



# Moving to **canada** checklist

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## First steps



### What to do

- 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
- Investigate housing options 18 months to go
- Tell your friends and family 18 months to go
- Assess your finances and plan how you can best repay debt/save for the move 18 months to go
- Check which type visa/s your family will need 18 months to go
- Attend an **Opportunities Expo** 12 months to go
- Check your passports to make sure they are valid for at least another two years 12 months to go
- 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
- Research the requirements for moving your pet 12 months to go

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## Phase two



### What to do

- Start your visa application process 10 months to go
- Start **job hunting** and contacting companies in Canada 8 months to go
- Put your house on the market 8 months to go
- Inform schools that your children will be moving 6 months to go
- Book your flights to Canada 6 months to go
- Decide whether to transfer your pension to Canada 6 months to go
- Get quotes from **freight companies** for moving your belongings 6 months to go
- Go for your medicals and apply for police checks for visas 6 months to go
- Research health, travel and pet insurance options in Canada 4 months to go
- Research schools in Canada 4 months to go
- Open a Canadian bank account 4 months to go
- Research cost of living and **taxes** in Canada 3 months to go
- Sell any unwanted furniture or belongings 3 months to go
- Give formal notice to your current employer 3 months to go

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## Almost there



### What to do

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

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## Final tasks

### What to do

- Sell your car 2 weeks to go
- Wind down the goodbye parties to give you breathing space 1 week to go
- Finalise packing 1 week to go
- Organise transport to the airport 1 week to go
- Cancel your car insurance and newspaper delivery 1 week to go
- Change money into Canadian Dollars 1 week to go
- Arrange little treats for your children to keep them entertained on the flight 1 week to go
- Confirm transport to the airport 2 days to go
- Double check your hand luggage has everything you need, including your travel documents 1 day to go

### When to do it\* ✓



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