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✓ Moving Abroad Checklist

How to have a Stress-Free Move

We have created the ultimate moving abroad checklist for you to download! This is a step-by-step guide on everything you need to know and prepare for your move, beginning up to two months before the big day. We have made this checklist user friendly, you can download it, print it off and along the way tick off things as they are completed. We have even included extra space and the end of our checklist for you to take notes and jot down those important dates and details.

○ As Soon As Possible

- Establish your timetable for the move
- Terminate your lease if renting or decide what to do with your current housing (eg sell, rent)
- Apply for [visas and working permits](#) if applicable
- Buy [plane tickets](#) for the trip
- Investigate work opportunities for partner
- Start learning new language if applicable

How much does it cost to move?

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Request free quotes

Go to: sirelo.co.za/tips/moving-quotes

✓ Free and no obligations

✓ Within 1 minute

○ Two Months Before Moving House

- Tell your children's school, request school reports and investigate schools in your new location
- Choose your [international mover](#) and set a date
- Decide which items need to be shipped and which need to be stored in home country
- Estimate the [volume of your move](#)
- Decide if you want to outsource assembly/disassembly
- Look into storage and other [removal costs](#)
- Check customs for your new country to see if there are costs for cars, wines, etc
- Check laws regarding taking your pets to your new destination (eg pet passports, microchips)
- Obtain original copies of important documents, e.g. passports, driving licence, birth certificate, wedding certificate, school reports, work references and medical reports
- Look into temporary relocation for when you first arrive
- Check your [health insurance](#) options in your new country
- Learn about taxes in new country

○ One Month Before Moving House

- Stop/transfer subscriptions ready for moving day (e.g. gas, telephone, internet)
- Contact pension fund
- Cancel insurance policies
- Insure your move (if it's not covered by your mover)
- Arrange to see your doctor and dentist to let them know you are leaving their practice and to obtain any medical records
- Check whether your bank has an overseas branch or whether you will need to setup a new account
- Sell things that you don't need or can't take with you
- Notify [post office](#) of change of address

○ One Week Before Moving House

- Start packing, cleaning and shopping for anything you may need whilst abroad
- Make a list of all your belongings to be moved and stored
- Finalise transferral of property with mover
- Obtain cash in currency needed for your trip and use a company like [TransferWise](#) to transfer your money abroad.



Moving Day

- Make sure your property is clear for the moving truck
- Make sure someone is home the whole day
- Mark high priority and fragile boxes
- Gather your personal items that you're keeping with you for the journey
- Make photocopies of energy and water meter
- Check inventory and new address with mover
- Check every cupboard before mover leaves

Arriving in New House

- Try to arrive at your new home before removalists
- Check all utilities have been connected
- Give removalists a copy of your house plan

After the Move

- Register in new house
- Find new doctor, dentist, etc
- Open a bank account
- Ensure you are covered for healthcare and other types of insurance you may need
- Call your removalists to arrange pick up of empty boxes



