



Moving to Australia Checklist

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6 Weeks
Before
Departing

Category	Tasks
Banking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research the major banking institutions in Australia, and select a bank that meets your requirements. The major banks in Australia are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commonwealth Bank - www.commbank.com.au - National Australia Bank - www.nab.com.au - ANZ - www.anz.com.au - Westpac - www.westpac.com.au Contact the International Customer Services department of your selected Australian bank, to help organise all of your family's banking needs Register with OzForex to take advantage of two fee-free transactions and competitive exchange rates: www.nabthatjob.com/ozmoneytransfers.htm Monitor the exchange rate to consider when the best time may be to transfer your money to your new account.
Immigration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are going to be shipping your household belongings, consider finding a removalist company that can assist you. However, due to the expense of shipping - some people prefer to sell their current furniture to allow them to save money from shipping, and also earn money from what they sell - allowing them to easily purchase new (or second hand) furniture for their new life in Australia. A great way to start a fresh! You may like to scan copies of your favourite photographs so you have electronic copies in case these get lost or damaged in transit, or to reduce the amount of items to be shipped to Australia. Check that all travellers have a passport that is valid for at least five years after their arrival in Australia. If you have pets you would like to bring with you to Australia, you should contact your airline to establish what steps you need to take to bring them with you. Vaccinations may be necessary, and quarantine is a certainty. Consider what visas may be required for your trip, particularly if you are stopping off anywhere on your way to Australia.
Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make enquiries with insurance companies about getting yourself and any of those travelling with you, covered for your upcoming trip. This may include life, health and travel insurance.
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise airline tickets for all travellers. If a driver's licence is required, you may need to consider organising an International Driver's Permit. www.austroads.com.au Organise transportation to the airport, and for your arrival in Australia.
Internet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All travellers may consider organising an Australian email address prior to arrival in Australia. For example, Yahoo, Hotmail, Ozemail, Bigpond, Optus.
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have your CV assessed to ensure you are presenting your skills and experience effectively for Australia and meet the expectations of Australian employers. www.nabthatjob.com/ismycvcompetitive.htm If recommended, have the professional Australian Job Search Consultants at Nab That Job in Australia! rewrite your CV and cover letter to a high-impact, Australian CV template. Register with well known job search websites such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - www.careerone.com.au - www.seek.com.au - www.mycareer.com.au - www.nabthatjob.com Have Nab That Job in Australia! distribute your CV distributed to reputable recruitment agencies in your chosen State/s of Australia. Have Nab That Job in Australia! create an effective Job Search Strategy that taps into the hidden job market in Australia, and start implementing it now, so you can set up interviews before you arrive in Australia.
House Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take time to consider what sort of accommodation suits your needs. Temporary or permanent accommodation listings in Australia can be found at the following websites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - www.realestate.com.au - www.domain.com.au
Taxation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It may be beneficial for all travellers to contact the Australian Taxation Office and obtain any relevant documents that may need to be completed before you arrive in Australia. www.ato.gov.au
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If any of the travellers are children, consider what schools are in the area you will be living in. Administrative work may need to be completed prior to your arrival. You may also like to organise education needs for yourself: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - www.aqf.edu.au - www.deewr.gov.au

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Banking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that you have received your account number and SWIFT details from International Customer Services at your chosen bank in Australia. Travellers may like to transfer funds through OzForex into their new account (www.nabthatjob.com/ozmoneytransfers.htm). It might also be a good idea for all travellers to change some cash into Australian dollars prior to arrival in Australia, to cover incidentals, such as cab or train fare from the airport to your accommodation.



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3 Weeks Before You Depart

Home Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tell all relevant organisations, family and friends when you are moving and what your new address will be in Australia. ■ Contact your utilities providers to advise them of when you would like the services to be cancelled. ■ Confirm service meter readings and keep copies of all the relevant documentation. ■ Arrange for your post to be re-directed to your new address.
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contact your chosen airline and confirm the luggage allowances. ■ All travellers will need to begin packing their main suitcase, to ensure they meet luggage restrictions requirements - it often takes several "practice packs" to get the weight/baggage right. ■ Confirm all airport transfer arrangements.
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ It may be beneficial to make paper and scanned copies of all your important documents, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Passport - Vaccination records - Visa - Marriage certificate - Shipping documents - Airline Tickets & Itinerary - Driver's Licence & International Driver's Permit - Hand over files from dentists, schools & doctors - Birth certificate ■ You may find it beneficial to obtain extra passport size photographs.
Medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Make sure that all your prescription medication is up to date. It may be important to check if your prescription medication can be brought into Australia and you may need to obtain a letter from your doctor to accompany it. ■ Arrange private health cover for Australia if it is required.
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Continue to follow your Australian Job Search Strategy, ensuring you have several interviews arranged for your arrival in Australia with Nab That Job in Australia's recommended companies and recruitment agencies.

1 Week Before

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Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Finish packing and weigh all suitcases to ensure that they meet the airlines luggage allowance limits. ■ Pack carry-on luggage. Be sure to check what you can and cannot bring into Australia. www.smarttraveller.gov.au ■ Pack all of your valuables separately from your main luggage. Be sure to include any original documentation that you do not require for travel with these items. ■ Pack activity sets for any young travellers.
Housekeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pay any outstanding bills that you may have. ■ Ensure that all goods and belongings that are being sent to Australia have left or are on their way. ■ Cancel any incidentals like newspaper and milk deliveries. ■ Destroy any surplus personal documents and records that you no longer require.
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Continue to follow your Australian Job Search Strategy, and confirm all interviews for your arrival.

Upon Arrival in Australia

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Contact family and friends back home and let them know that you have arrived safely in Australia. ■ Visit your nominated bank branch to be identified and activate your account. ■ Visit your nearest Medicare Office for registration. www.medicareaustralia.gov.au ■ Visit your State's nearest roads authority office to obtain a driver's licence if required. ■ Explore your local area. ■ Attend interviews with companies and recruitment agencies you pre-arranged as part of your Australian Job Search Strategy ■ Settle in and enjoy your new life in Australia!