

Moving Home Checklist

We've broken down the moving timeline into easily digestible chunks that make your international move simple and stress free. Download this guide or print it out – and let us help make your move easy!

As soon as you decide on moving:

- Visit the consulate of your new country
- Find out about visa requirements
- Begin applying for your work visa (where applicable)
- Research customs duties, tax, and contraband rules
- Research medical provision and health insurance needs
- Ask for details on vaccination and health requirements
- Create a moving folder for all visa, immigration, and moving documents
- [Research the culture](#) of your new home country
- Start [learning the language](#) of your new home country
- [Find new schools](#) for your family, and begin the application process

3-6 months before the move

- [Find your new home](#) or [temporary accommodation](#)
- Engage your international [removals company](#)
- Set a move date
- Sign your lease papers
- Book travel arrangements and transfers
- Get travel and health insurance
- Get your vaccinations

A month before you move

- Change/close your bank accounts
- Get a letter of introduction from your religious leader
- Have your medical records forwarded
- Send change of address notices to:
 - all creditors
 - Insurance provider
 - Subscriptions (magazines etc)
 - Postal office
 - Home country tax office

Discontinue your service products:

- Car tax
- Car insurance
- Home utilities
 - Gas
 - Water
 - Electricity
 - HOA or council tax
 - Internet and phone line
 - TV and cable services
 - Mobile phone
 - Subscriptions

Two weeks before the move

- Organise your belongings and sell/donate anything you no longer want or need
- Back up all your data – ideally on a cloud-based system
- Double check you're not planning on taking any restricted or banned items
- If you are not using a packing service, begin packing items you will not need before the move

The day before the move

- Pack your 'moving day box'
 - Keys
 - Wallet
 - Documents folder
 - Mobile phones/tablets and chargers
 - Valuables and jewellery
 - Medication
 - Some snacks and bottles of water!
- Empty and clean all your appliances/white goods
- Lay out your clothes and shoes for travelling in
- Complete any final cleaning
- Call your moving company to confirm their arrival time
- Check the labels on all your boxes
- Separate out goods to be stored from goods to be moved

Moving day

- Check your mailbox
- Close and lock all windows and doors
- Double check every room to make sure nothing is left behind
- Read utility meters and take photos of them
- Turn off all electrical points and light switches
- Hand over the keys to your property agent

Documents folder Checklist

- Flight/Travel details
- Insurance papers
 - Health insurance
 - Travel insurance
 - Contents/property insurance
- Visa papers
- Adoption papers/birth certificates and photocopies
- Bank records
- Copies of your credit card/bank card numbers and contact numbers
- Driving licence and photocopies
- Passport and photocopies
 - Additional passport photos
- Identity cards and photocopies
- Marriage certificates and photocopies
- Medical and dental records and any medication details
- School and education records
- Pet passport, medical records and travel documents
- Legal documents

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