

THE FREE MOVING CHECKLIST

MOVE TO AUSTRALIA WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND.

90 days out to your first month in. Tick it off as you go, and use the guides at movetoaustralia.co for the detail.

GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY, NOT
IMMIGRATION, LEGAL OR FINANCIAL
ADVICE. RULES CHANGE: CHECK OFFICIAL
SOURCES, OR TALK TO A REGISTERED
MIGRATION AGENT.

STAGE 01 • 90 DAYS OUT

PLAN IT

- ☐ Confirm your visa conditions, especially work rights and any deadlines
Check your visa details with VEVO on the Home Affairs website
 - ☐ Check your passport is valid well beyond your travel dates
 - ☐ Decide where you will land: city, suburb or regional centre
Rent, jobs and climate vary a lot between places
 - ☐ Build a first-year budget, including a buffer for the gap before your first pay
 - ☐ Ask your bank about moving money, and compare transfer services
 - ☐ Get skills or qualifications recognised if your job needs it
 - ☐ Gather documents: birth and marriage certificates, qualifications, references, school records
 - ☐ Check health insurance cover for arrival, if your visa needs it
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STAGE 02 • 30 DAYS OUT

PACK IT

- ☐ Decide what to ship, sell or store, and book shipping early
 - ☐ Book short-term accommodation for your first few weeks
 - ☐ Get copies of medical and dental records, and prescriptions from your doctor
 - ☐ Pets: start the import process now, it can take months
See the Department of Agriculture pet import rules
 - ☐ Look into opening an Australian bank account before you fly
 - ☐ Licence not in English? Get an International Driving Permit or an official translation
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LEAVE WELL

- ☐ Keep important documents in your carry-on, not your checked bags
 - ☐ Medicines in original packaging, with your prescription or a doctor's letter
 - ☐ Redirect mail, close or pause home services, tell your bank you are moving
 - ☐ Know what to declare: food, plant and animal products, and cash of AUD 10,000 or more
 - ☐ Say proper goodbyes. Seriously.
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LAND IT

- ☐ Fill in your incoming passenger card honestly, and declare if unsure
 - ☐ Get a local SIM or eSIM (bring your passport)
 - ☐ Sort your city's transport card, or check if you can tap a bank card
 - ☐ Apply for your Tax File Number online with the ATO. It is free
 - ☐ Open or verify your bank account in a branch
 - ☐ Enrol in Medicare if eligible, and create your myGov account
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SETTLE IN

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- ☐ Give your employer your TFN, or say you have applied
You have 28 days before tax is taken at the top rate
 - ☐ Choose a super fund (compare with the ATO's YourSuper tool)
 - ☐ Find a GP and ask about bulk billing
 - ☐ Note your Lifetime Health Cover deadline for private hospital cover
 - ☐ Check your state's driver licence rules
 - ☐ Start the rental search, with your application pack ready
 - ☐ Set up utilities and update your address everywhere
 - ☐ Say yes to one invitation, club or community group
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Don't lose your mind. You won't do all of this perfectly, and that's fine. Do the next right thing, then the one after. Every guide at movetoaustralia.co is organised by these same five stages.