



The Moving to New Zealand Checklist

Feeling overwhelmed? Firstly, don't panic! Somehow without a magic wand you will get everything finished on time! By creating a checklist you will instantly feel a greater sense of organisation and direction. You can plan your time effectively, and get a better night's sleep because of it!

We suggest starting slow and prioritising your tasks around 6 months in advance:

3- 6 Months - Commit!

The Biggest Commitment:

- Put your house on the market! This may have to be done sooner than the 6 month mark.

The Essentials:

- Start your [visa](#) application process - completing any medicals and applying for any police checks can take 1-2 months alone.
- Insure your passports and driver's licenses are valid.
- Make a folder of all your important documents, make copies and keep them safe.

The fun part:

- Book your flights to New Zealand!

Research, Research, Research!

- [Read up on job](#) hunting, schools in New Zealand, [cost of living](#), [taxes](#), healthcare, travel and [pet relocation](#).

Get Quotes:

- Spend this period getting quotes from [freight companies](#), migration insurance, health insurance, pet relocation companies. Decide on which companies to go with and get them booked in!

2 Months to go - Things are getting real!

Give Notice:

- Inform the schools that your children attend that you will be moving.
- Cancel accounts for TV, internet, phone and insurance etc.
- Give notice to your landlord if required.
- Give formal notice to your current employer (It is not as scary as it seems!)

Action:

- Open a New Zealand [bank account](#).
- Request credit references from your bank.

Documentation:

To travel with & make copies of:

- Driver's License;
- Marriage Certificates;
- Birth Certificates;
- Passports;
- Medical Notes;
- Visa Documentation;
- Bank & Real Estate Agents
- Airline Tickets & Itinerary;
- Employment & House References;
- Credit cards & Cheque Books;
- Insurance Documents;

Sell, Sell, Sell:

- Sell any unwanted furniture or belongings - this is a good opportunity to have a serious declutter!
- Sell your car - alternatively your mover could either store or ship this for you.
- Think about electrical appliances - will you be able to use these? If not don't take them and sell them.

4 Weeks to go - The countdown begins!

Book:

- Book temporary accommodation in New Zealand if required.
- Book your [pet's kennel accommodation](#) in New Zealand.
- [Book](#) a hire a car for your first weeks in New Zealand. You will need it, NZ can be quite remote!

Action:

- Register your children at their new schools in New Zealand.
- Start packing any non-essential items - collect boxes!
- Give a forwarding address to all your contacts, including your bank, passport office, DVLA and accountants.
- Pay off any outstanding debts.

Dispose of:

They are classed as dangerous goods that can't be transported.

- Gas cylinders (unless purged);
- Ammunition;
- New or Partially used Cans of Paint;
- Linseed Oil;
- Bleach Products;
- Kerosene;
- Petrol;
- Cleaning Fluids,
- Turpentine;
- Aerosols (any kinds);
- Vegetable Oils;
- Chemical Sets;

2- 3 Weeks left - Time to start the serious packing!

Admin:

- [Transfer](#) your funds with a foreign exchange specialist.
- Confirm bookings with [international removals](#) or freight companies.
- Ask for a copy of your no claims bonus form from your insurance company.
- Have you got [Travel](#), Medical & Transit Insurance? - Ensure you are fully covered prior to departure.

1 Week remaining - Keep Calm and Carry on!

Finish packing!

- Disinfect and wash all outdoor items thoroughly e.g. lawn mowers, garden tools, kids bikes, tents, wellies etc. [Virkon S](#) can be purchased from Amazon quite cheaply.

Get Organised:

- Arrange for your post to be redirected via the post office.
- Cancel direct debits coming from your account.
- Organise transport to the airport.
- Cancel your car insurance and newspaper delivery.
- Change your cash into New Zealand Dollars.
- Double check your hand luggage has everything you need, including your travel documents.

YOU'RE DONE - LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN!