

Move to South Australia

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Pre-arrival checklist

Here are some helpful hints and tips to make your move a little easier.

Six-month checklist before you move

Immigration, travel and documentation

- ☐ Book your flights.
- ☐ Find out what you can import and any duties you will need to pay. Australia has strict laws about what you are and are not allowed to bring into the country. Check the **Australian Border Force** website for further information.
- ☐ If you have pets that will be moving with you, research processes involved with transporting animals, such as quarantine, vaccinations and costs involved.
- ☐ Book your shipping company for any belongings you want to bring to Australia.
- ☐ Make sure your passport is valid and matches your visa requirements.
- ☐ Check your driver's license will not expire in the first three months of your Australian arrival.
- ☐ Undertake medical and police checks if required.
- ☐ Create or update your last will and testament.
- ☐ Settle any outstanding legal matters if applicable.

Home and Finance

- ☐ Create a list of services you will need to cancel when you move, such as:
 - ☐ Electricity
 - ☐ Water bill
 - ☐ Gas
 - ☐ Internet (Wi-Fi)
 - ☐ Phone bill
 - ☐ Water and land council rates
 - ☐ Home and contents insurance
- ☐ Make a list of people and companies you will need to notify of your change of address.
- ☐ Ask your bank about the best way to manage your account while you are in Australia.
- ☐ Request credit references from your bank and other lenders.

Accommodation

- ☐ Research locations considering lifestyle, transport, schools, and budget.
- ☐ Register your interest to enrol your children in schools or childcare providers if possible.
- ☐ Research accommodation options in your desired location/s.

Employment

- ☐ Check your visa for any work-related restrictions.
- ☐ Check if your desired Australian job requires a licence, permit or qualification.
- ☐ Update your resume/curriculum vitae according to Australian requirements.
- ☐ Organise professional references and academic transcripts to support your applications.
- ☐ Start looking for potential job opportunities.

Three-month checklist before you move

Immigration, travel and documentation

- ☐ Book your pets into quarantine service and boarding kennels in South Australia (if necessary).
- ☐ Research about private health insurance options in Australia.
- ☐ Organise electronic and hardcopies (including translations to English **DHA Free Translating Service**) of important documents such as:
 - ☐ Passport
 - ☐ Birth certificate
 - ☐ Visa
 - ☐ Vaccination records
 - ☐ Driver's license
 - ☐ Airline tickets and itinerary
 - ☐ Dentist, medical and school records
 - ☐ Extra passport size photographs
 - ☐ International tax information
 - ☐ Statements from your financial institutions and any retirement savings funds (e.g. pension or superannuation)

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Home and finance

- ☐ Confirm your departure date with removalists.
- ☐ Notify companies of your change in address and register for email correspondence.
- ☐ Contact your mobile network provider to find out if they offer coverage in Australia.

Accommodation

- ☐ Organise temporary living arrangements in South Australia.
- ☐ Investigate transport options for when you arrive.

Employment

- ☐ Prepare for your job search; review Australian employer recruitment requirements and expectations.
- ☐ Regularly check jobs advertised in online websites and LinkedIn.
- ☐ Start applying for positions via employer and recruitment websites.

One-month checklist before you move

Immigration, travel and documentation

- ☐ Compile personal records and paperwork into a secure travel file.
- ☐ Arrange for current prescriptions and a sufficient supply of any medicines.

Home and finance

- ☐ Research about opening an Australian bank account.

Accommodation

- ☐ Confirm temporary accommodation booking for when you arrive.
- ☐ Arrange a hire car prior to coming, especially if required on arrival.

Employment

- ☐ Connect with South Australia's Skilled and Business Migration **Move to South Australia | Move to South Australia**

One-week before you move

Immigration, travel and documentation

- ☐ Check that belongings you have shipped to Australia are in transit.

Home and finance

- ☐ Redirect your mail. Provide a forwarding address to your bank, migration agent, post office, financial institutions, and relevant authorities.
- ☐ Pay any outstanding bills, cancel subscriptions, and ensure any direct debits will be stopped once you move.
- ☐ Obtain some Australian dollars or alternative cash arrangement for when you arrive.

