

Moving to Perth — Checklist

A calm, week-by-week rundown of everything to sort before you fly. Print it, tick as you go, breathe when it's done.

12+ weeks before you fly

- ☐ Confirm visa grant and expiry dates for every person moving
- ☐ Passports valid for at least 6 months beyond arrival
- ☐ Certified copies of birth, marriage and qualification certificates
- ☐ Start a dedicated relocation folder (physical + cloud)
- ☐ Research Perth suburbs — schools, commute, lifestyle fit
- ☐ Book pet transport consultation if bringing dogs or cats
- ☐ Notify current landlord / list property for sale
- ☐ Get quotes from international removalists (min. 3)

8 weeks before

- ☐ Decide what ships, what sells, what flies with you
- ☐ Book flights (allow extra baggage allowance)
- ☐ Arrange short-term Perth accommodation (2-4 weeks buffer)
- ☐ Order Australian dollars or open a multi-currency account
- ☐ Request rental references and payslips from employer
- ☐ Set up mail forwarding at home country address
- ☐ Start decluttering room by room

4 weeks before

- ☐ Confirm shipment collection date
- ☐ Cancel or transfer utilities, internet, insurance, subscriptions
- ☐ Register children for Perth schools (many need enrolment paperwork early)
- ☐ Book pet flights and prepare vet paperwork
- ☐ Copy medical and dental records; request prescriptions
- ☐ Notify banks, tax office, DVLA / licensing authority

- ☐ Arrange travel insurance covering the move

2 weeks before

- ☐ Confirm arrival accommodation and airport transfer
- ☐ Pack an essentials suitcase — 2 weeks of clothes, chargers, meds
- ☐ Digitise important documents (cloud + USB backup)
- ☐ Say goodbyes — schedule the ones that matter
- ☐ Empty and defrost the fridge and freezer

Week of departure

- ☐ Charge every device the night before
- ☐ Boarding passes and visa grant letters printed
- ☐ Cash in AUD for the first 48 hours
- ☐ Contact details for Perth arrival support saved offline
- ☐ Deep breath — you're doing the hard part

Within 48 hours of landing

- ☐ Buy a local SIM at Perth Airport (Telstra / Optus kiosks)
- ☐ Activate Australian bank account and add ID
- ☐ Apply for a Tax File Number (TFN) online
- ☐ Register with Medicare if eligible
- ☐ Start rental applications with documents ready

Need a hand with any step? Book a free 20-minute call at lrsdownunder.com/contact — or email hello@lrsdownunder.com.