

Moving to **Canada** checklist

First steps

| What to do | When to do it*  |
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| Plan a visit to investigate your new country. If this isn't possible, do as much research ahead of your move as you can | 18 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Investigate housing options | 18 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tell your friends and family | 18 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Assess your finances and plan how you can best repay debt/save for the move | 18 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check what type of visa(s) you and your family will need | 18 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Attend an Opportunities Canada Expo | 12 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Check your passports to make sure they are valid for at least another two years | 12 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Make a folder with all your personal documents, including driver's licences, birth, marriage and adoption certificates, references for employment, evidence of qualifications, etc | 12 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Research the requirements for moving your pet | 12 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |



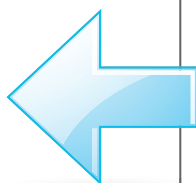
Phase two

| What to do | When to do it*  |
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| Start your visa application process | 10 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Start job hunting and contacting companies in Canada | 8 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Put your house on the market | 8 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Inform schools that your children will be moving | 6 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Book your flights to Canada | 6 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Decide whether to transfer your pension to Canada | 6 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Get quotes from freight companies for moving your belongings | 6 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Go for your medicals and apply for police checks for visas | 6 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Research schools in Canada | 4 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Open a Canadian bank account | 4 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Request credit references from your bank | 4 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Research cost of living and taxes in Canada | 3 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sell any unwanted furniture or belongings | 3 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Give formal notice to your current employer | 3 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |




Final tasks

| What to do | When to do it*  |
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| Sell your car | 2 weeks to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wind down the goodbye parties to give you breathing space | 1 week to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Finalise packing | 1 week to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Organise transport to the airport | 1 week to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cancel your car insurance and newspaper delivery | 1 week to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Change money into Canada dollars | 1 week to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Arrange little treats for your children to keep them entertained on the flight | 1 week to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Confirm transport to the airport | 2 days to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Double check your hand luggage has everything you need, including your travel documents | 1 day to go <input type="checkbox"/> |



Almost there

| What to do | When to do it*  |
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| Book temporary accommodation in Canada | 2 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Register your children at their new schools in Canada | 2 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Book your pet's kennel accommodation in Canada | 2 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Give notice to your landlord | 2 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hire a car for your first weeks in Canada | 2 months to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Start packing any non-essential items | 1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Give a forwarding address to all your contacts, including your bank, passport office, DVLA and accountants | 1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cancel accounts for TV, internet, phone and insurance | 1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pay off any outstanding debts | 1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Arrange for your post to be redirected | 1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transfer your funds with a foreign exchange specialist | 1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Confirm bookings with travel agents and freight companies | 1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cancel direct debits coming from your account | 1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ask for a copy of your no claims bonus form from your insurance company | 1 month to go <input type="checkbox"/> |

* The timeframe should only be used as a reference and will likely vary according to your personal circumstances.