



Going to Australia: A checklist

Check off the boxes and prepare for a smooth arrival in Australia.



Before you leave

- ☐ Apply for your Work and Holiday visa.
- ☐ Decide which part of Australia you want to start exploring from.
- ☐ Save enough money to support yourself for the first few weeks.
- ☐ Check if your country has a Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (RHCA) with Australia. If not, get travel insurance that covers the full duration of your stay.
- ☐ If you plan to drive, make sure to get an International Driving Permit (IDP).
- ☐ Arrange accommodation for your first week in Australia.
- ☐ Have your Visa Grant Letter printed or available to check on your phone. It's not necessary — your visa is linked to your passport — but it may help save time at the airport.
- ☐ Check what you can't bring to Australia under its Biosecurity Awareness policy.
- ☐ Get an eSIM for a smooth arrival in Australia.



During your first week

- ☐ Set your weekly budget before your first paycheck arrives.
- ☐ Take care of your public transit card.
- ☐ Apply for a Tax File Number (TFN) through the Australian Taxation Office. It arrives within 28 days and it's necessary to get a job.
- ☐ Open an Australian bank account.
- ☐ If you're eligible for RHCA, visit a Services Australia center in person to get your Medicare card.
- ☐ Register for job-seeking platforms: SEEK, Gumtree, Indeed, and Backpacker Job Board. Check the notice boards at your accommodation.
- ☐ Take care of USI (Unique Student Identifier). You must have a USI if you plan to get certificates to work in bars, restaurants, or construction.
- ☐ Get your RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) certificate if you plan to work in bars, pubs, or restaurants. The course is available online.
- ☐ Get your White Card (construction induction certificate) if you plan to work in construction. The course is available online.
- ☐ Register with a temp agency if you are looking for office or admin work.