

International Removal Checklist

Moving internationally requires detailed planning and organisation. This comprehensive checklist will help you cover all aspects of your international removal and make your transition as seamless as possible.

3-6 Months Before the Move: Initial Planning

- **Research Destination:** Familiarise yourself with the culture, customs, and regulations of your destination country.
- **Legal Requirements:** Check visa and residency requirements and start the application process.
- **Choose a Removal Company:** Choose a reputable international removal company such as Constantine Scotland to support you with planning, logistics, customs and more.
- **Create a Budget:** Establish a budget for your move, take into consideration shipping costs, travel, and other related expenses.
- **Create a Moving Timeline:** Develop a timeline for your move, including key milestones and deadlines.

2-3 Months Before the Move: Declutter and Organise

- **Declutter:** Go through your belongings and decide what to donate, sell, or dispose of.
- **Important Documents:** Gather important documents, including passports, visas, medical and school records.
- **Notify Service Providers:** Inform utility providers, banks, insurance companies, government agencies, and other relevant parties about your move.

1 Month Before the Move: Packing and Documentation

- **Create an Inventory:** Make a detailed inventory of the belongings you are taking with you - for customs purposes.
- **Pack Strategically:** Begin packing items you will not need in the weeks leading up to the move.
- **Label Boxes:** Clearly label each box with its contents and the destination room.
- **Check Insurance:** Ensure that your belongings are adequately insured during the move.

2 Weeks Before the Move: Final Preparations

- **Confirm Travel Arrangements:** Confirm flights, accommodation, and other travel details.
- **Finalise Packing:** Finish packing, leaving only essentials for the final days.
- **Currency Exchange:** Exchange currency for your destination country, if necessary.
- **Emergency Kit:** Prepare an essential kit with important documents, medication, and travel necessities - keep this separate from your other belongings.

1 Week Before the Move: Last-Minute Preparations

- **Medical Checkup:** Schedule a final medical checkup and obtain necessary prescriptions.

- **Confirm Removal Details:** Check in with your chosen removal company to confirm your schedule.
- **Arrange for Mail Forwarding:** Set up mail forwarding or redirection with your postal service.

Moving Day: Departure

- **Final Check:** Ensure all essential items are packed so nothing is left behind.
- **Utilities:** Shut off utilities in your current residence.
- **Key Exchange:** Hand over keys to the landlord or new owners.

Upon Arrival: Settling In

- **Receive Belongings:** Confirm the safe arrival of your belongings with your removal company.
- **Complete Administrative Tasks:** Attend to administrative tasks such as setting up bank accounts and obtaining local identification.
- **Explore Local Services:** Familiarise yourself with local services, schools, healthcare providers, and transportation options.

Moving internationally demands careful planning and attention to detail. By following this checklist and working with an experienced international removal company such as Constantine Scotland, you can navigate the process more smoothly, allowing a successful transition to your new home.