

Creating a new life in Australia.

Migration checklist - make sure you don't forget anything in your move to Australia



Plan.

24 - 12 months to go

- Start planning your move
- Discuss and seek advice from family & friends. Research about where to live
- Research about potential job opportunities
- Attend Migration Expos and seminars
- Read up about Australian visa options
- Find a migration agent
- Apply for a visa
- Budget for the move and start reducing debts

Prepare.

6 months to go

- Update your resume/CV
- Search for jobs in Australia
- Apply for employment
- Apply for Australian health insurance
- Enrol your children into a local school
- Apply/Enrol in a university/college
- Consider if you want to put your current house on the market
- Consider selling your house, car and/or belongings
- Search for temporary accommodation before you leave and in Australia
- Sell any unwanted items
- Renew passport and ensure it covers the duration of your visa
- Book flights to Australia

Takeoff.

1 month to go

- Consider booking a hire car at your arrival destination
- Book temporary accommodation in Australia
- Gather financial/tax statements
- Gather utility statements
- Collect all medical files
- Pay off all outstanding bills and cancel accounts
- Transport/ship some belongings to Australia
- Buy some Australian currency
- Say goodbye to family & friends

Land.

On arrival

- Collect hire car on arrival
- Check-in into temporary accommodation
- Familiarise yourself with the city and surroundings
- Purchase a prepaid mobile phone
- Purchase prepaid internet for your computer
- Contact family & friends and tell them you've arrived
- Register yourself at your local consulate
- Visit Centrelink for employment and financial assistance
- Meet with your employer
- Visit chosen school or childcare

Establish.

First 3 months

- Find permanent accommodation (to rent or purchase) in Australia
- Obtain a tax file number (TFN)
- Obtain an Australian driver's license
- Purchase a new/used car
- Set up Medicare
- Find an accountant
- Enrol into English classes

Live.

3 months onwards

- Attend social functions/groups/networking/community events and festivals
- Consider your housing needs
- Establish utilities such as phone, water, electricity
- Set your future goals for your new life in Australia

How Westpac can help:

- Visit an overseas Westpac branch or the Westpac website for assistance

- Open an Australian Westpac bank account
- Complete your identification to have full access to your accounts
- Transfer some funds into your Westpac account
- Set up Online/Telephone/Mobile banking to access your funds

- Transfer funds to Australia
- Book and arrange a meeting with a specialist Westpac migrant banking representative who can speak in your language

- Visit your assigned Westpac banker or local Westpac branch to provide your new Australian address and confirm your identity (unless you completed your identity check before you arrived).

- Visit your local Westpac branch and speak to us out about:
- Credit cards
 - How much you can borrow if you are thinking of purchasing a home
 - Apply for home or car insurance
 - Set up your Australian superannuation and transfer your pension

- Speak to a Home Loan Expert
- Set up a new business in Australia
- Take some financial education courses
- Speak to Westpac about financial planning and your future