

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

Make sure you've got all your ducks in a row before you head to the UK.

8 weeks before you go

- Still need a visa?** Call 1st Contact to get your application underway. If you already have your visa, chat to us about opening a UK bank account and purchasing a **Kickstart Package**.
- Send your CV to 1st Contact for free job assistance with top recruitment agencies in London.
- Confirm that your flight ticket and relevant visa documents are in order.
- If you plan on travelling further from the UK, consider joining a frequent flyer scheme. Earning points is an easy way to save money.
- Check that your passport is valid for at least six months after you land and that you have plenty of blank pages for travel visas and immigration stamps.
- Ensure all your financial obligations are up to date e.g. tax returns, change of address, contact and payment details.
- If you have excess baggage, visit **1st Contact Shipping** to get a quote to transport your goods.

6 weeks before you go

- Visit the dentist before you leave home, as UK dentistry is pricey.
- Organise a will and power of attorney with a family lawyer. This will enable someone you trust to act on your behalf in your absence.
- Check with your mobile phone provider to see if your phone is unlocked for use in the UK and Europe.
- Ensure you have copies of your CV, passport and all-important paperwork are saved to a digital drive.

4 weeks before you go

- Notify the post office, bank and credit card companies of your new forwarding address, directed to your power of attorney.
- If you are a landlord, inform the utilities companies of your departure date and ensure that all outstanding bills are settled.
- If you rent, ask your landlord for a reference as this will be invaluable when looking for accommodation in the UK.
- If you are travelling to the UK via other countries, confirm any relevant visas for entry clearance and required vaccinations.
- Notify your council and/or government that you'll be unable to vote due to travels. This is particularly important for Australians, who might be liable for a fine.
- If you've purchased a Kickstart package, book your seat at one of our **Life in the UK Sessions**.

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- Collect your bank statements for the past three months to prove you have sufficient funds to support yourself.
- Organise your accommodation for when you arrive in the UK.
- Change your CV to a UK format. If you're not sure of the format, upload your CV with **1st Contact Job Assistance** and they'll advise you if any changes need to be made.
- Be sure to take all information and documentation relating to your tax file number with you.
- If you have purchased one of our Kickstart packages, contact our team and arrange to collect it at our London office.

2 weeks before you go

- Cancel gym memberships and close any accounts.
- Arrange travel insurance, as it can be difficult to do so after arriving in the UK.
- Organise storage for your belongings while you're away.

1 week before you go

Start to pack.

- Say your goodbyes and get to the airport early.

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