider organising a global email address prior to your arrival in Australia. For example: Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail.

Employment

- ☐ If you're considering to start a business in Australia, visit:

  australia.gov.au/life-events/starting-a-business or **austrade.gov.au**
- ☐ If you're looking to secure employment in Australia, consider updating your resume.
- ☐ Register with well-known Australian recruitment websites such as:

  • **careerone.com.au** • **seek.com.au**

House Matters

- ☐ Consider the type of accommodation that best suits your needs.
- ☐ Temporary or permanent accommodation listings can be found at either:

  • **realestate.com.au** • **domain.com.au**

Taxation

- ☐ Consider contacting the Australian Taxation Office to obtain any relevant documents that may require completion before your arrival. Visit **ato.gov.au**

Education

- ☐ If travelling with children, ascertain the available schooling options in your new residential area and complete any relevant administrative work prior to your arrival. You may also like to organise your own educational requirements:

  • **aqf.edu.au**

  • **education.gov.au/school-education**

*This is a guide only, individual circumstances may differ. You should seek expert advice to assist you in your move.

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3 months before you depart:

Banking

- ☐ Ensure that you've received your account number and any other banking details from Commonwealth Bank China if you've opened an account with us.
- ☐ Consider exchanging some cash into Australian dollars prior to arrival in Australia.

Home Matters

- ☐ Inform all relevant organisations as well as family and friends of your departure date and your new Australian address, if available.
- ☐ Contact your utility providers to advise them of your preferred service cancellation date.
- ☐ Confirm service meter readings and keep copies of all relevant documentation.
- ☐ Arrange for your mail to be re-directed to your new address, upon arrival.

1 month before you depart:

Travel

- ☐ Confirm all airport transfer arrangements.

Documentation

Make copies of all important documents, including:

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Visa
- ☐ Birth certificate
- ☐ Shipping documents
- ☐ Vaccination records
- ☐ Marriage certificate
- ☐ Driver's licence and International Driver's Permit
- ☐ Airline tickets and itinerary
- ☐ Hand over files from dentists, schools and doctors
- ☐ Extra passport-size photographs may also be helpful.

Medication

- ☐ Make sure that all your prescription medication is up-to-date and you may also need to obtain a letter from your doctor to accompany it.
- ☐ Arrange private health cover for Australia if required.

1 week before you depart:

Travel

- ☐ Pack and weigh all suitcases to ensure they meet airline luggage allowance limits.
- ☐ Pack carry-on luggage. Be sure to check what you can and cannot bring into Australia. Visit **smartraveller.gov.au**
- ☐ Pack all of your valuables separately from your main luggage. Be sure to include any original documentation that you do require for travel with these items.
- ☐ Pack activity sets for any young travellers.

Home Matters

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

Upon your arrival in Australia

- ☐ Contact family and friends back home and let them know you've arrived safely.
- ☐ Visit your nominated Commonwealth Bank branch to be identified and activate your account.
- ☐ Go to your nearest Medicare office to register for health services. Visit **medicareaustralia.gov.au**
- ☐ Visit your State's nearest roads authority office to obtain a driver's licence if required.

Contact us today.

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