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|  | | Moving Overseas ChecklistFor the full interactive checklist including resources relating to each task visit <https://www.shipit.co.uk/moving-overseas-checklist> | | | |  | |
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| At least 2 months before your move | | | | | | |
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|  | Start Arranging Your Moving Service  The international removals process can take some time so it's best to research and arrange your shipping options early. | |  |  | Transfer Pension  Notify the International Pension Centre you are moving overseas to discuss pension options. | |
|  | **State Benefits** If you are the beneficiary of any type of state benefit such as maternity leave, illness or injury benefits, or disability benefits then you must notify the relevant benefits departments. | |  |  | **Check Passports** Check that your passports are valid and up to date. Even if your passports are valid, it is recommended to renew if expiring any time soon. | |
|  | **Visas and Permits** Contact foreign consulates or research any visa requirements for your international journey, work or residence requirements. Ensure your required visas or work permits are in place or in the pipeline. | |  |  | **Notify HMRC** Ensure you are still following proper tax regulations and notify HMRC that you will be leaving the UK | |
|  | **Apply for International NHS Cover** Depending on your destination country you may be eligible for a UK Global Health Insurance Card or UK European Health Insurance Card. | |  |  | **Notify Your Bank** Set up international transfers, close/change accounts, cancel or change necessary standing orders. | |
|  | **Update Insurance** Review policies and ensure you can have cover in place at your new location for health, home, and vehicles.  Car Insurance Home Insurance  Health Insurance | |  |  | **Notify Your Doctor**  You must deregister with your GP when moving abroad. Get medical records and prescriptions ready to be transferred as necessary. | |
|  | **Notify the DVLA** Change address on driver's license, apply for any refunds if necessary. | |  |  | **Decide if You Want to Ship Your Car** Start thinking about whether you want to ship your car or want to get a new vehicle locally.  Contact a car shipping specialist.  Read Government Vehicle Export Guidance | |
|  | **Cancel UK Subscriptions** Start cancelling subscriptions for UK specific magazines, memberships, and online services. Anything not needed abroad. | |  |  | **Declutter**  Clear your home of any unwanted clutter. Consider disposing of any surplus furniture or belongings you don't intend to take with you overseas or put into storage. | |
|  | **Join Expat Communities** Consider joining online expat communities to seek destination specific advice and make connections. | |  |  | **Book Flights**  Book your flights and advise friends, family and your international movers of your flight times. | |
|  | **Overseas Accommodation** If you haven't completed a new home sale you should arrange short term let, serviced accommodation, hotels or other temporary accommodation. | |  |  | **Forward Mail**  Set up mail forwarding with Royal Mail to continue receiving stray mail sent to your old address. | |
|  | **Manage Finances** Consider moving or closing savings accounts and investments in the UK. | |  |  | **Forward Mail**  Set up mail forwarding with Royal Mail to continue receiving stray mail sent to your old address. | |
|  | **Review Credit Cards** Check which cards work internationally, notify your credit institutions of your address change, or apply for new ones. | |  |  | **Pet Transport**  Organize pet transport, shipping, and health certificates if you are taking your pet. | |
|  | **Cancel Utilities** Start cancelling or notifying UK utilities like TV license, phones, electricity, gas, water, TV, and broadband contracts.  **TV License Electricity Gas Water Television**  **Broadband Landline** | | | | | |
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| 1 month before moving | | | | | | |
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|  | Confirm Your Moving Company Booking  Lock in dates for collection, packing and shipping with your international removals company.  If shipping with 1st Move, contact your dedicated Move Coordinator about this if you haven't done so yet. | |  |  | **Moving Insurance Submission** When shipping with us, now is when you should complete your valued insurance form. It's important we have this before your collection date. | |
|  | **Make an Inventory** Depending on where you are moving, you need to provide either a packed inventory, or a valued inventory. We recommend you create a valued inventory of everything you are shipping to be used for personal tracking, as well as part of shipping and customs requirements.  If you are moving with us, then your insurance submission doubles as a regular inventory. | |  |  | **Customs Documents** To import into some countries, you need to complete Customs Documents.  At 1st Move we provide you with these documents and completion instructions. Give us a call if you need a hand. | |
|  | **Settle Outstanding UK Bills**  Pay off any regular bills, settle loans and credit lines, take care of other UK obligations. | |  |  | **Health Requirements** Ensure you comply with your destination’s requirements for immunisations and health paperwork. | |

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| 1 week before moving | | | | |
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|  | **Cancel Home Deliveries** Newspapers, order subscriptions, food subscriptions, milk deliveries, pre-orders, and others. |  |  | **Arrange Childcare** Make arrangements for childcare on your moving day if necessary. |
|  | **Confirm Travel Plans** Review airline tickets and accommodation bookings. Make sure your movers, transportation, and pet transport plans are confirmed and on schedule. |  |  | **Clean Tools** If you are shipping any tools or outdoor equipment ensure they are thoroughly cleaned as these are often scrutanised by foreign customs for bio-security reasons. |
|  | **Notify Local Services** Notify your local council and electoral roll you are moving overseas.  **Local Council Electoral Roll** |  |  | **Withdraw Cash** Ensure you have sufficient cash available for travel expenses. |
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| 1 day before moving | | | | |
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|  | **Charge Electronics** Charge all your necessary electronics like phone, laptop, tablet, etc. so you're ready for the move. |  |  | **Fridges and Freezers** Ensure your refrigerator and freezer are defrosted and dry to prevent any leakage and damage during the move. |
|  | **Prepare Travel Essentials** Review airline tickets and accommodation bookings. Make sure your movers, transportation, and pet transport plans are confirmed and on schedule.    **Passports Travel Insurance Documents Flight Bookings**  **Toiletries Medication Electronics** | | | |
|  | **Prepare Destination Essentials** Pack a bag with essentials like clothes, toiletries, and other basics that you'll need immediately upon arrival at your new home. |  |  | **Fridges and Freezers** Ensure your refrigerator and freezer are defrosted and dry to prevent any leakage and damage during the move. |
|  | **Check All Rooms** Do a final check of all rooms, cabinets, and closets to ensure nothing is left behind. |  |  |  |
| on moving day | | | | |
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|  | **Top-up Charge Mobile Phones** Make sure mobile phones, laptops, cameras and other devices are fully charged for the journey. |  |  | **Disconnect Appliances** Unplug and clean ovens, washing machines and other appliances so that they are ready for transport. |
|  | **Meter Readings** Note final gas, electric, water meter readings as required by utility companies. |  |  |  |