



UK to Sydney Moving Checklist

12+ Months Before Moving

- Research visa options and check eligibility based on your occupation or situation.
 - Begin budgeting for the total cost of the move (visa, shipping, flights, housing).
 - Research Sydney suburbs to live in — consider commute, schools, lifestyle.
 - Check passport validity (should be valid at least 6 months beyond travel).
 - If retiring, check UK pension portability and Australian superannuation rules.
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9–12 Months Before Moving

- Start the visa application process via the Australian Government Immigration site.
 - Consult a registered migration agent if needed.
 - Begin decluttering and organising possessions for shipping or sale.
 - Get quotes from international removal companies (e.g. Central Moves Ltd).
 - If applicable, start researching schools and international enrolment processes.
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6–9 Months Before Moving

- Book your international removals service.
 - Notify landlord or prepare your UK property for sale/rental.
 - Gather essential documents: birth and marriage certificates, medical and school records.
 - Speak to your GP about prescriptions, vaccination history, and health summaries.
 - Begin the process of importing your pet, including microchipping and vaccinations.
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3–6 Months Before Moving

- Finalise visa and travel documentation.
 - Begin job applications or networking on platforms like Seek and LinkedIn.
 - Research private health insurance or check Medicare eligibility.
 - Open an Australian bank account (many allow this before arrival).
 - Make a list of UK subscriptions, bills, and services to cancel or transfer.
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1–3 Months Before Moving

- Book flights to Sydney.
 - Arrange temporary accommodation in Sydney (if needed upon arrival).
 - Begin packing non-essentials and label boxes clearly.
 - Notify HMRC and set up mail redirection with Royal Mail.
 - Set a moving date and finalise details with your removals company.
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2 Weeks Before Moving

- Pack essentials and create an inventory for shipping.
 - Confirm pet transport and final vet checks.
 - Dispose of restricted or hazardous items (e.g. aerosols, batteries).
 - Set up digital access to banks, utilities, and email accounts.
 - Host farewell gatherings and say goodbye to friends and family.
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Moving Day

- Supervise the removals team and ensure everything is packed securely.
 - Double-check each room before leaving your home.
 - Keep passports, documents, valuables, and prescriptions in hand luggage.
 - Leave keys with agent or landlord (if selling or ending tenancy).
 - Travel to the airport early and allow extra time for check-in.
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Upon Arrival in Sydney

- Collect or arrange delivery of your belongings.
- Apply for a Medicare card (if eligible).
- Set up electricity, internet, and mobile phone accounts.
- Register with a GP and dentist.
- Enrol children in school or finalise job arrangements.
- Explore your new neighbourhood and public transport options.
- Join local or expat community groups for social connection and support.