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Moving to New Zealand Checklist

The following suggestions may assist in making your move to New Zealand easier – consider this as only a guide, individual circumstances may differ.

Before You Depart

Your Banking Needs

- Contact our [New Residents Services Team](#) to help organise all of your family's banking needs.
- Monitor the [exchange rates](#) to consider when the best time may be to transfer your money to your new account.
- It might be a good idea for all travellers to change some cash into New Zealand dollars prior to arrival in New Zealand.

Immigration

- If you are going to be moving your household belongings, consider finding a moving company that can assist you. Contact [New Resident Services Team](#) if you would like assistance in choosing a moving company.
- If you have pets consider contacting your airline and Biosecurity New Zealand (www.biosecurity.govt.nz) to establish what steps you need to take to bring them with you.
- Consider what visas you may be require for your trip. The [New Zealand Immigration Service](#) website is a complete guide to the processes involved in immigrating to New Zealand. You can also receive [Independent migration advice](#) from [NZAMI](#) (New Zealand Association for Migration and Investment).

Travel

- Check that your driver's licence is valid in New Zealand; you may need to consider organising an International Driver's licence. More information can be found at www.ltsa.govt.nz.
- Organise transportation to and from the airport.

Arranging Employment

- If you are going to be looking for work in New Zealand, you may wish to update your resume/curriculum vitae.
- Register with well known recruitment websites such as:
www.trademe.co.nz/jobs
www.seek.co.nz
www.jobs.nzherald.co.nz

Home Matters

- Tell all relevant organisations, family and friends when you are moving and what your new address will be in New Zealand.
- Contact your utility 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.



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Insurance

- You may want to consider Travel Insurance to protect you and your family while you're travelling to New Zealand.
- Ask our New Resident Services Team about your insurance needs, you may want to arrange life, health, contents, house and car insurance.

Tax

- Contact the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) and obtain any relevant documents that may need to be completed before you arrive in New Zealand www.ird.govt.nz

Education

- Research the schools in the area of New Zealand you want to live in. School zoning rules may have impact decisions about your where to live. You may be able to start the enrolment process before you arrive in New Zealand <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/>

Documentation

- It may be beneficial to make copies of all your important documents, including:
 - Passport /Vaccination records
 - Visa /Marriage certificate
 - Shipping documents and Airline tickets and itinerary
 - Driver's licence and International Driver's Permit
 - Hand over files from dentists, schools and doctors
 - Birth certificate/s
- You may find it beneficial to obtain extra passport size photographs.

Medication

- 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 New Zealand and you may need to obtain a letter from your doctor to accompany it.

Loose ends

- Pay any outstanding bills that you may have.
- Ensure that all goods and belongings that are being sent to New Zealand 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.

Before you depart, make sure to contact the New Resident Services Team to arrange activation of your accounts. They can facilitate an appointment at a convenient branch for when you arrive.

When you arrive in New Zealand

- Contact family and friends back home and let them know that you have arrived safely in New Zealand.
- Visit your nominated National Bank branch to be identified and activate your account.