

Moving from Europe family checklist

Use this from home to separate European frameworks, your country's rules and the Southeast Asian destination requirements before making irreversible decisions.

MOVING FROM	DESTINATION / CITY	PLANNING CURRENCY	LAST CHECKED

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 Define the family's starting systems

- ☐ Record the country of residence, citizenship, residence status, tax system, health insurer and social-security institution for each family member.
- ☐ Write whether each relevant rule covers the EU, EEA, Switzerland, a customs territory or only one country; do not use Europe as a legal category.
- ☐ Confirm destination immigration, work and study permission for every adult and child before fixing departure dates.
- ☐ Create a secure move folder and assign one owner to every national, regional and destination question, deadline and confirmation.

2 Prepare tax and work evidence

- ☐ Open the national tax authority's residence and departure guidance for each adult; map days, homes, family, work and economic ties.
- ☐ Test destination residence for the same period and record any treaty, split-year, part-year or dual-residence questions for an adviser.
- ☐ List retained property, pensions, investments, companies and home-country income; check exit tax, continuing returns and withholding before a sale or withdrawal.
- ☐ Get employer approval for the real work location and confirm destination immigration, payroll, social-security, employment-law and corporate-tax duties.

3 Protect pensions, social security and benefits

- ☐ Download contribution and pension records from every country where either adult worked; correct missing periods while evidence is accessible.
- ☐ Record each national pension age, claim route, payment-abroad rules, bank requirements, tax and proof-of-life process separately.
- ☐ Ask workplace and private pension providers what destination residence changes for access, contributions, transfers, withdrawals and beneficiaries.
- ☐ Check each family, unemployment, disability, sickness or other benefit for notification, export and end-date rules; save the official decision.

4 Replace healthcare and transfer records

- ☐ Ask the national health insurer for the final coverage date and effect on each dependant; do not use the EHIC expiry date as proof of entitlement.
- ☐ Arrange suitable destination or international cover before existing protection ends, including written exclusions, direct billing and evacuation.
- ☐ Collect concise clinical, vaccination, dental, optical, therapy and medicine records for every family member.
- ☐ Check medicine import rules by active ingredient with destination and transit authorities; carry lawful quantities, labelled packaging and required letters.

5 Plan shipping, documents and departure admin

- ☐ Identify the exact export customs territory, build a detailed inventory and confirm who files the export and destination import declarations.
- ☐ Check residence-transfer relief, restricted goods, ownership periods and shipment deadlines with the destination customs authority before booking freight.
- ☐ Get the receiving authority's exact public-document checklist, then complete any apostille, legalisation and translation in the required order.
- ☐ Use national and local guidance for residence deregistration, tax, health, vehicle, school, benefit, voting, utilities and provider notices; save every confirmation.

6 Finish the first 90 days abroad

- ☐ Complete destination address, immigration, tax, school, healthcare, driving and household-import requirements by official deadlines.
- ☐ Test European banking, pension, insurance, tax and digital-identity access from the destination; fix restricted or fragile recovery routes.
- ☐ Keep travel, workday, income, tax, social-security, medical claim and shipment evidence from day one.
- ☐ Calendar the first departure-country and destination filings plus an annual review of pensions, property, insurance, beneficiaries, providers and return rights.

Information, not regulated immigration, legal, tax, financial or medical advice. Verify current requirements with issuing authorities, providers and appropriately qualified advisers.