

## Checklist for moving abroad

As soon as you've signed the dotted line on a property, you have another list to start! Again, the details will vary depending on the circumstances and location of your move but we've compiled a basic checklist of key preparations for moving abroad.

### Three to six months before you head for your new home you should get started with the following:

- Get quotes for international removals and for your flights before booking a shipment;
- Ask your medical centre and dentist for hand-over files
- Ensure you have a complete visa, and have the paperwork to confirm your medical examination and the results of police checks where required;
- Request up-to-date assessments on any savings and pensions. A pension transfer specialist can assess your pension(s) and what the tax implications may be if you move abroad;
- If required, ensure that your children are enrolled in a local school well in advance of arrival;
- Ensure any pets are fully inoculated and fit to travel;
- Consider making a power of attorney if you wish for a family member or trusted friend to handle your financial affairs.

### As the move draws closer, there are more details to complete, at least a month before moving:

- Notify your electoral office about redirecting voting forms;
- Ask for a copy of your no-claims bonus from your insurer;
- Arrange private health care provision in advance – and bear in mind that health provision varies from country to country;
- Organise an international SIM card to save money on calls when you first arrive abroad;
- Set up a redirection service for your mail.