

PRE-MOVE RESEARCH - QUICK REFERENCE

Family relocation research checklist

Use this pre-departure sequence to resolve the decisions that constrain the rest of the move.

HOW TO USE

Read the linked SettleHappy guide first. Tick an item when the answer or evidence is saved in your own move folder. Recheck volatile facts before paying or applying.

1 9-12 months: prove feasibility

- ☐ Confirm a lawful residence, work and study route for every family member.
- ☐ Shortlist schools; check year group, capacity, complete fees, support and notice terms.
- ☐ Map healthcare, insurance, medicine continuity and specialist escalation before choosing a city.
- ☐ Decide whether each pet and essential possession has a lawful, humane and affordable route.

2 4-8 months: price and document

- ☐ Build the move budget including deposits, temporary housing, school charges, freight, travel and emergency cash.
- ☐ Collect passports, civil-status/custody documents, school records and medical evidence in the required form.
- ☐ Model UK and destination tax residence, income source, employer exposure and move-year filings.
- ☐ Choose what to sell, store, fly or ship only after the destination, home type and customs route are credible.

3 1-3 months: protect the landing

- ☐ Book reversible temporary housing inside the researched school-home-care area.
- ☐ Bind appropriate health, travel, freight and pet cover; save assistance contacts and exclusions offline.
- ☐ Set up two independent card/cash routes and protect the UK number used for authentication.
- ☐ Prepare the correct driving documents, destination SIM plan and internet/power backup.

4 Final fortnight: carry continuity

- ☐ Keep original travel, consent, immigration, school, insurance, prescription, customs and pet documents accessible.
- ☐ Pack medicines, school/work kit, chargers, comfort items and 72-hour essentials separately from freight.
- ☐ Confirm flexible arrival transport and accommodation using current flight and entry information.
- ☐ Give both adults the offline contacts, document locations, emergency-care sequence and first-week priorities.

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